

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Jay Croteau, Steve Goldsmith and Ron Profaizer. Tom Levin, Jason Tremblay and Brandon Loisells from GM2 for DOT informational meeting for Thompson Brook. Contact Info : Jason.A.Tremblay @dot.nh.gov and websute :<https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/project-center/surry-44409>

The selectmen met with NH DOT for an information meeting for Surry Project 44409 Gilsum Road over the Thompson Brook No. 101/142 to replace the existing red listed metal culvert with a prefabricated concrete bridge. With past flooding history, the status of the culvert was red listed in 2017 and is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 52.8% and condition rating of 3 serious. The proposed bridge would increase the opening and widen the approaches to the bridge to thirty feet long and thirty feet wide allowing for better aquatic passage and conforming with stream crossing rules NHDES compliant span.. With a preference for Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) the approximate closure of the Gilsum Road would be one month with a duration of one construction season. Alternately, an offline temporary bridge would span over two construction seasons.

Natural resources include the Thompson Brook a tier 3 stream cold water fishery and the Ashuelot river a designated river with protected shoreline. LAC was contacted. No 100 year flood plain map at the bridge. Noted were endangered species of long eared bat (federally endangered) and Monarch Butterly(federally proposed) and the Ashuelot River essential fish habitat for Atlantic Salmon. The site is not eligible for natural historic registration and is exempt under program comment for common Post 1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges. There are stonewall and stone foundations nearby and a request to review has been submitted to NH Division of Historical resources section 106 National Historic Preservation Act. Bruce Smith supplied history data.

Preferred closure would be for Spring, Summer Fall for 2028 and provision for Mutual Aid, Bus routes, emergency response, bike , pedestrian and other concerns will be addressed. John Davis expressed concerns about remediation of exits and buildup of debris hindering, invasive species plan, plantings afterwards and natural streambed. Barbara Skuly from ARLAC expressed concern over the Dwarf Wedge mussel, but stated none had been found in that area. John Davis also stated the Del Mar Marathon in September could be impacted. General discussion of Perkins Pond Bridge plate and notification of abutters.

Next steps would to complete the NEPA, hold a Public information meeting several months from now and develop alternatives based on input.

The selectmen signed and paid bills.

The selectmen signed payroll.

The selectmen signed EFTPS payment.

Ron Profaizer motioned to accept the minutes. Steve Goldsmith seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to accept the minutes.

Sample Contract for HGAC for cooperative program for truck purchase from Josh Brooks and Jason Contrady. Recommended the selectmen apply and designate an purchaser. With a 2-3 week delay for membership, it was recommended to pursue the membership asap.

Membership would complete the 2CFR part of the grant part for the brush truck.