

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

BELMONT, NH
X-A001(183), 16203

NH Route 106 Safety Improvements, at Seavey Road Intersection.

April 29, 2014

Belmont High School
Commission
PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 P.M.

Belmont, X-A001(183), 16203, The project will reconstruct the intersection of NH Route 106 and Seavey Road. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety of the intersection.

The following are the Department's resolution of issues raised for this project during the Public Hearing process:

1. **Candace Daigle, Belmont Town Planner and Mark Lewandoski, Belmont Police Chief:** spoke in favor of the project, and associated safety improvements that will result with the reconstruction.

Response: The Department appreciates the support for the project, and recognizes the need to move the project forward with the schedule as outlined.

2. **Belmont Town Selectmen Ruth Mooney, Jon Pike, and Ronald Cormier:** wrote letter dated May 5, 2014 in support of the safety improvements proposed with the project.

Response: The Department appreciates the support for the project, and recognizes the need to move the project forward with the schedule as outlined.

3. **Ms. Jeanne Price (parcel 5):** expressed concern with the grade of her driveway, as well as the proposed widening and slope work impacting the storage/display area for her business. She requested her drive be relocated to utilize vacant state owned land northerly of her property.

Response: The work anticipated along NH 106 will require acquisition of an approximately 10 foot wide strip of ROW along the property's frontage, as well as slope easements to stabilize the slope. These acquisitions will not impact the storage/display area for the business. The Department acknowledges that the existing driveway is steep (approximately 10%), and has inadequate profile grades as it rises away from NH 106, which can cause long vehicles to drag as they enter and exit the road. The work proposed at the driveway is limited to paving an apron to match into the existing driveway; the work does not extend into the steep area of the drive, and consequently does not make the current situation worse, it should improve the drive transition. Given the concerns and the overall impacts along the frontage, the NHDOT will work with Ms. Price, through the ROW process, to evaluate options for addressing the drive, including evaluating the vacant state owned land to determine its availability for use.

4. **Mr. Frank Sweeney (parcel 6):** expressed concern for the long delays and hazards that vehicles, including school buses, exiting Seavey Road can experience. He also requested clarification of guardrail installation length.

Response: The proposed intersection work will improve the safety of traffic movements entering and exiting NH 106. Seavey Road will be widened from the existing width of 26 feet, to a 40 foot width. Turn separation will be constructed for the vehicles exiting from Seavey Road, in order to properly accommodate school buses and single unit trucks. In addition, NH 106 will be widened to provide turn lanes for north and southbound traffic entering Seavey Road.

The proposed guardrail along NH 106 is being installed to minimize slope impacts to a brook and associated wetlands, and will extend along NH 106 from the intersection, to a point just south of the snowmobile trail crossing (approximately 900 feet).

5. **Mr. Dan Camire (25 Seavey Road, tax map 230 / lot# 45):** expressed concern with sight distance along NH 106 from the intersection of Seavey Road looking southerly.

Response: The Department has evaluated the sight distance for this intersection, and has found there is adequate and safe sight distance for the design speed of the road in accordance with national standards. Modifying the profile of NH 106 outside the limits of this project, is well beyond the scope of work.

Date:

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