

The Board of Selectmen held a workshop on the East Coast Greenway on March 27, 2013 at the Town Hall. Present were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Neil and Robert Lessard; Lance Dimock; Peter Henry; Larry Fiano; John Dean; John Pagini; Laurie Brooks; Will Britnell; Joyce Stille; Gwen Marrion; Richard Treat; Michael Gamache; Andrew Ansaldi; Cathy Teller and Leah Dean.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Workshop began at 5:00 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON EAST COAST GREENWAY BRIDGE

DOT officials went through the plans prepared by Mr. Fiano's engineer. The original proposed DOT plan cost is \$2.6 million for the bridge and retaining walls. Alternate 1 is estimated at \$3.3 to 3.8 million more than the original plan. Alternate 2 is not really feasible. Cost would be estimated to be \$3.8 to \$4 million higher than the original. Alternate 3 could not be done, estimated at \$4 to \$4.2 million more. Mr. Dean had proposed an alternate plan which cannot be done due to the contours being too great. Another alternate was presented by Mr. Fiano's engineer. Additional ideas were discussed. Key to any of the alternatives moving forward is the necessary approval by DOT Maintenance to utilize their land. New trail standards limit trail options. DOT officials discussed that a change from the original proposal which would incur higher costs would need to have compelling reasons to support the change. DOT officials were asked to develop a more conclusive cost estimate.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop ended at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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