

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

ALTON, X-A001(051), 14121D

NH ROUTE 28/ STOCKBRIDGE CORNER ROAD

Commission

PUBLIC HEARING**July 6, 2011 -- Alton Town Hall -- 7:00 PM**

The following decisions are the Department's resolution of issues as a result of the testimony presented at the July 6, 2011 Public Hearing and written testimony subsequently submitted for the Alton, X-A001(051), 14121D, project described as:

Reconstruct the intersection of NH 28 and Stockbridge Corner Road and widen a segment of NH 28 to improve safety. The existing spur connector linking NH 28 with Stockbridge Corner Road will be eliminated and replaced with a northbound exclusive right turn lane. The proposed reconstruction of NH 28 will begin approximately one thousand eight hundred (1,800) feet south of Stockbridge Corner Road and extend northerly through the intersection, as well as extending approximately two hundred (200) feet east and west of NH 28 on Stockbridge Corner Road.

This project will also construct minor improvements at the intersection of NH 28 and Hamwoods Road. The easterly side of NH 28 will be re-graded to improve the sight distance looking north and south from the segment of Hamwoods Road east of NH 28.

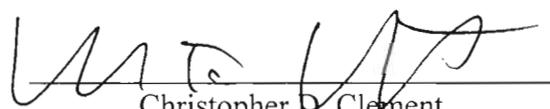
1. Wayne Fraser, parcel 131, expressed concern regarding his property and the impacts to boulders, trees and drainage that he had installed after a tornado devastated the property. If the boulders, trees and/or drainage need to be impacted by the project he would like them replaced by the project so he does not have to go through that work effort again. He is also concerned with the left turn onto Stockbridge Corner Road when headed north on NH 28, suggesting the spur road currently is used as a de-facto jug handle so people are not making a left hand turn from the center of the main roadway.

Response: The Department recognizes the concern regarding impacts to the features Mr. Fraser has on his property and will work with him to reestablish the area in an appropriate manner. Keeping the area clear of vegetation and other obstructions so the sight lines to and from Stockbridge Corner Road can be maintained is critical to the safe operation of the intersection.

Maintaining the spur road as a means for northbound drivers to make a left turn at Stockbridge Corner Road is not warranted for this intersection. The proposed roadway improvements will increase recognition of the intersection and provide additional width for drivers to go around vehicles stopped on NH 28 taking a left turn, thus improving the overall safety of the roadway.

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Date



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Commissioner

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