

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 7, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez and Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)

5:00 Open Meeting in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00

5:05 Shawn informed the public of the passing of long time employee Herbert Cloutier.

5:07 Pole Licensing Agreement:

Debbie stated every year the pole licenses must be renewed by the Selectboard in order to tax the utility companies for poles in the Right of Way. Debbie will send letters to the utility companies making them aware of the hearing date and will place the ad in the Monadnock Ledger. The Public Hearing will be on March 28th at 6:00pm.

5:10 Old/New Business:

- Debbie told the Board she had gone to the DPW to make sure the employees are ok. She mentioned SchoolCare insurance will cover 3 visits for other employees and Herb's family for grief counseling at no cost.
 - Debbie gave the Board the list of 2023 Fire Department positions received from Meredith.
 - Debbie has received 1 application for each of the Land Use part time positions so far.
 - NHMA is having several webinars. Debbie will sign up the Board for the requested classes.
 - Debbie presented the letter from the NHDOT regarding interest in additional bridge funding. Shawn made a motion to sign the letter (attached) stating the Town is interested in additional grants for the Taylor Road Bridge. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Lou mentioned the Taylor Road Bridge comes in 43rd out of 65 according to the State.
- Shawn stated a resident asked to be on the Finance Advisory Committee. Melissa Mack had worked on the school FAC with Mitch Gluck. Shawn will contact the FAC to give them Melissa's contact information.
 - The Planning Board is currently navigating through the Silver Scones Site Plan Review. It has been continued to March 15th.
 - The Town reports are available at the Town Office and on the website.

At 5:40, Shawn made a motion to adjourn until 7:00pm for Candidates Night. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

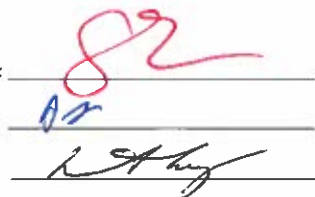
Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: _____

Jason Somero: _____

Lou Alvarez: _____

The block contains three handwritten signatures in red, blue, and black ink, each written over a horizontal line. The red signature is at the top, the blue one in the middle, and the black one at the bottom.

PETITION PURSUANT TO RSA 231:163
FOR CHANGES IN POLE AND CONDUIT LICENSES
ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE
TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

New Ipswich, New Hampshire

Dated: March 7, 2023

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

The undersigned, in her capacity as Town Administrator of the Town of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and a resident of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, being a person whose rights and/or interests in such capacity are affected by all existing and outstanding so-called pole or conduit Licenses, issued pursuant to RSA 231:161, under the authority of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Ipswich, hereby petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Ipswich, acting pursuant to authority conferred upon the said Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Ipswich by virtue of the provisions of RSA 231:163, to adopt the following changes to all currently issued and outstanding pole or conduit Licenses heretofore issued by or under the authority of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Ipswich or by their predecessors in office, including, but not limited to, all Licenses currently in effect by Orders of the Board of Selectmen or pursuant to all Petitions filed pursuant to RSA 231:161 with the Town of New Ipswich, by adding the following language to all such pole and conduit licenses, based on the law of New Hampshire, which recognizes that the public good is satisfied if such licensees are assessed real and personal property tax for their use of the public right of ways for their poles or conduits, to wit:

In accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), the licensed entities and any other entity now or hereafter using or occupying municipal property pursuant to this License shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, all properly assessed personal and real property taxes no later than the due date. Furthermore, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), the licensed entities and any other entity using and/or occupying property of the municipality pursuant to this License shall be obligated to pay real and personal property taxes on structures or improvements added by the licensed entities or any other entity using or occupying the property of the municipality pursuant to this License. Failure to pay duly assessed personal and real property taxes when due shall be cause to provide a written notice to the licensed entities to show cause by a date certain specified in the notice as to why this License should not be terminated for nonpayment of the sums due.

In accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I(b), this License is granted to

the licensee(s) subject to that condition that the licensee(s) and any other entity now or hereafter using or occupying municipal property pursuant to this License shall be responsible for notifying, within 90 days of the date of this amendment, each attacher to a licensee's pole(s) and/or licensee's conduits by serving a copy of the herewith Petition on each such attacher and submitting to the clerk of the Town of New Ipswich, a complete list of attachers to each pole or conduit in the Town, listing the pole or conduit locations of each attacher. Further, this License's granted subject to the condition that the Licensee(s) and any other person now or hereafter using or occupying municipal property pursuant to this License shall update annually the information provided to the Town with the Town Clerk on or before May 1st of that year, including the location of any additional attachers including the location of the pole(s) or conduit(s) to which the attachers' facilities are attached, any attachers that have removed their attachments and/or any attachers that have added new attachments.

This license is granted upon the condition that the petitioner(s), licensee(s), heirs, and assigns shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law in perpetuity, protect, indemnify, save, defend and hold harmless the Town of New Ipswich, including its officials, agents, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs, interest and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, by reason of any accident, bodily injury, personal injury, property damage, or death of any person arising from the use of the municipal right-of-way for utility purposes.

This license is further granted upon the condition that the petitioner(s), licensee(s), heirs, and assigns shall be required to relocate such pole(s), structures, conduits, cables, and/or wires, together with protecting fixtures as set forth in said Petition, upon written request of the Town of New Ipswich, within a reasonable time frame at no charge to the Town.

The holders of all currently issued and outstanding Licenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

Consolidated Communications and all successors and assigns

Eversource and all successors and assigns

Comcast and all successors and assigns

Debbie Deaton 3/7/23
Name: Debbie Deaton Date
Town of New Ipswich, NH



Town of New Ipswich, N.H.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Meredith Lund
Deputy Chief Gary Somero

FIRE CHIEF'S OFFICE

Physical: 490 Turnpike Road
Mailing: 661 Turnpike Road
New Ipswich, New Hampshire 03071
Tel: (603) 878-1364
Fax: (603) 878-1552

February 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Officers and their call signs for 2023 for the New Ipswich Fire Department are as follows:

Chief
22C1 Meredith Lund

Deputy Chiefs
22C2 Gary Somero
22C3 Ben Hatcher

Captains
Not filled

Lieutenants
22O1 Gordon Wayrynen- Equipment Maintenance/ Small Engine
22O2 Pete Kelleher- Maintenance
22O3 Eric Maxwell
22O4 Cody Vaillancourt- New equipment

EMS Officer/ Alternate Lieutenant
22O6 Katelynn Vaillancourt

Administrative assistant/ Communications/ Alternate Lieutenant
22O7 Matt Hatcher

Stay safe,

Meredith D Lund, MS.ED, CFO
Fire Chief
New Ipswich Fire Department
603-562-4441
firechief@townofnewipswich.org

REMEMBER SMOKE DETECTORS & SPRINKLERS SAVE LIVES



William Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



David Rodrigue, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner
Andre Briere, Colonel, USAF (RET)
Deputy Commissioner

March 3, 2023

Shawn Talbot, Chair of Selectboard
Town of New Ipswich
661 Turnpike Road
New Ipswich, NH 03071

RE: NHDOT Bridge Funding Opportunity
New Ipswich Bridge #108/070
Taylor Road over West Branch Souhegan River

Dear Mr. Talbot:

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is pleased to inform New Ipswich that bridge aid funding is planned to be available for the rehabilitation or replacement of the above noted bridge.

As part of the upcoming Ten-Year Plan process, NHDOT will reduce the number of red listed bridges statewide with our available State and Federal bridge funds. Based on NHDOT bridge inspection data and this bridge's current poor condition, the above noted bridge is considered one of up to 65 candidates for funding. Our bridge aid programs are funded with 80% State or 80% Federal funds with the municipality responsible for the 20% local match. These programs are "reimbursement" type grants in which the municipality covers 100% of preapproved project costs initially and is subsequently reimbursed NHDOT's 80% share of eligible costs incurred.

Based on very preliminary data, NHDOT estimates the cost to rehabilitate or replace the above noted bridge is approximately \$1,101,600.00. The municipality's 20% share is estimated to be approximately \$220,320.00. The actual project cost and local share will depend on the design of the bridge, inflation, and other project related factors not possible to know at this time.

NHDOT is currently beginning the enrollment process for the bridge aid program for official acceptance in the next Ten-Year Plan cycle anticipated to be approved in the summer of 2024. Accepted Ten-Year Plan approved bridge projects will be programmed for construction in years **2027** thru **2032**.

Although we can't guarantee that funding will be available to enroll your project, we would like to know if your municipality is interested in applying for funds? This will allow us to better develop our local bridge aid program for the upcoming Ten-Year Plan cycle. If New Ipswich is interested or not interested in beginning the enrollment process with NHDOT for the above noted bridge, please check the appropriate response below and return a copy to me via my email noted below by April 15, 2023.

☒ Yes, New Ipswich is interested in applying for bridge aid funding for the above noted bridge, or

☐ No, New Ipswich is not interested in applying for bridge aid funding for the above noted bridge at this time.

Shawn Talbot Municipality Contact Name (print name)

Stalbot@townofnewipswich.org Municipality Contact Email (print email)

Please note that checking "Yes" does not legally bind New Ipswich to enrolling in the bridge aid program. We are simply looking for an indication that if bridge aid funding is available, that your municipality would be interested in pursuing a bridge aid project with NHDOT and that your municipality would work towards obtaining your local 20% match.

Thank you for your attention to this request and please call or email me with any questions. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

C.R. Willeke

C.R. Willeke, PE
Municipal Highways Engineer
Phone # 603-271-6472
charles.r.willeke@dot.nh.gov

cc via email: Debbie Deaton, Town of New Ipswich
Timothy Murphy, Southwest Region Planning Commission



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Date: March 6, 2023

To: Local Public Agencies (LPA) & Consultant Community (ACEC)

From: Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)

Re: Notice #2023-02: Local bridge funding available for 65 poor condition red list bridges

The NHDOT bridge inspection section inspects all locally owned bridges on legislative Class IV and Class V highways at least every 2 years. As part of our inspection process, the NHDOT has a list (referred to as the "red list") of locally owned bridges having at least one major structural element (deck, superstructure, substructure, or culvert) classified as being in poor condition with a score of "4=Poor" or less according to the NBIS (National Bridge Inspection Standards) scale. As of 2022, there are 222 red-listed locally owned bridges in New Hampshire. 43 of these red list bridges are already enrolled with the NHDOT for rehabilitation or replacement, leaving 179 other locally owned red list bridges across the state in need of rehabilitation or replacement.

In an effort to reduce the number of red list bridges further, the NHDOT has reviewed and ranked locally owned red list bridges primarily in terms of NBIS condition. Based on \$90 million dollars of available funding, the NHDOT has identified the 65 highest ranking red list bridges to fund as part of the next ten-year plan process.

The 65 bridges as shown on the attached map are planned to be programmed for construction over six (6) years beginning in 2027 and going thru to 2032, with planning and engineering beginning as early as state fiscal year 2025 (begins July 1, 2024).

The NHDOT is currently contacting directly the 65 communities identified on the attached map to ask if they would like to enroll in a bridge aid program to rehabilitate or replace their red listed bridge.

Please refer any questions or concerns to either C.R. Willeke or Bill Watson.

C.R. Willeke, PE
Municipal Highways Engineer
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
603-271-6472
Charles.Willeke@dot.nh.gov

Bill Watson, PE
Administrator
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
603-271-3344
Bill.Watson@dot.nh.gov

Rank	Town	Bridge	Description
1	Tamworth	Tamworth 037/157	SCOTT ROAD over CHOCORUA RIVER
2	Webster	Webster 066/113	WHITE PLAINS ROAD over MEADOW BROOK
3	Newton	Newton 053/105	WILDERS GROVE RD over COUNTRY POND
4	Acworth	Acworth 105/035	FOREST ROAD over GREAT BROOK
5	Fitzwilliam	Fitzwilliam 147/080	TEMPLETON TURNPIKE over PRIEST BROOK
6	Nelson	Nelson 142/126	OLD STODDARD ROAD over BAILEY BROOK
7	Alstead	Alstead 058/136	HILL ROAD over DARBY BROOK
8	Hopkinton	Hopkinton 057/111	NH127 over PENSTOCK (UNIT 1)
9	Sunapee	Sunapee 069/069	TRASK BROOK ROAD over WENDELL BROOK
10	Greenfield	Greenfield 151/089	SCHOOL HOUSE RD over BROOK
11	Wakefield	Wakefield 290/064	MAPLE STREET over BRANCH RIVER
12	Rollinsford	Rollinsford 090/052	OLD MILL LANE over ROLLINS BROOK
13	Wilton	Wilton 063/105	TEMPLE ROAD over BLOOD BROOK
14	Hillsborough	Hillsborough 154/113	BOG ROAD over SAND BROOK
15	Goshen	Goshen 082/083	BALL PARK ROAD over TROW BROOK
16	Randolph	Randolph 080/047	DURAND ROAD over MOOSE RIVER
17	Weare	Weare 110/150	RIVER ROAD over PISCATAQUOG RIVER
18	Danbury	Danbury 112/108	BOHONNON ROAD over WILD MEADOW BROOK
19	Portsmouth	Portsmouth 231/103	MAPLEWOOD AVENUE over NORTH MILL POND
20	South Hampton	South Hampton 069/066	HILLDALE AVE over POWWOW RIVER
21	Salem	Salem 115/097	BRIDGE STREET over SPICKET RIVER
22	Strafford	Strafford 057/135	BARN DOOR GAP ROAD over BIG RIVER
23	Milton	Milton 190/101	WINDING ROAD over LYMAN BROOK
24	Brentwood	Brentwood 060/054	MILL ROAD over EXETER RIVER
25	Londonderry	Londonderry 077/151	STOKES ROAD over LITTLE COHAS BROOK
26	Deerfield	Deerfield 139/127	BLAKES HILL ROAD over LAMPREY RIVER
27	Barnstead	Barnstead 128/056	GRAY ROAD over CROOKED RUN BROOK
28	Candia	Candia 151/123	OLD DEERFIELD ROAD over BROOK
29	Loudon	Loudon 054/065	WALES BRIDGE ROAD over SOUHOOK RIVER
30	Chester	Chester 169/122	SHEPARD HOME ROAD over EXETER RIVER
31	Newport	Newport 097/139	GREENWOOD ROAD over DODGE BROOK
32	Orford	Orford 087/108	HIGH BRIDGE ROAD over ARCHERTOWN BROOK
33	Warren	Warren 120/058	FISH HATCHERY ROAD over PATCH BROOK
34	Concord	Concord 190/067	IRON WORKS ROAD over TURKEY RIVER
35	Landaff	Landaff 074/159	SYM NOYES ROAD over MILL BROOK
36	Grantham	Grantham 083/108	OLDE FARMS ROAD over SAWYER BROOK
37	Lyme	Lyme 113/147	PINNACLE ROAD over TROUT BROOK
38	Keene	Keene 090/101	MAPLE AVE over BLACK BROOK
39	Enfield	Enfield 198/103	OAK HILL ROAD over GRAFTON POND OUTLET
40	Antrim	Antrim 113/143	LIBERTY FARM ROAD over NORTH BRANCH RIVER
41	Walpole	Walpole 213/076	WENTWORTH ROAD over HOUGHTON BROOK
42	Gilsum	Gilsum 097/139	BANKS ROAD over HAYWARD BROOK
43	New Ipswich	New Ipswich 108/070	TAYLOR ROAD over WEST BR SOUHEGAN RIVER
44	Jackson	Jackson 198/046	DUNDEE ROAD over MILL BROOK
45	Effingham	Effingham 166/082	GRANITE ROAD over SOUTH RIVER
46	Sugar Hill	Sugar Hill 208/125	STREETER POND ROAD over INDIAN CREEK
47	Milan	Milan 219/126	CHICKWOLNEPY ROAD over CHICKWOLNEPY STREAM
48	Milford	Milford 103/163	HARTSHORN ROAD over HARTSHORN BROOK
49	Westmoreland	Westmoreland 089/100	RIVER ROAD SOUTH over PARTRIDGE BROOK
50	Bartlett	Bartlett 112/098	FOSTER STREET over BROOK
51	Farmington	Farmington 080/108	RIVER ROAD over MAD RIVER
52	Merrimack	Merrimack 116/120	US 3 over SOUHEGAN RIVER
53	Warner	Warner 189/099	NORTH VILLAGE ROAD over SILVER BROOK
54	Charlestown	Charlestown 152/053	BRIDGE STREET over NECRR
55	Hill	Hill 171/105	SHOP ROAD over NEEDLE SHOP BROOK
56	Stewartstown	Stewartstown 105/111	OWEN ROAD over BISHOP BROOK
57	Lempster	Lempster 096/081	OLDS ROAD over DODGE BROOK
58	Jefferson	Jefferson 104/078	LARCOMB ROAD over ISRAEL RIVER OVERFLOW
59	Lancaster	Lancaster 218/076	MCGARY HILL ROAD over BONE BROOK
60	Orange	Orange 107/046	BROCK HILL ROAD over BROWN BROOK
61	Temple	Temple 107/117	POWERS ROAD over BLOOD BROOK
62	Durham	Durham 097/109	MILL ROAD over OYSTER RIVER
63	Monroe	Monroe 170/083	SMUTTY HOLLOW ROAD over SMUTTY HOLLOW BROOK
64	Belmont	Belmont 078/132	UNION ROAD over DURGIN BROOK
65	Andover	Andover 125/129	ELBOW POND ROAD over MOUNTAIN BROOK

State and Federal Bridge Aid Municipally Owned Red List Bridge Solicitation Candidates March 1, 2023



- 65 highest ranking municipally owned red list bridges
- Remaining 114 municipally owned red list bridges not currently enrolled in an NHDOT program

65 Highest Ranking Municipally Owned Red List Bridges:

TOWN	BRIDGE_ID	RANK
Acworth	105/035	4
Alstead	058/136	7
Andover	125/129	65
Antrim	113/143	40
Barnstead	128/056	27
Bartlett	112/098	50
Belmont	078/132	64
Brentwood	060/054	24
Candia	151/123	28
Charlestown	152/053	54
Chester	169/122	30
Concord	190/067	34
Danbury	112/108	18
Deerfield	139/127	26
Durham	097/109	62
Effingham	166/082	45
Enfield	198/103	39
Farmington	080/108	51
Fitzwilliam	147/080	5
Gilsum	097/139	42
Goshen	082/083	15
Grantham	083/108	36
Greenfield	151/089	10
Hill	171/105	55
Hillsborough	154/113	14
Hopkinton	057/111	8
Jackson	198/046	44
Jefferson	104/078	58
Keene	090/101	38
Lancaster	218/076	59
Landaff	074/159	35
Lampster	096/081	57
Londonderry	077/151	25
Loudon	054/065	29
Lyme	113/147	37
Merrimack	116/120	52
Milan	219/126	47
Millford	103/163	48
Milton	190/101	23
Monroe	170/083	63
Nelson	142/126	6
New Ipswich	108/070	43
Newport	097/139	31
Newton	053/105	3
Orange	107/046	60
Orford	087/108	32
Portsmouth	231/103	19
Randolph	080/047	16
Rollinsford	090/052	12
Salem	115/097	21
South Hampton	069/066	20
Stewartstown	105/111	56
Strafford	057/135	22
Sugar Hill	208/125	46
Sunapee	069/069	9
Tamworth	037/157	1
Temple	107/117	61
Wakefield	290/064	11
Walpole	213/076	41
Warner	189/099	53
Warren	120/058	33
Weare	110/150	17
Webster	066/113	2
Westmoreland	089/100	49
Wilton	063/105	13



From: Bicja, Josif
To: Town Administrator
Subject: Taylor Road over West Branch Souhegan River
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:00:25 PM
Attachments: LPA Notice 2023-02 with list and map.pdf

Good afternoon Debbie,

My name is Josif Bicja and I designed the last three bridge projects for the Town about 16 years ago (Old Country Rd, Lower Ashby and Tricnit Rd). Back in 2018 I also came to a selectboard meeting and discussed the Taylor Road Bridge funding with the selectboard at that time. Earlier today NHDOT announced that Taylor Rd Bridge will get state funding – see attached letter. The Town is pretty fortunate to have a project selected as this program has been closed for over 6 years. If the Town wants to move forward with this project I recommend you contact CR Willeke of NHDOT and accept to enroll your project in the NHDOT State Bridge Aid Program. After that you need to select an engineering firm to design the project. We would be glad to help you with the RFQ and also submit a proposal.

Thanks and please let me know if you need any help with this project.



Josif Bicja, PE

Vice President / Bridge Team Leader

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