

Selectmen's Workshop
Monday, March 31, 2014

Chairman Morgan called the workshop to order at 3:45 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Frank Riley and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Also present were Chief James Eldridge and Brad Harriman, Public Works Director.

Chief Eldridge presented an updated Parking Regulation for Covered Bridge Road. He stated that he updated it to restrict no parking at anytime for a distance of 500 feet on the East and West sides of the Covered Bridge. He added that there will also be a fine implemented for any violation and present Police coverage consists of one patrol per shift, every shift.

Freeman questioned if there will be a load limit placed on the bridge once it is placed back over the river. Harriman answered that it will have a 6-ton load limit.

Morgan expressed his concern for not allowing parking once the bridge is placed back over the river. He suggested restricting any parking on Francis Lord's side of the bridge and limiting parking on the Route 25 side to 15-minutes. The question of whether roadside parking would be allowed by abutting property owners came up as well as the actual width of the right-of-way. Riley stated that most ROW accesses are two rods (16-1/2' per rod). Harriman stated that he thought the State had deemed the ROW to be 50'.

Discussion took place on fill that had been brought in over the years creating areas to park before the Covered Bridge. Harriman stated that even boulders that had been placed to restrict parking had been moved to create parking areas. He added that signage had been placed to eliminate parking on Lord's property which runs up to the river on both sides of the road and further stated that the signs had been moved from their original placement locations.

Riley stated he would like to take a look at the road over the next few days. After further discussion, it was decided that Eldridge and Freeman would try to speak with Francis Lord for further information and Riley and Harriman would tour the road on Friday. Morgan suggested another workshop take place on 4/7/2014 at 3:45 PM.

Being no further input, Morgan recessed the meeting.

Recessed at 4:05 PM.

Richard H. Morgan

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 4/7/2014