

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020 — 4:00 PM  
TOWN HALL & TELECONFERENCE  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith, Glen Coutu, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber

**Others Present:** Mark Zessin and Denise Lord of Anchor Engineering

**1.0 Call to Order**

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2.0 Discuss and act upon Goshen Hill and Chappell Road bridge replacement projects issues**

K. Cwikla asked Anchor to provide an update on the two outstanding bridge projects. M. Zessin said the subcontractor for the Chappell Road project was set to pour the precast today. D. Lord said the Goshen Hill subcontractor provided several dates when they would begin pouring the precast, beginning the previous weekend; when the wing walls are cast and cured as well, they are scheduled be ready for delivery on November 30.

The Selectmen discussed options for timelines with Anchor. Based on Anchor’s communication with the contractor for Chappell Road, Pazz & Construction, the precast box culvert and wingwall installation could begin November 30 and the roadway temporarily opened on January 15. The road would be opened one-way for alternating traffic. If the winter is mild, the parapet walls/curbs can be completed along with the roadway. Based on what Anchor had received from the contractor for Goshen Hill, B&W Paving and Landscaping, installation for the precast box culvert and wingwall should begin November 30. Installation of temporary pavement and concrete barrier curbs would take place January 10 and the road would be temporarily opened for winter on January 13. The contractor would remobilize on April 1, weather permitting, remove temporary features, and complete the roadway for opening by May 4.

K. Cwikla emphasized that the Town does not agree that the contractors have a valid “act of God” claim responsible for the delays. B. Petrie said she was concerned Anchor has not been visiting the sites enough for inspections and reiterated issues that she brought up previously about signage and other site issues. They discussed temporary pipe options which could open the sites sooner, but the work would take longer when they need to be removed. M. Zessin recommended waiting until the culverts can be placed. R. Chesmer asked how certain they can be about the new timelines. Anchor representatives said they believe the contractors timeline and noted that the culverts are being cast now.

B. Petrie asked if Anchor has learned of anything that would indicate the two contractors have cash flow issues that would prevent them from completing their work. M. Zessin said they have no reason to believe that there were issues there. K. Cwikla asked if the timelines are realistic. M. Zessin said he believes they are realistic given the progress with the precast.

The Selectmen discussed whether it was worth it to do the temporary crossing on Goshen Hill at a cost of \$55,000 given the adjusted timeline. D. Lord said the State DOT Local Bridge Program is willing to fund half of that amount. G. Coutu said he felt it was going in circles and suggested they table the discussion. M. Zessin said they will confirm the proposed schedules for the Selectmen. K. Smith asked for Anchor to have the contractors confirm the status of the culverts.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**3.0 Executive session for the purpose of strategy and negotiations on pending claims related to the Town's bridge repair contracts.**

No Executive Session was held.

**4.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernard W. Dennler III  
Administrative Assistant