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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**  
**MERRIMACK, 10136D, X-A001(265)**  
**MERRIMACK TOWN HALL- MATTHEW THORNTON ROOM**  
**6 BABOOSIC LAKE RD, MERRIMACK, NH**

**September 25, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

**NAMES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Honorable David K. Wheeler, Chairman  
The Honorable Russell E. Prescott  
The Honorable Joseph D. Kenney

**NAMES OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

Jennifer Reczek, Project Manager, Bureau of Highway Design  
Ron Crickard, Bureau of Environment  
Trent Zanes, Bureau of Highway Design  
Samantha Fifield, Bureau of Highway Design  
Tracey Tufts, Stantec  
David McNamara, Stantec  
Walt Woo, Stantec  
Stephen LaBonte, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Right of Way  
Paul Coddington, Chief of Administration, Bureau of Right of Way  
Dena Rae, Chief Agent, Bureau of Right of Way  
Linda Schoffield, Agent, Bureau of Right of Way  
Kayla Scaldini, Agent, Bureau of Right of Way  
Susan Hubschmann, Hearings Coordinator, Bureau of Right of Way  
Michele Allison, Transcriptionist, Avicore Reporting  
Nine members of the public and one Merrimack Police Officer

**DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED**

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, states the project and purpose of the hearing.

Jennifer Reczek gave an overview of the project.

Dave McNamara presented a full description of the project using the wall map and a Power Point presentation.

Jennifer Reczek introduced Ron Crickard from Environment.

Ron Crickard presented an overview of the environmental impacts.

Jennifer Reczek briefly mentioned the acquisitions needed for the project, and that the project requires no complete acquisitions.

Steve LaBonte gave an overview of the Right of Way acquisition process.

Jennifer Reczek explained that transcripts and plans will be available on the website, what will happen upon approval, and that there would be two seasons of construction; the summers of 2021 and 2022. The cost for construction is 4.1 million dollars, of which 80% will be federal funds, 20% will be state funds, and no town funds are needed for the project. Jennifer then concluded the presentation.

Councilor Wheeler then invited Bill Boyd of the Merrimack Town Council to speak.

Mr. Boyd made his comments primarily concerning sidewalk placement, and suggested alternatives to the current plan which he felt would better serve the needs of the community.

Councilor Wheeler called John Sokul, of Hinckley Allen, who declined to speak at that time.

Councilor Wheeler called Robert Pratt from PC Connection to speak.

Mr. Pratt took the floor and explained that, while the company he represents does not oppose the project in general, they do feel that the current design does not address concerns they have brought forward that have not yet been resolved to their satisfaction. These issues include: storm water management, emergency vehicles during construction, the guardrail system, maintenance issues with a steeper slope, a reduction to their parking lot during construction, possible blasting, telecommunication lines, septic lines and more. Mr. Pratt asked that Mr. Sokul, as the company's legal representation, be included in all communication moving forward.

Councilor Wheeler again invited Mr. John Sokul to speak if he would like to.

Mr. Sokul briefly asked about storm water treatment.

Mr. Pratt added concerns about the storm water treatment/MS4. Mr. Pratt also asked about changes to the plan since he last saw the plans in August.

Councilor Wheeler asked Jennifer Reczek if that is something that could be answered in that moment.

Jennifer clarified what she could in terms of the storm water treatment, but could not answer all Mr. Pratt's concerns at present.

Mr. Pratt brought up more questions.

Councilor Wheeler suggested further discussion at a later time when Mr. Pratt's questions could be more fully answered.

Councilor Wheeler called Bill Boyd.

Mr. Boyd asked a question of Jennifer that she was unable to address at that moment.

Councilor Wheeler assured Mr. Boyd that the State would get an answer for him.

Councilor Wheeler asked if there were any other members of the public who would like to speak.

Councilor Wheeler closed the Public Hearing at 7:58 P.M.

Minutes taken by Susan Hubschmann: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Victoria Sheehan, William Cass, Christopher Waszczuk, Peter Stamnas, all Attendees.

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Noted by: S. LaBonte