

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 25, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes
John Kosier
Dennis Valente
Tina Molé
Jared Boice
Tyson Robb
Elizabeth Defalco

Joe Cetta
Bill Layton
Gerry Vernold
Jim Thomas
Lisa Henderson
Mary Crisafulli

• Catskill Mtn Scenic Byway – CR38

Robin Williams, Town of Middletown, Carole O'Beirne, Catskill Mountain Scenic By-Way Committee, John Hibble, Village of Margaretville, Peter Manning, Genius Loci Planning were present to discuss the Catskill Mountain Scenic By-Way.

- A brief presentation was given by Carol O'Beirne as to why CR 38 is a critical piece of the by-way to help bring traffic into Roxbury, the hamlet of Arkville and the Village of Margaretville. Our current update will include the Town of Roxbury on one end and the Town of Hurley on the other. Over the past 25 years the property on CR 38 has been developed. It now have a low income housing development, a rec center, the new CWC/DEP facility the also houses the Water Discovery Center; the area is thriving and it is helping Arkville become a place that people don't just pass through. CR 38 is a critical access point to Route 30 for those people going to Roxbury. The Village of Margaretville is also expanding their coverage to include both the Fair Street and Bridge Street bridges so people will have three ways to access Route 30 from Route 28. We are here to ask for your support in this effort. This is part of a well-orchestrated plan.

- DV, What do you need from the County exactly?

- JH, We would need a resolution from the County saying they approve of the designation. First we need one from the Town of Middletown, so we are working our way up through the process.

- PM, When I worked on this in Green County, the State Scenic By-way Coordinator required a letter of support from the County; a resolution would be one step beyond that which wouldn't hurt. I would read the Middletown resolution carefully as there are certain pledges that are in there that must be met.

- DV, So there would be signage that needed to go up?

- PM, I can address that. In the scenic by-way, the regulation is that there is no off premise signage allowed. In the Castkill Park there is no off premise signage allowed so Middletown and Roxbury are just out of the Park so in their resolution, they will pledge that they will not put billboards up. That is really the only regulation that comes with the designation. There would be some identification signs. Once a section becomes designated, NYSDOT usually takes the lead and puts those signs up.

- GH, What about the signage that is currently there?

- PM, Good question, that signage is grandfathered in. And they can be maintained and reestablished. It would be a decision of the Town if they chose to phase them out.

- JH, To be clear, it is the decision of the Governing body (Town or Village). They maintain control of what happens.

- CB, The structure of the By-Way is that there is the Route 28 leaders group, that group is made up of the top elected officials in each municipality in the By-Way, they are the governing board. Then there is the Central Catskills Collaborative, that is the worker bees, there is a delegate and alternate that must sit on a municipal board, they are then elected to sit on the collaborative. John is currently the Vice President of the collaborative. I am currently the Co-Chair with Helen Chase of Olive. The Chamber is the administrator for the By-Way. Then we have delegates; Robin is the delegate from Middletown. So we manage all of the goals and management plan, we make sure the By-Way is successful and viable.
- DV, It would be nice to see someone from your group on the tourism advisory board, maybe reach out to Glen Nealis on that.
- PM, I did attend one of their round-table discussions.
- CB, We have been talking/working with them. It is critical that we all work together to have a unified approach to use tourism for economic development.
- JK, If this goes through are there any plans for further extensions?
- CB, There have been talks of creating a Route 30 scenic by-way from two separate groups. For the Catskills, the short term goal after we receive this extension is to connect the Catskill Mountain Scenic By-Way and the Nanticoke (?) Scenic By-Way, we are close but it is a huge undertaking to engage municipal involvement. The Catskill Park plan is to have an easily recognizable way to travel through the Catskills. But these planning processes take years so this is not a quick process.
- The Committee agreed that once we have studied the Middletown resolution they will draft a resolution in support of this project.

GENERAL

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the January 4, 2023 Meeting were approved as presented.

- Equipment Authorizations

- JT, We have quite a few of these.
 - Weights & Measures cart - \$495
 - Approved
 - Copier for Admin office - \$8,688
 - DV, We buy the copier?
 - LH, Yes, and then we have a service contract that is paid monthly, that includes toner and such.
 - Approved
 - New Washer for Compost facility (not budgeted) \$1,329.95
 - Approved
 - Scavenger Pump for new underground storage tank (not budgeted) \$3,500
 - Approved
 - New Pickup for landfill - \$52,811.95
 - Approved
 - Telehandler - \$94,177 (\$24,000 under budget)
 - Approved
 - Manlift - \$23,976.10 (\$26,000 under budget)
 - Approved
 - Variable Message Boards - \$37,950 for the pair (\$4,000 under)
 - Approved

- Portable Traffic Signals - \$52,000 for pair (\$8,000 under)
 - Approved
- Road Widener - \$274,198.30 (\$25,801 under)
 - Jared, we may get this fairly quick if thing work out. Otherwise it is two years out.
 - Approved
- Plate Tamp - \$2,440 (\$40 over)
 - Approved
- Two trim saws - \$407.98 – budgeted \$1,000
 - Approved
- Replacement chainsaw (not budgeted) \$696.99
 - Approved
- 1" gas powered water pump (not budgeted) \$299.99
 - Approved

- LH, so we are doing ok in both equipment budgets at this point so we will still be ok if the trucks come in high. We hope to have the numbers for the trucks very soon.

- Training Authorization

- JT, need authorization for testing for the nuclear density gauge, I was always the control person for that and I can't do that in my new position. It's on-line, \$59.00
- Approved.

- Authorization to Fill Vacancy

- LH, Joe VanValkenburg is retiring March 30th, he is an HEO II in Kelly Corners
- Approved

- Soil & Water Contract

- JT, This is the contact we do every year, \$20,000
- Approved.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4S Status

- TR, we are finishing construction on this. We have the underground storage tank in, we have the secondary metering pump and some electrical work left to do, going to permanent power from the Delhi substation instead of Walton.
- JC, Oh the dirty Walton power.
- TR, It is true though, I really noticed it on the scales, the scale was having issues reading, it was drifting, so we put a power controller on it and it hasn't moved since. And that will mess with a lot of things likes pumps and other sensitive equipment.
- TR, But we are closing in on just punch list items for this project.

- Cell 1 Redevelopment

- TR, We have a work plan together and have submitted that to GHD, they will get it ready to submit to DEC, then we will begin the back and forth on that to get it where everyone is happy with it. We have to look at the budget and see where we are. It would be a bid project, it's a lot of material that needs to be moved quickly.
- GH, And that will go into the other cells?

- TR, Yes. Currently we have room on five and six, every time compost goes down, we lose space there but right now we are still good.

- Temporary Rain Cover

- TR, Going on to the side of cell 6, that should last for ten years. That is out for bid, hoping to get that done this spring.

- JC, You consider 10 years temporary?

- TR, Yes. Because it is considered a temporary closure, it is not the final cap, we won't do that for years.

- Compost Repairs

- TR, have a transfer pump that is giving us problems, we are hoping we can keep it going for another year, the last one lasted 15 months, this is an on-going problem.

- JT, We are looking for a better way to do this.

- JC, What size pump is it?

- TR, Progressive cavity pump, it's a different kind of pump and the issue is the different variety of material that we get, each facility is so different. We are looking at different way to manage this because it definitely effects our ability to accept the biosolids.

- TR, We also have the replacement panels that need to go up in the 112 room. We do have the material. That is scheduled to happen in March and April. Scaffolding will go up at the end of March and Skip is scheduled for April 17th to start the actual replacement.

- JC, A few years ago we talked about having a meeting down there so we could go through the facility and get a better understanding of it.

- TR, We can definitely do that.

- JC, Thank you for picking up the mattress and box spring from the State lot.

- TR, You're welcome, I got sick of looking at it.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- NYC Road Maintenance Agreement

- JT, Still waiting on the City on this.

- BR 32

- JT, We now have DOT approval to award to the second low bidder. Economy wasn't really happy with us but we had to do what was appropriate. Award has been made to Vector and we are working on getting all the contracts and bonds in place.

- BR 136

- JT, This is the BridgeNY project, it is out for public comment, we did get some feedback from the adjacent landowners, they need access for log trucks and such, shouldn't be a problem, it will make things a little tighter and add some cost to the project but it is manageable.

JK, I have a question, Maple Avenue in Hobart, the Village needs to replace the culvert, they have everything they need and the people across the street won't let them on their property to do the work.

JT, I don't think that is legal, they have a right to maintain their infrastructure.

JK, I told them if they had problems to call you.

JT, OK.

- Abatement Bids for Flood Buyout

- JT, Award for the Abatement bids is prefiled for today. Asbestos is just crazy; you never know what you are going to get on those.

- JB, And they will tell you it just matters how much work they have.

- LH, This resolution is wrong, so I have emailed Penny and told her we will need to correct it. That is my fault.

- Controlled Demo

- JT, Still waiting for GOSR approval on this one.

- SHPO approval

- JT, Not sure when this happened exactly but we finally got approval to not salvage everything. We still have to do the reports and document it all but they have agreed that we have exhausted every option available. So hopefully we can get moving on this.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- JT, Should be starting block work in Walton any day now. Scaffolding is going up.

- JT, Still setting steel in Bloomville, panels aren't there yet.

- GH, I thought they had them.

- JB, They have some but the horizontal ones were backordered.

- JT, Delhi is getting close, I'll probably be saying that for a few meetings.

RESOLUTIONS

Change Order #2 – SW4-21

Award FB3-22 – Asbestos Abatement

Surplus Equipment