

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BUREAU OF BRIDGE DESIGN**

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**PROJECT:** New Ipswich, 14465  
X-A000(403)  
NH 123 / NH 124 bridge over Souhegan River

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:** September 2, 2009

**LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:** New Ipswich Town Office

**ATTENDED BY:**

**Project Lead Team**

Eric Smith – Southwest Regional Planning Commission  
Michael Dugas – NHDOT Highway Design Preliminary Design Chief  
David Scott – NHDOT Bridge Design In-House Design Chief  
Jason Tremblay – NHDOT Bridge Design Senior Project Engineer

**Project Advisory Committee**

David Leel – New Ipswich Fire Chief  
(Absent) Ed Rogers – New Ipswich Resident  
Garrett Chamberlain – New Ipswich Police Chief  
Gary Somero – Mascenic Regional School District  
George Lawrence – New Ipswich Selectman  
Marie Knowlton – New Ipswich Town Administrator  
Peter Goewey – New Ipswich Road Agent  
(Absent) Woody Houston – Warwick Mills  
(Absent) Susan Williams – New Ipswich Historical Society  
Donald Lyford – NHDOT Project Manager  
Matt Urban – NHDOT Environmental Manager  
Robert Greenwood – New Ipswich Resident

**Others**

Bentti Hoiska – New Ipswich Selectman  
Millie Henault – New Ipswich (Highbridge) Resident  
Benjamin Henault – New Ipswich (Highbridge) Resident

**SUBJECT: Project Advisory Committee Meeting #3**

**NOTES ON CONFERENCE**

Following introductions, Eric reviewed the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process, and the status of the project. Following approval of the meeting notes, Eric distributed and discussed edits to the Problem Statement. The major change to the Problem Statement was the breakout of the two bridge structures. Millie Henault informed the committee that Highbridge refers to the upper bridge structure. The Problem Statement was approved and will be posted to the project web page.

Eric distributed a draft vision statement. Discussion and changes were made to the document. Due to the amount of changes it was decided to hold off on adopting the Vision Statement until next meeting.

Examples of screening criteria from the Pelham, Meredith and Winchester projects were handed out to begin formulating the screening criteria for this project. Eric explained that the alternatives are not rated against each other; rather, each is evaluated individually through the use of the screening criteria to determine how well it addresses the elements of the problem and vision statements. Eric explained the different categories of screening criteria that could be considered: access, aesthetics, natural and cultural resources, implementation/constructability, mobility and safety. The distinction between access, movement within the project limits, and mobility, movement through the project limits, was discussed. PAC members also added two other categories: economic feasibility and business impacts. The Winchester screening criteria was relied upon heavily to fill in screening criteria under the various categories. Names of roads and rivers were changed to reflect the New Ipswich project.

Additional revisions to the screening criteria will take place at the next meeting. PAC members requested some photos/slides of bridges that may work at this location as well as some design alternatives. The NHDOT will work to get this done. The next Project Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 11:15 AM at the New Ipswich Town Offices.

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