

Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee
March 8, 2005

Present: Melinda Loberg, Chair; Steve Berlucci, Bob Ford, Mark London, Tristan Israel, Jo-Ann Taylor, Dan Greenbaum, Angie Grant, Bill Wilcox

Existing Bridge:

- Mark spoke with Alton Ellis, at District 5, on March 8, regarding the status of the repairs – was told that they were here on March 7, looking at the mechanical connectors; they have the recommendations of a consultant, were here to field check; they will make every effort but can't guarantee that it will be operational by summer
- Steve will call District 5 Highway Engineer Skip McCourt, John Blundo to verify the status (Tristan would also like information on the cost); he will try to get verification this week
- If necessary (after Steve's inquiries), there should be phone calls made by Boards of Selectmen to legislators
- The Committee would like Mark to be the main contact regarding the repairs
- Jo-Ann reported no response to letter to Coast Guard, will follow-up with a phone call

Temporary Bridge:

- Comment letter sent; no response yet
- Bill Wilcox reported on attempts to get review by Mass Estuaries Project; unclear if pdf of plans was sent by MassHighway or if paper copies need to be forwarded; unclear whether or not towns will have to pay (MassHighway doesn't appear to be willing to pay)

Permanent Bridge:

- Per telephone March 8, Steve McGlaughlin told Mark that the RFQ would go out by the end of this week
- Various approaches were discussed regarding the instigation of a public participation process regarding the design of the permanent bridge:
 - o Start to plan height, width, aesthetics, tower vs. no tower, where bike path, where channel (sketches for discussion purposes?)
 - o Wait for bridge study that will produce 3-4 design options, weigh in at that time, follow through with details
- Melinda will find out from the boatyards how many boats/what height

Next Meeting: **Wednesday**, April 6, 9 A.M., MVC (with an eye to permanently moving the meeting to Wednesdays)