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SAVOY SELECT BOARD MEETING

SAVOY TOWN HALL

AUGUST 13, 2024

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Justin Kaczowski, second by Brenda Smith.

The minutes from the July 23, 2024, meeting were approved by Justin Kaczowski, second by Brenda Smith.

The minutes from August 6, 2024, meeting were approved by Justin Kaczowski, second by Brenda Smith and Marie Saucier.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DEPARTMENT CHECK IN:

Board of Health... Ed Fahey; not present

- A brief status update of the Board of Health website was related by Melanie Glynn who had been notified by Ed Fahey that the website is not up and running yet. Permits are being processed manually.

Highway... Todd Krutiak

- The town garage is having issues with intermittent loss of internet and cell service which is causing delays in receiving necessary information
- Melanie Glynn would like to be notified when they have a loss of internet as she is the liaison for WiValley the current internet service provider
- Todd asked if Spectrum would be a consideration for internet/phone service as the company has started connecting many of the residential properties in town.
- The select board stated that it was not in the fiscal budget to change over both internet and phone. A cost comparison will be conducted and dependent on the results they may entertain a switch for internet services at this time and phone later.
- A cost quote from Spectrum for business services municipal wide will be requested and brought to the select board for consideration.

School Committee... Arleigh Cooper

- The school is ready for opening day; classrooms have been washed down and several indoor areas received a fresh coat of paint.
- Cost quotes will be obtained by school committee on feasibility of painting the outside of the buildings and brought to the select board once pricing has been obtained.
- New boiler was installed, ready for fall opening

- Underground work for the new generator has been completed; installation is ongoing with invoicing for the project expected to happen before December.
- Culligan replaced water filters and found a leak; upon further inspection they discovered the leak was from one of the canisters located on the PH regulator in the basement. Culligan recommended that the water heater be replaced along with both canisters; at the very least both canisters should be replaced. Estimated cost of replacing the water heater and two canisters would be between \$12,000-\$15,000 which would need to be budgeted for.
- Savoy Loop Road Race is scheduled for September 7, 2024
- The next school committee meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2024, at 6:00pm

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Weston & Sampson Engineers -Peter Grandy via Zoom

- Route 116 bridge inspection sheet -see attached sheet
- Report findings indicate the #2 and #6 beam have exposed and severed strands affecting the integrity of bridges load rating. The #2 beam is the most critical at a load capacity of 20 tons vs 40 tons. The #6 beam is slightly better at a load capacity of 35-ton vs 40-ton.
- Replacement of the #2 and #6 beam will take approximately 2-3 months at a cost of approximately \$278,000: with no disturbance of the superstructure or Drowned Land Brook flowing beneath it.
- The replaced beams will have a life span expectancy of 15-20 years; the life span of the unreplaced beams is unknown.
- A brief discussion on the replacement of the entire superstructure, all the beams, would be at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000; time frame would be dependent on the staging of a detour necessary to divert traffic-3 months; life span of a full replacement is 25-50 years.
- A full replacement would qualify for Chapter 90 vs repair.
- Inquiry to the Department of Transportation to see if TIP (Transportation Infrastructure Program) can allocate money towards the project.
- Discussion ensued about closing the bridge for the winter months due to the bridge being reduced to one lane and its location on a steep hill. A detour around via Old Main Road would be set up excluding large commercial vehicles which would be detoured via 8A/Rte 9. Old Main Road would need to be repaired.
- Select board member, Marie Saucier, will take the report findings to District I Director for review.
- Letters will be drafted to state representatives and senators to gain support for replacement of the bridge which could prioritize some state money for the project.

EMS Regionalization

- Thomas Irwin proposed that Savoy be part of a feasibility study for regionalizing EMS services. The study would include call and response data from participating towns to
- determine the optimal location of the proposed EMS site. The optimal site would be located centrally to be able to have at most a 9-minute response time.
- The select board agreed to have Savoy be part of the study, Tom will draft a template letter that he will email to Savoy Fire Chief, Savoy Police Chief, and select board to be filled in with the specific data of Savoy. Once the information is filled in and returned to Tom, he will submit it to the organization performing the study.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT

- MEMA grant reimbursement paperwork was completed, signed, and submitted by Justin Kaczowski for reimbursement for purchase of three mobile tower lights along with chargers and batteries for the fire department for use during emergencies.

VADAR

- Vadar has requested a sample pull of data for the software tax conversion for Savoy Tax Collector and Savoy Assessors.
- Tax Collector has been in contact with Vadar and will contact MADMACS to schedule a date/time for VADAR to have remote access to be able to conduct the sample data pull.
- Arleigh Cooper stated the school is ready for the conversion to VADAR software as several other schools are already running on the platform

2023 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

- The 2023 annual town reports have been collected from all the contributing departments except the Treasurer/Accountant report. Justin will reach out to Beverly Cooper to ask for the report to be submitted.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT SEARCH UPDATE

- The estimate to outsource accounting for the town is between \$30,000-\$40,000
- A list of job duties and expectations will be drafted
- Remote viewing access is necessary

72 JACKSON ROAD PROPERTY

- The landowner contacted Select board member to see if the town might be interested in purchasing the property for town use.
- It was briefly discussed; determined it would be considered for future ponderance not at this time.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS:

- Property for sale at 523 Center Road has back taxes owed on the property
- Seller and Real Estate Agent must be notified there is no Certificate of Occupancy on file with the town; Title 5 is out of date
- The town cannot interfere or conflict with the sale of the property; after the sale the town can notify the new property owner of the need to apply for Certificate of Occupancy and complete a current Title 5 inspection.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm


Justin Kaczowski, Chair


Marie Saucier


Brenda Smith

STRUCTURES INSPECTION FIELD REPORT

SPECIAL MEMBER INSPECTION

BR. DEPT. NO.
S-06-021

2-DIST 01 B.I.N. 02E

CITY/TOWN SAVOY	8.-STRUCTURE NO. S06021-02E-MUN-NBI	11-Kilo. POINT 098.150	90-ROUTINE INSP. DATE Mar 20, 2023	93*-SPEC. MEMB. INSP. DATE Dec 14, 2023
07-FACILITY CARRIED ST116 MAIN RD	MEMORIAL NAME/LOCAL NAME	27-YR BUILT 1959	106-YR REBUILT 0000	*YR REHAB'D (NON 106) 0000
06-FEATURES INTERSECTED WATER DROWNED LAND BROOK	26-FUNCTIONAL CLASS Major Collector	DIST. BRIDGE INSPECTION ENGINEER <i>Willie McE</i> for LAB L. A. Briggs		
43-STRUCTURE TYPE 501 : Prestressed Concrete Slab	22-OWNER Town Agency	21-MAINTAINER Town Agency	TEAM LEADER R. Mancari <i>Reed Mancari</i>	
107-DECK TYPE 2 : Concrete Precast Panels	WEATHER Sunny	TEMP. (air) -9°C	TEAM MEMBERS M. RANZONI <i>Matthew Ranzoni</i>	

WEIGHT POSTING *Not Applicable* *X*

Actual Posting	H	3	3S2	Single
	N	N	N	N
Recommended Posting	N	N	N	N

Signs In Place (Y=Yes, N=No, NR=Not Required)

At bridge		Advance	
E	W	E	W

Legibility/Visibility

PLANS (Y/N): **Y**

(V.C.R.) (Y/N): **N**

TAPE#: _____

Waived Date: 03/29/2024 EJDMT Date: 00/00/0000

RATING

Rating Report (Y/N): **Y** Date: 06/01/1991

Recommend for Rating or Rerating (Y/N): **Y**

If YES please give priority: HIGH () MEDIUM () LOW ()

REASON: **Continued deterioration of beams 2 & 6.**

Inspection data at time of existing rating
158: 6 159: 6 160: 7 162: - Date: 08/05/1988

SPECIAL MEMBER(S):

MEMBER	CRACK (Y/N):	WELD'S CONDITION (0-9)	LOCATION OF CORROSION, SECTION LOSS (%), CRACKS, COLLISION DAMAGE, STRESS CONCENTRATION, ETC.	CONDITION		INV. RATING OF MEMBER FROM RATING ANALYSIS			Deficiencies
				PREVIOUS (0-9)	PRESENT (0-9)	H-20	3	3S2	
A	N	N	Refer to Item 59.4 - Girders or Beams.	5	4	33	41	65	S-A
B	N	N	See remarks in comments section.	5	4	33	41	65	S-A
C									
D									
E									

List of field tests performed:

	I-58	I-59	I-60	I-62
(Overall Previous Condition)	5	5	6	-
(Overall Current Condition)	4	4	6	-

DEFICIENCY: A defect in a structure that requires corrective action.

CATEGORIES OF DEFICIENCIES:

M= Minor Deficiency - Deficiencies which are minor in nature, generally do not impact the structural integrity of the bridge and could easily be repaired. Examples include but are not limited to: Spalled concrete, Minor pot holes, Minor corrosion of steel, Minor scouring, Clogged drainage, etc.

S= Severe/Major Deficiency - Deficiencies which are more extensive in nature and need more planning and effort to repair. Examples include but are not limited to: Moderate to major deterioration in concrete, Exposed and corroded rebars, Considerable settlement, Considerable scouring or undermining, Moderate to extensive corrosion to structural steel with measurable loss of section, etc.

C-S= Critical Structural Deficiency - A deficiency in a structural element of a bridge that poses an extreme unsafe condition due to the failure or imminent failure of the element which will affect the structural integrity of the bridge.

C-H= Critical Hazard Deficiency - A deficiency in a component or element of a bridge that poses an extreme hazard or unsafe condition to the public, but does not impair the structural integrity of the bridge. Examples include but are not limited to: Loose concrete hanging down over traffic or pedestrians, A hole in a sidewalk that may cause injuries to pedestrians, Missing section of bridge railing, etc.

URGENCY OF REPAIR:

I = Immediate - [Inspector(s) immediately contact District Bridge Inspection Engineer (DBIE) to report the Deficiency and to receive further instruction from him/her].

A = ASAP - [Action/Repair should be initiated by District Maintenance Engineer or the Responsible Party (if not a State owned bridge) upon receipt of the Inspection Report].

P = Prioritize - [Shall be prioritized by District Maintenance Engineer or the Responsible Party (if not a State owned bridge) and repairs made when funds and/or manpower is available].

X=UNKNOWN N=NOT APPLICABLE H=HIDDEN/INACCESSIBLE R=REMOVED

CITY/TOWN SAVOY	B.I.N. 02E	BR. DEPT. NO. S-06-021	8.-STRUCTURE NO. S06021-02E-MUN-NBI	INSPECTION DATE DEC 14, 2023
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REMARKS

BRIDGE ORIENTATION

State Routes 116 & 8A (Main Road) travel east and west at this location. Drowned Land Brook flows south to north. This single span structure consists of nine prestressed concrete voided slab beams, that act as the deck, with a bituminous wearing surface. The beams are numbered south to north, upstream to downstream, in accordance with the 2015 Bridge Inspection Handbook. See sketch 1 and photos 1 & 2.

ITEM 59 - SUPERSTRUCTURE

Item 59.4 - Girders or Beams

Between all beams, there is active leakage. Between beams 1 & 2, 2 & 3, 4 & 5, and 8 & 9, there is efflorescence. See photo 2.

Beams 2 - 4 have reflective cracks above them. See photo 3.

Beams 1 & 9, on the vertical fascias, have areas of minor hairline cracking, some with efflorescence.

Beam 2, near mid-span, has a spall along the center, 10' long x up to 2' wide x 3" deep, with 11 exposed prestressing strands. Of the exposed strands, nine are severed and are unserviceable. The remaining four have moderate to severe rusting. See sketch 1 and photo 4.

Beam 2, throughout both edges, has spalling and scaling, up to 3' long x 1' wide x 7" deep. At the west end, there are two exposed prestressing strands, two along the north edge(1 severed) and one along the south edge. The exposed strands have severe rusting. See photo 5.

Beam 6, at approximately 5' from the east breastwall, there is a spall, 64" long x 21" wide x 2" deep, with seven exposed prestressing strands. All strands are severed. See photos 6 & 7.

Beam 9, along the north edge, has several minor spalls, up to 8" long x 2" wide x 1" deep.

Sketch / Photo Log

- Sketch 1 : Framing plan.
- Photo 1 : General topside, looking west.
- Photo 2 : General underside, looking south.
- Photo 3 : Reflective cracking above beam
- Photo 4 : Beam 2 east end spall.
- Photo 5 : Beam 2 east end spall.
- Photo 6 : Beam 6 spall before concrete removal.
- Photo 7 : Beam 6 spall after removal.