

The bridge railings should be open so that the shortest among us can easily see the water. Children should not be denied the opportunity watch the river flow by, rather, they should be given the opportunity and encouraged to do so;

One of the charms of the Village is the multitude of different architectural designs and how they blend and meet at odd angles. This aesthetic should be continued;

Similarly, the oddly shaped and configured public spaces make visiting the Village more enjoyable;

In summary, in my opinion the outer limits of the bridge should be as close as possible to the current limits and expanded only to the extent to necessary to provide safe and comfortable passage over it possible. Preserving the ability to view the stream from different vantage points (and through the railings), on both side of the bridge, should be maintained. To this end, I prefer the general designs prepared by John.

Finally, has the Committee received the petition that is circulating around Town? I am aware that one is being circulated, there was a copy at Aaron Manor the other day. This petition was seeking signatures in support of widening the bridge only to the extent necessary to provide safe pedestrian passage. I did not personally see it, but support the concept nonetheless.

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Cc: Judy Brown; Ed Meehan; Brian Kent

Subject: Main Street Project Committee Special Meeting

Importance: High

TO ALL:

Special Meeting Agenda attached. On Thursday night, Committee members will discuss the design of the bridge abutments with Dave Stahnke, Chief Design Engineer from Trans Systems in an effort to finalize and send recommendations to D.O.T. regarding the design of the bridge. Because of the cancellation of the meeting last week due to the storm, we are slightly behind schedule in making our recommendation to D.O.T. and we have to make progress in this regard on Thursday evening.

Please make every effort to attend and respond to Judy ASAP as to your attendance.

Michael

Subject: RE: Main Street Project Committee Special Meeting

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All,

I'm unable to make the meeting tomorrow, but wanted to share my thoughts on the limits and design of the Main Street bridge. So, in no particular order or importance, here they are:

- The over-whelming input we have received from our fellow citizens, including from the survey we took, was to leave things alone as much as possible and just fix things up;

- The Pattaconk, is justifiably the most important feature of the downtown area. Without the Brook, Chester would not have been settled and grown as it has;

- The way the brook is accessed now, i.e. viewed from Main Street, is unique when compared to most streams/bridges in similar situations. By this I mean that you can not only view the water by looking directly up and down stream, but on both sides of the bridge you can view the stream flowing past you by looking over the picket fence next to the Local Beet, and over the fence next to the Johnson building. You do not have this type of access at most bridges;

- I believe that the opinions of the adjacent property owners should be seriously considered, and not dismissed in any way;

- Similarly, the opinions of the people who cared enough to come to public meetings and express their thoughts should also be seriously considered;

- Taking of private property, either in fee, or by easement, should be avoided, or at least minimized;

- The sidewalks width should be comfortably wide and safe, but not excessively wide;

- The sidewalks over the bridge should never be used for restaurant tables, and should not be designed to encourage that type of use. These areas should always be available for spontaneous use of passers-by. They should not be monopolized an adjacent business;

- Watercourses should not be paved over (i.e. covered by a bridge) unnecessarily.

Widening the sidewalks beyond what is minimally necessary to provide convenient, comfortable, safe passage should not be done;