

Notes
BPPC-hosted Public Information Session
January 13th, 2020
Shelburne Library 6:30pm

Attendees: See attached list

Welcome and Introductions

Kevin Boehmcke welcomed attendees and introduced participants, including project and Town staff and members of the Bike and Pedestrian Paths Committee.

History of the Project

Dean Pierce recounted the history of the project, in the process mentioning that:

- In 1988 – Vehicle bridge was reconstructed with no accommodation for pedestrians
- In 2008 and earlier – the Irish Hill / Thompson Road area sees new development and demand for facilities
- In 2009 – An application was made for a grant to study the area
- In 2010 – The grant was awarded
- In 2012 – The study was completed
- In 2018 – The town submitted application for funds to implement bridge and sidewalk (awarded)
- In 2019 – Implementation project begins; Town Plan identifies importance of project

Project Need, Alignment, Potential Impacts, and Bridge Options

While referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Erik Alling, PE, described the project location, referred to the initial cross section, and presented a plan showing the current alignment and areas of potential impact. He also briefly noted possible bridge options (the contemplated bridge would be 8 feet wide and prefabricated). Questions were fielded during and after the presentation. Dean Pierce noted a copy of the presentation would be made available on the Town web site.

Questions and Answers

Kevin Boehmcke and Dean Pierce facilitated the question and answer portion of the meeting. What follows is a brief listing of topics addressed by or embedded in the questions posed. [Written answers to the questions draw from multiple questions and the presentation.]

- Will the sidewalk be made of concrete? (the initial proposal is for a concrete sidewalk)
- Will the sidewalk be separated from the road by a 5' strip? (that is the current design)
- Is a retaining wall planned for the area near the Bean property? (not yet but it can be explored) A speaker expressed concern about the slope in the area.
- Is Irish Hill Road 3 rods wide or 4 rods wide? (research by the surveys indicates 4 rods, i.e., 66', but additional research will be done to verify)
- One speaker feels the road has moved over time, shifting north. Does this change the right of way? (No.)
- Can the distance between the Bean residence and the sidewalk be increased? (some adjustment possible, but would involve tradeoffs; the closer the sidewalk is to the road, the more conflicts—such as snow management—exist)

- Can Irish Hill road be moved to the south to create more room for the sidewalk? (uncertain; such changes would increase the cost of the project)
- What will the project do to reduce speed of vehicles? (the aim of the project is to create a facility for pedestrians and less experienced cyclists; traffic calming benefits would be indirect, e.g., as a result of curb installation, restriping, and slightly narrowing vehicle lanes)
- How wide will the bridge be and will it be used by cyclists? (currently planned for 8'; experienced cyclists expected will remain on road)
- Will project include a crosswalk to serve residents along south side of Irish Hill Road? (at present crosswalk is not part of project)
- Could the impact on the Bean residence be lessened through the use of the retaining wall so sidewalk can be slightly further from house and landscaping? (This can be evaluated)
- Must the new bridge serve both pedestrians and cyclists? (the bridge will not be restricted, however experienced cyclists are likely to use vehicle bridge)
- Will construction of the sidewalk require closure of Irish Hill road? (no)

Next Steps

Erik Alling described the next steps in the project. After completing environmental reviews, the steps include:

- By April 2020 – Preliminary Plans
- By June 2021 – Right of Way / Easement
- By September – 2021 Final Plans and Specifications
- By December – 2021 Contract Plans and Specs
- By February – 2022 Bidding
- By summer – 2022 Construction complete.

Erik noted the schedule is conservative and could be advanced if steps such as Right of Way proceed smoothly. Municipal project manager Sai Sarapalli also commented on schedule. Dean Pierce suggested that another public meeting might be held late in the spring. With respect to the question of changes to the road, Dean Pierce will be preparing an overlay created using historic aerial photographs.

Conclusion

Attendees were thanked for their participation. The session ended at approximately 7:45PM. There was a brief recess prior to the regular meeting of the Bike and Pedestrian Paths Committee.

SHELBURNE BIKE AND
PEDESTRIAN PATHS COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: 1-13-20

MEETING REGARDING IRISH HILL ROAD
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND SIDEWALK PROJECT

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