

TIP PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

May 26, 2016 2:30 PM @ RIDOT

BSFD LT attendees: Nancy Corey, Bred Sellon, and Terry Duffy

The LT was advised on Monday May 13 that the Town of Narragansett would present the attached, much modified, TIP proposal to RIDOT for consideration. The narrative of this proposal contains several important changes:

- **Repaving of the causeway that in a manner insures road stability and durability than originally presented**
- **Dredging Wesquage Pond (\$150,000- 200,000) to reduce/eliminate causeway flooding; the most detrimental /destabilizing factor in the road's current failed condition.**

This TIP proposal was developed by the Town and Beta Engineering LLC in concert with CRM Smith Engineering, the BSBC sewer project consultant.

The newly proposed improved plan is in part a response to the BSFD concerns for greater road stability and durability.

Three speakers advocated for this proposal: Rep Carol McEntee, Narra. Director of Planning Mike DeLuca and LT Chair Terry Duffy. We represented ourselves as a group and I made the closing statement, summarized as follows:

- **The BSFD is in dire need of causeway improvement for reasons outlined in the proposal with a focus on public safety**
- **The BSFD is not opposed to the BSBC sewer project and the BSFD Council is simply engaged in ongoing discussions about details of the BSBC easement request**
- **The TIP proposal's dredging component is central to the agreements moving forward.**

After the hearing, DeLuca introduced me to the Commission Chairman, Jared Rhodes, who commented on points we had made (he was very attentive) and assured us of the priority he will place on this TIP proposal. He encouraged contact with State decision makers to solicit their support.

Mike DeLuca suggested afterward that the BSFD and BSBC meet at Town Hall to workout timing issues related to sewer installation and final roadway repaving. He also informs that a 2-3 month decision making process is usual.

Public comment for TIP deadline is June 26th.

The TIP Proposal Application

- **Planning and design: BSFD should be heard on this subject, e.g. Culvert expansion/additions between ponds and breach way**
- **BSFD contribution of funds to dredge pond. There is no formula, i.e. % of total \$150-200 K that is required. It is only strongly recommended. BSFD payment of our proposed study could be considered as a contribution.**
- **Condition of Causeway (p2) cites unconsolidated fill and the unknown makeup of same.**

Only one center of causeway boring hole was taken over + - 1200 ft. We should insist on more testing at close to center of the road intervals.

- **BSBC commitment to add to fund. No details on that see (p3).PROJECT ESTIMATES**
- **Applicant Certification**

This copy was obtained from DeLuca after the hearing. Both he and the Director of Engineering (acting) Jeff Cesserine signed the original proposal submitted on Thursday, 5/26/2016