

BSLT Report to the BSFD Council

April, 2016

The BSLT met on April 14, 2016 to further discuss the granting of an easement to the BSBC for a sewer line installation.

Several issues remain unresolved or not addressed. They need clarification before the LT can make any decisions related to granting easements or considering this project's impact on community property. They are:

- **Land Trust ownership of the causeway and/or abutting properties.**  
This is currently being researched by a Title expert.
- Any answers provided by the professional, legal, and engineering advice /counsel which the BSFD Council authorized the sewer committee to seek.
- Consideration of all alternatives to excavating the causeway before this failed roadway can be totally rebuilt, e.g., see attached.

Land Trust ownership of property abutting the Bonnet Point Rd. causeway is a matter of public record. The watershed abutting the causeway is part of a sensitive ecosystem already overburdened by over development. We request that an impact study be undertaken and required before any LT action is taken.

In meetings seeking Town and CRMC direction in this matter, both agencies express reservations about the fragile, 100 yr. old causeway's ability to withstand the stress that this project will entail. The lack of site assessment data (soil test borings in the roadway) coupled with the Narragansett TIP application's description of this causeway demands a much closer evaluation of this application before we act.

In a 4-0 vote, the LT voiced its unwillingness to support the granting of an easement until the applicant addresses our concerns.

4/21/16

## **A Sewer Line Proposal to The BSFD and the BSBC from The Bonnet Shores Land Trust**

One of our BS Land Trust Trustees – has researched and found a possible alternative sewer solution for the Bonnet Shores Beach Club sewer connection. This entails running a high pressure, Double Wall Environmental Piping Systems made by Asahi/America alongside the Causeway or through Wesquage Pond to the Allagash pumping station rather than cutting a trough through the center of the Causeway thereby facilitating the possible demise of the Causeway.

The Land Trust is willing to allow access over/through Land Trust Property along and beside the causeway as may be approved by the Town of Narragansett and CRMC as a viable alternative solution to mitigate this issue.

This would provide an immediate solution to the Beach Club's need to connect to the public sewer system until such time as a new elevated Causeway with a new sewer system is properly reconstructed.

The other major benefits to the Beach Club: 1. They will not suffer a disruption in sewer service while a new Causeway is under construction. 2. The BSBC should receive a substantial savings utilizing this plan as compared to the current plan. The Beach Club's cost of new engineering for this proposal should be minimal.

The Narragansett Town engineers and CRMC have been shown this alternative and they think it is a very plausible.

For additional information about Asahi/ America - go to: <http://asahi-america.com>  
or  
<http://asahi-america.com/piping-systems-and-welding/double-wall-environmental>

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