

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting with DOT
March 9, 2007
Tamworth Town Office

Members Present:

Chairman John Roberts, Selectman Tom Abugelis and Selectman William Farnum

Others Present:

Tina Glidden, Bruce Robinson, Chief Dan Poirier, Chief Steve Solomon, Michael Lane of District III, Dick Green of DOT and Douglas Gosling of DOT.

Chairman John Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Dick Green said that the box unit for the bridge on Rt. 113 is deteriorated and not cost effective to repair. The DOT wants to remove the existing box and replace it with a pre-cast unit. The only option Dick Green could see for construction is a one-phase operation that would shut down the road and cause a detour over Page Hill Road. Mr. Green said that the road is too narrow and the crane being used to replace the box is a 60-ton crane that needs a 30' pad to operate. Mr. Green said if they did the construction in a one phase operation with a detour it would cut the construction time in half, a ballpark figure of eight weeks as long as there are no incidents that create a loss of time. Michael Lane said that closing the road would also be cost saving, if they were to try to keep one lane open the DOT would have to set up a stop light, build up one side of the road to fit the crane, restore the side of the road to the original shape and do it all over again for the other side of the road. If the DOT were to try to keep a lane of traffic open with no detour the time frame would easily double the construction time. The DOT was thinking of starting construction right after Labor Day. Chairman John Roberts asked if they would be able to detour trucks to Rt. 16 rather than use Page Hill Road. The DOT could put signs on Rt. 16 and Rt. 25 accordingly to let people know there is construction on Rt. 113 with a portion of the road closed and to detour unless there are deliveries being made on Rt. 113. Bruce Robinson told the DOT that he would rather the construction be done in the spring rather than the fall. Doug Gosling told Bruce that there is a full schedule with a lot of projects going on. Michael Lane told the Board that as far as he knows all the proper permits are in place, the money and people are available and that they only need to contact one landowner up stream. He said he would have to check on the Wetlands permit, as he is not sure it is in their hands yet. Selectman William Farnum said the best time window for the construction would be to finish by the 4th of July. Chief Dan Poirier said the residents of Page Hill Road are up in arms about a detour and he feels there should be signs posted saying that Rt. 113 is closed and not to take Page Hill Road. Doug Gosling said he would have the Traffic Bureau look at it, as they are the ones who will be placing the signs and marking where traffic will be rerouted. Chairman John Roberts said that the Town has an ordinance for Thru Trucking that Chief Dan Poirier could enforce. The DOT also recognized that the Fire Truck route would also be a consideration with closing Rt. 113. Chief Steve Solomon said the trucks could take Page Hill Road if needed; it would not be a problem. Selectman Tom Abugelis said he was convinced to close Rt. 113 but wants to see the construction done in the spring. Chairman John Roberts said that he would rather see spring rather than fall also. The DOT said if they were to start in the spring it would still be 2-3 weeks out depending on how long it takes the Traffic Bureau to come out and the DOT is

still finishing phase 1 of a project in Ossipee. Bob Lang will probably be the one to go over the detour route. Mr. Lane said he would contact Cassandra Pearce with the time. Selectman William Farnum told the DOT that the Kennedy Stangle property gave the DOT permission to use their property to put their equipment. Mr. Green said that the DOT may need to cut some trees at the outlet area down stream and asked if he could get the landowners name. Chairman John Roberts asked the DOT to let Cassandra know what the signs are going to say and also where the signs are going to be placed.

Chairman John Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Selectman Tom Abugelis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Glidden

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas Abugelis