

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
January 18, 2011**

Present: Brian McDonald, Chairman
Ed Harrington
Victor Pap III
Thomas J. Lacey
Kevin Whitaker

Also Present: Robert Conlon
Michael Molisse
George Lane

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman McDonald called the Environmental Committee meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

RESOLUTION ON FORE RIVER BRIDGE

Chairman McDonald reported that the intentions of this meeting are to vote on a resolution for the Fore River Bridge, for later approval by the Council.

Councilor Pap motioned for favorable action on the resolution, with an amendment to the second to last paragraph. Following USCG, he motioned for addition of "Federal Highway Administration", motion seconded by Councilor Harrington. Councilor Pap noted that due to time constraints, he will read the entire resolution into the record at the Town Council Meeting.

It was noted that Mayor Kay is in favor of a bascule style bridge and as such has forwarded a memorandum in support of this to the Town Council.

Councilor Pap apologized for not reaching out to his fellow Councilors but the time line was most challenging as the finishing touches were made to the resolution, subsequent to last Thursday's Fore River Bridge meeting.

Motion was unanimously voted.

Chairman McDonald is recommending that the committee ask the Council to request the FHA to file an environmental impact statement for the replacement project and support rejection of the vertical lift bridge option in favor of a bascule style bridge design.

Additionally he is requesting that these concerns are relayed to the USCG and MHD for inclusion in the record as part of the public comment process.

So moved by Councilor Pap, seconded by Councilor Harrington and voted unanimously by the committee.

Chairman McDonald further noted that the two options available to the FHA are a finding of no significant impacts or filing of an environmental impact statement.

He extended his appreciation to all parties involved in the process.

Adjournment

At 7:40 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Pap to recess until after the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Harrington and unanimously voted.

At 8:26 PM (following the Town Council Meeting) Councilor Pap motioned for the committee to adjourn, as they had no further business to conduct, motion seconded by Councilor Harrington and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Councilor Brian McDonald as Chairman