

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Monthly SHPO-FHWA-ACOE-NHDOT Cultural Resources Meeting

DATE OF CONFERENCES: December 12 2019

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: John O. Morton Building

ATTENDED BY:

NHDOT

Sheila Charles
Ron Crickard
Jill Edelmann
Tom Jamison

NHDHR

Laura Black
David Trubey

Dubois & King

James Hall
Ross Tsantoulis

FHWA

Jamie Sikora

USACE

Rick Kristoff

Town of Brookline

Tad Putney

PROJECTS/PRESENTATIONS REVIEWED THIS MONTH:

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Participants: Tad Putney, Town of Brookline; Ross Tsantoulis, Jeff Adler, Jim Hall, DuBois & King; Tom Jameson, NHDOT

Initial consultation on the Brookline TAP project for pedestrian improvements on South Main Street and Mason Road including a pedestrian bridge over Nissitissit River. The goal is to have all parties agree on an appropriate pedestrian bridge type at Mason Road that meets the project budget and reduces adverse impacts to the greatest extent possible.

DuBois & King provided a brief project overview and description of the 1932 CRF Bridge on Mason Road in Brookline, NH that crosses the Nissitissit River.

Request for Project Review Form DHR R&C # 110907M1, which as provided to the Consultant (D&K) on October 29, 2019 stated “Bridge No. 080/079 is a potentially NR-eligible 1932 CRF Structure Project Details and Design of Pedestrian Bridge Must be consulted on with DHR”.

Laura Black stated that we need an inventory form from Hartgen for 20 S Main Street due to proposed plans to construct a new sidewalk, with a slope and drainage easement, in close vicinity to the house. Jamie Sikora noted that if the property is historic then finding may be No Adverse Effect and de minimis 4(f), but that will need to be decided in the future depending on outcome of inventory. FHWA and DOT agreed that inventory is necessary.

Archaeological monitoring near the cemetery will be included in environmental commitments.

D&K and Tad Putney, Town of Brookline explained that approximately 100 feet upstream is the Potanipo Lake Boat Access Facility, which is one of the top 3 busiest boat ramps in the State of NH, which sees thousands of recreationalists per season. This boat access facility provides an unimpeded view of the Mason Road Bridge. The proposed TAP pedestrian improvement project will construct the pedestrian bridge on the southern side of Mason Road. The view of the 1932 CRF Structure from the northern side where the boat ramp is located will remain unaffected. Due to the fact that the view of the Mason Road Bridge on the southern side is limited to local residences and can be viewed from private property of 2 residents, the proposed pedestrian bridge will not have an adverse effect on the existing historical structure.

DuBois & King provided sample renderings of two different pedestrian bridge options.

- Option 1: Pratt-Truss Style.
- Option 2: Beam Bridge Style

NHDHR and NHDOT Cultural Resources agreed with the findings of D&K and Town of Brookline. No parties objected to the proposed Pratt Truss.

All parties agreed that Weathering steel (Rust Colored) would fit the landscape. Jamie stated that the consultant should summarize the fact-finding and decisions made. Mr. Putney mentioned that the two other bridges are rust colored.

Mr. Ron Crickard reminded Mr. Putney & D&K to coordinate with Wild and Scenic Rivers. Mr. Putney stated that he had met with National Parks Reps on site. Mr. Crickard suggested that the plans for the bridge are sent to National Parks reps when they are further advanced in design.

Action Items:

1. D&K to provide Individual Inventory Form for 20 South Main Street (K-1).

Submitted by: Sheila Charles and Jill Edelman, Cultural Resources

New Hampshire Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Agency Coordination Meeting

Date December 12, 2019

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