

## TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE - PLANNING BOARD

Friday, July 8, 2022

*Public meeting convenes at 7:00 p.m.*

**Present:** Joe Brodbine, James Hancock, and Maria Bissell

**Others Present:** No others present

**Call to Order:** Maria Bissell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Review of the Minutes**

No previous minutes to review

### **Items for Discussion**

Provide information on potential needs of town to submit to SWRPC in response to ask of town of Chesterfield, NH for input on 9 West corridor

James Hancock opened the discussion with the reminder of likely future increasing volume of residents in Keene, NH, which will likely lead to an increased volume of traffic going both east and west on Rte. 9. Group was all in agreement that there is a need to look towards quicker East/West route for future NH growth and commerce.

Subcommittee discussed how we would like to address our town's/state's needs. Decision was made to focus on larger goal (#1 below), medium goal (#2 below), and short-term goals to alleviate existing traffic on Rte. 9 West (#3 below).

1. Primary/dedicated East/West highway incrementally developed starting at the Daniel Webster to Keene with additional phases to extend to I-91.  
\*Subcommittee believes this will lead to benefits in additional opportunities for increased housing, workforce, reduced traffic through cities and towns, potential increase in tourism, safety, and lowered commute times with dedicated highway.
2. Current East/West routes from 9, 101, and 12 East of Keene – look at more opportunities to increase passing lanes prior to and following towns.
3. Requests specific to Rte. 9 West through Chesterfield, NH to alleviate issues with existing traffic.
  - a. Look for more opportunities for increased and safer passing lanes.
  - b. Longer and additional turn/merge lanes in Stow Drive area to accommodate large trucks. Make Poocham Rd. entrance onto Rte. 9 right turn only (signage to be added 'No left turn').
  - c. Improve sight lines from Stage Rd.
  - d. Look for additional turn/merge lanes at higher traffic businesses and roads coming onto and off Rte. 9 West (examples Chesterfield Gorge, Big Deal, and Glebe Rd).
  - e. Extend passing lanes past the crest of hills (example Chesterfield Hill).

**Items for Information**

Zoom meeting - SWRPC Transportation Corridor Meeting on 7/12/22 at 6:30 pm

There is a zoom meeting planned by SWRPC to discuss Rte. 9 West that Chesterfield, NH town was invited to attend. Maria will ask Fran Shippee if a member of the Select Board could attend with an ask to reschedule the meeting until after Planning Board meeting on 7/18/22 as well as an ask if Select Board members could attend the Planning Board meeting to discuss the town’s response as the deadline for the town’s submittal to SWRPC is due 7/29/22.

**Other Business**

**Items for Signature**

None

**Adjournment**

*Joe Brodbine moved to adjourn at 8:16 P.M. The motion was seconded by James Hancock and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Maria Bissell**

**Transportation Subcommittee Chair**