

Agenda Posted November 14, 2023, 2:00pm

**GRANVILLE SELECTBOARD EMERGENCY MEETING Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:15am**

Granville Town Hall, Main Hall, 707 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034

Agenda:

- ❖ Call to Order & Attendance
- ❖ Appointments & Discussion Items

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE: BRIDGE OVER SEYMOUR BROOK #G-10-008 ON WATER STREET**

**DPW Superintendent Scott Loomis to report.**

- Massachusetts Bridge Unit closure order
  - Closure of roadway at bridge
  - Small Bridge Grant/Engineering Process
  - Discussion on traffic, emergency services
  - Notification/Publicity
  - General Discussion/Other related topics
  - Emergency expenditures (if any)
  - Site Visit (if needed)
- ❖ Other Related Business
  - ❖ Public Input (If any)
  - ❖ Adjourn

**Notes:** The listing of items is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Times listed on agendas are approximate.

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Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Called to Order at 9:22am.

Members present: Nicole Berndt, David Ripley, Scott Bergeron (via phone)

Others Present: Matt Streeter, Scott Loomis, Mario Langlois, Chief Rindels, Nate Sindland, Art Adams.

Discussion:

DPW Superintendent Scott Loomis briefed the Selectboard that yesterday just after Noon, Mark DeVlyder from MassDOT, District One Bridge Unit came to the Town Barn following an inspection at the Seymour Brook bridge on Water Street. Mark was very concerned over the bridge, which he has been monitoring, and reported that the bridge had settled 'a couple of feet' since his last inspection and that "collapse is imminent." Therefore he wanted the bridge to be closed right away, but gave a grace period for the town to close as soon as practicable; hopefully by the end of this week. This was a bridge that DOT should have been closed previously but had "slipped through the cracks. Mark DeVlyder offered signage assistance.

Scott Loomis continued that this is the bridge that we were notified of successfully receiving a Small Bridge Grant last week. This bridge is essentially a corrugated culvert pipe which has rotted at the waterline. Scott hopes this meeting will resolve how to proceed with the closure. The first step in grant is assignment of an engineering firm by the state and then the engineering process. The best-case scenario would be that it may be at least two years from being shovel ready. Discussion on amount of grant- likely \$500,000; cost of repair: estimated around \$800k from Doug Roberts a couple of years ago; now perhaps \$1.2 million.

- Signs & Barriers: Will need barriers (type three), road closed signage and detour signage.. Also need a detour route (this is usually done by the engineering firm, but since haven't been assigned we will need to take care of. Scott estimates \$2300-\$2500 for closure signs. May be able to scrape up a few signs, perhaps borrow some from other jurisdictions until we can purchase our own. Also need jersey barriers or blocks since people/vehicle operators could just move the type 3 signage.
- Detour Route and Timing of Closure: The bridge will be closed at the Seymour Brook bridge between Trumble Lane and 89 Water Street/transfer station. There are turnarounds at both ends. There will need to be signage prior to the actual closure as well. While Mark from DOT would like closure ASAP by end of the week. The Selectboard discussed closing Sunday or Monday to allow notices to get out and after the Transfer Station hours on Saturday. Determined to close effective Monday morning on November 20, 2023. Discussed signage not to use Trumble La. Both ends and GPS/Google Maps. Trumble Lane will be accessed from the Trumble Lane side.
- Publicity and Notification: Discussion and assignments (in parentheses) We will need to put out a Code Red notification (Nicole). Want a uniform message and response to questions/concerns/complaints. Going to send letters to residents of Water St. & Trumble Lane (Matt S.), put notice on website and Country Caller (Matt S.). Notification to school district/transportation office (Scott L.) and Post Office (Scott B.) for their routes. Signage and flyers for the transfer station for Tom Wheeler to inform patrons of the Transfer Station Saturday (Matt S. & Scott L.). Notification to neighboring towns Hartland, Granby (Scott L.) . Notification of Emergency Services including Granby Ambulance, Northampton control, State Police, etc. (Nate S.).
- Uniform message: The bridge has been closed by Mass DOT for safety reasons. This replacement project started in June and the Town received a Small Bridge Grant and we are awaiting the engineering phase. It is estimated that the project will take several years.

Vote to temporarily close Water Street between the Transfer Station (89 Water St.) until further notice. Moved by David Ripley. Seconded by Nicole Berndt. Approved 3-0.

Scott Bergeron: I texted Michele at Granville Post Office and at 10:05 she responded to my text.

Motion to adjourn; approved 3-0 at 10:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Streeter.