

July 28, 2016

Notes from a Gulf Brook Restoration Impacted Property Owner Meeting held Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall.

Present were: Eric Sandbloom, Design Engineer  
William B. Ferebee, Supervisor  
Paul R. Martin, Councilman  
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman  
Kent and Melissa Wells  
Rocco and Mandy Giampaolo  
Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk

Eric Sandbloom began at 4:05 PM saying he had hoped there would be more landowners with adjacent property to this project present saying he would like their input to move ahead with the design plans.

He began by giving a little background saying that 800 feet of brook upstream from the bridge had been rehabilitated using NRCS funds.

He said funds are now available through New York Rising, saying these funds also include structures (bridges).

The design plan he had here tonight called for replacement of the Bucks Lane Bridge, channel improvement and retaining walls for the area of the brook from the Bucks Lane Bridge to the AuSable River. He explained that the plans for the Route 9N bridge call for cleaning out beneath it with a strong recommendation for replacement made to DOT.

He said that easements will be needed from all adjoining property owners.

He began by talking about the area near the bridge replacement. He said that the shed on 5<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> property near the bridge site will need to be relocated. He said the Town water line would need to be modified and the hydrant would need to be moved. He said the bridge is being replaced with a longer bridge.

He discussed individual requests with those present and said they could work out details such as plantings, fences, etc.

He discussed various walls and their locations as shown in the plan. He said the wall on the street side would be built in steps and would not require fencing.

When discussing the wall along Sappah's property near the Route 9N bridge, Mr. Ferebee said he would prefer to see form liner used which would resemble rock similar to what is there now.

Mr. Sandbloom said there would not be much change below this bridge except for lowering the stream bed elevation.

When asked, Mr. Sandbloom said he thought all drawings and permits would be done by spring. He said he felt this project would be ready for construction when DEC allows work to be begin in streams around the end of June next year.

When asked, he said he thought the channel work would take perhaps 1 ½ to 2 months to complete.

He said the plans call for a temporary pedestrian bridge while the new bridge is installed.

Melissa Wells asked about parking, he said he thought it could be worked out with 5<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kent Wells asked what type of bridge would be put in; Mr. Sandbloom said beams and a slab saying it wouldn't look much different then what's there now.

There was a brief discussion regarding the angle of the bridge and the tightness of making the corner.

All questions had been answered and the meeting ended at 5:05 PM.

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