Selectmen's Workshop Monday, April 7, 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 reported that he had a discussion with Francis Lord and Lord is in agreement with the 15-minute parking regulation. Eldridge added that Lord has no issues at this time.

Riley stated that he thought it would be difficult to enforce one-way travel. Riley questioned whether the approaches would be addressed as part of the project. Harriman answered they are in poor condition now but would be improved.

Discussion took place on gating the Route 16 side of the Covered Bridge Road just beyond Lord's Barn. Riley stated there is a gate that has been laid down that could be used to barricade the road. Harriman suggested a cable run between jersey barriers as an option.

Riley stated that Lord is willing to work with the Town and that the primary concern is controlling the trash issue.

Discussion on posting the load limit on the Route 16 end of the Covered Bridge Road took place. Eldridge and Harriman both stated that GPS routes often send tractor trailers down roads that are not equipped to handle the loads.

After further discussion on blocking the road, Morgan asked Eldridge to update the regulation to reflect no parking on the east side of the Covered Bridge and limit to 15-minute parking on the west side in designated area. Morgan asked White to post a Public Hearing to update the regulation. Morgan stated he would also like the regulation to state that vehicles may be towed.

Eldridge stated he is working on a Traffic Control Ordinance and would provide it to the Selectmen for review. He added that there have been some issues with certain companies using flaggers for traffic control. Morgan stated they would review it.

Eldridge also commented on fines that are being implemented for excess alarm calls. He reported this to be a solution to get companies to fix their alarm issues rather than ignore them.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:10 PM.
Richard H. Morgan
Robert C. Freeman
Franklin R. Riley
To be approved 4/14/2014