

FALLS BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
06/05/18

In Attendance:

Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC) Members: Facilitator Jim Schatz,
Deborah Brewster, John Chapman, Lynne Clark, Bill Cousins,
Vaughn Leach, Stephen Rappaport, Lori Sitzabee, Karen Wyatt

Department of Transportation (MDOT): Andy Lathe, Michael Wight

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Eva Birk, Cheryl Martin

HNTB: Tim Cote

Public: Greg Bush, Butler Smythe, Noel Stookey

Public Comments from Blue Hill Site Link & Email

- 1 Public Comment received from the Select Boards of Brooklin and Sedgwick regarding the concern of heavy truck traffic utilizing the Town-owned Hales Hill Road and bridge during construction of the Benjamin River Bridge.

Design Matrix

- BAC reviewed and revised Draft Alternatives Matrix for Rehabilitation, Replacement and Alternate Alignment concerning aesthetics, safety, etc., and the general appearance of the Matrix. DOT wants to provide an unbiased document to stand as a BAC reference to present to the public. Matrix will continue to be a “draft” until final design is approved, probably in 2020.

Informational Public Meeting – July/August – TBD

- MDOT Environmental Office is conferring with other Agencies on impacts. When complete, the Department will be able to schedule an informational public meeting with the Town.
- Tim gave an abbreviated presentation to BAC of items for review at the Public Meeting (project update, goals, purpose & need, definitions and conditions of bridge, design matrix options, regulatory constraints, etc.). Members offered suggestions so that the public could better understand references more easily.
- Public comment will be received for 30 days following the Informational Public Meeting before another BAC meeting will be scheduled. Public comments will continue to be received beyond that meeting.

BAC Meeting to review public comments received – August/September - TBD

Formal Public Meeting – TBD

Next Bridge Advisory Committee Meeting: TBD

Adjourned at 7:51pm