



PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

Project: Waitsfield 013-4(39)
VT 100 Over the Mad River

Date of Meeting: July 13, 2015
Time: 7:30-8:30

Location: Waitsfield Elementary School

Subject: Public Informational Meeting

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to inform local residents about the current status of the project, and receive public input regarding the proposed bridge, detour & schedule.

MEETING SUMMARY

- Concern was expressed as to the length and time of the bridge closure. Residents expressed that a July closure would not be ideal, and that a June or post-labor day closure would be better. VTrans to review the contract documents and permits to determine how early the road closure portion of the project could start.
- An informal poll was taken of the selectman and residents as to when the ideal bridge closure time would be, and it was nearly unanimous that a late May or early June bridge closure would be better than a closure starting on July 5th.
- The towns of Fayston and Warren will need to submit a letter to VTrans authoring use of the local road detour for any revised closure dates.
- Concern was expressed about the safety of vehicles leaving Lareau Farm Inn and turning onto VT 100. Owners of the farm asked that if the configuration of the road was changed, would the apron still be paved as part of this project. VTrans indicated that re-configuration of the road would not be included in this project, but that paving of the apron would still be accommodated as long as it was in the vicinity of the project.
- Residents expressed concern that since the local roads are also being used as the official detour route, local residents will be using other roads as the unofficial local detour. The question was raised by one of the selectman as to whether additional money would be made available to maintain these "unofficial" local detours. VTrans agreed to review the contract language, and see if additional funds could be made available for local road maintenance.

- Residents expressed concern that if nighttime work is to occur, would the lighting required be reviewed by VTrans, and would changes be possible. VTrans indicated that any nighttime work requiring lighting would have to be submitted to VTrans for review, and that if residents expressed concern about the light, changes could be made.
- A question was asked if the bridge rail that is currently shown can be changed to the bridge rail that is being placed on the Bristol Project.