

**Department of Transportation  
Project No. 80-130  
Replacement of Bridge No. 06692  
Town of Middlebury**

**April 28, 2015 7:00 p.m.  
Shepardson Community Center Auditorium**

**Minutes**

**Present from CTDOT and CJM:**

Theodore Nezames – CTDOT

Kevin Blasi – CTDOT

Netania Durogean – CTDOT

Michael Marzi – CTDOT

John Miller II – Close Jensen and Miller PC (CJM)

William Stark – CJM

Margaret Grzadziel – CJM

**Presentation:** The presentation was opened by Mr. Kevin Blasi of CTDOT who described the purpose of the meeting and introduced the project team. Mr. Michael Marzi of CTDOT described the Rights Of Way process that will be followed for any properties affected by the project.

Mr. John Miller II of CJM described the Department's proposal for replacement of the subject bridge using a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Description of the existing twin 72 inch corrugated metal pipe culvert and the Route 63 roadway at the site.
- The condition of the existing metal culvert, rated as a "3" ("Serious")
- The Connecticut Department of Transportation's (Department's) proposal for construction of a replacement structure at the site utilizing stage construction to maintain one lane of traffic through the site in each direction at all times for a period encompassing two construction seasons.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

First Selectman, Mr. Edward St. John expressed his support for the project and the Department's intention to replace the culverts with a clear span bridge that would have provisions for the future upgrade of Route 63 as this area continues to become more developed.

Mr. St. John reiterated the need for the long term plans to include provisions for future pedestrian traffic at the site as the town has plans to connect their "greenway" to that of its neighbor, the city of Waterbury.

Mr. St. John expressed concern for the need to relocate the underground utilities that presently cross over the top of the existing pipes at the site.

The Department responded as follows:

- In regard to future expansion of Route 63 at the site, the Department noted that the width of the proposed structure would accommodate 2 lanes of traffic in each direction with appropriate shoulders as well as a sidewalk on the east side of Route 63.
- In regard to the utility relocation need, the Department advised that the proposed buried 3 sided rigid frame structure would have less cover over it than the existing pipes due to the thickness of the top slab and the need to maximize the waterway opening in order to meet regulatory requirements. Therefore the existing utilities may not fit within the fill on top of the proposed structure. However it was agreed that test pits, immediately adjacent to the existing pipes, for all underground facilities would be taken and evaluated to assure relocation would be required.

The meeting was attended by a representative of State Senator Joan Hartley's office and 2 members of the general public as well as a reporter from the Waterbury Republican American newspaper who asked some clarification-type questions related to the number of lanes to be provided during construction and the location of the existing commuter parking lot in relation to the project site.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.