

**Informational Meeting held by the Town of Ticonderoga for a Project Planned on  
The Portage to reconstruct the sewer line held on December 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Joseph Giordano, Supervisor  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman  
Wayne Taylor, Councilman  
Dave Woods, Councilman  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

**Others:** Donald & Judith Peterson, Tim Rowland, Jerry Cooper, Tom Cunningham, Rich Holmberg, Scott Montville, Marge Cross and Grew Swart along with Kevin Farrington from AES Engineering

Supervisor Giordano opened the meeting introducing our Town Engineers who will be presenting to the public tonight.

Greg Swart, AES, explained the project:

- Part of the over all sewer project
- Reconstruct sewer line on The Portage
- Overall project is adding Disinfection to affluent
- Also, flows to plant are too high - because of too much storm water
- Increase capacity of plant for storm water - this phase will help remove it
- Sewer Line & storm line is actually connected to the stream project
- Funded through the overall funding package/Some Grant monies and 0% loans
- We will doing final design next year
- Because they will be digging up sewer lines it will be most of the Portage
- Cannonball path to Alexandria Avenue
- Will need to repave and replace sidewalks-this is opportunity for input and redesign for the Portage
- Be assured that nuisances to property owners will be kept down to a minimum

This first meeting is a brief presentation and you can give suggestions or questions, send any emails, letters or stop in to the Town Clerk's office. In the next year or so there will be personal visits more meetings

Kevin Farrington, AES provided a broad overview of project: (attached)

- Opportunity to improve or upgrade the area because of the significant amount of work to be done to the Portage
- Here to listen - maybe people are happy the way it is, maybe you would rather have sidewalks on both sides of the road
- parking on both sides or one
- grassy areas both sides/one/ none
- wide traveling lanes/small traveling lanes
- typical road is 50'/not that simple in some areas of the Portage

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\*Judith Peterson inquired about curbing. (She doesn't believe there is enough foot traffic to warrant sidewalks on both sides)

Certain advantages of curbing -

- can generalize the gutter flow
- have a neater road edge

Grassy Areas

- Plow tends to tear up
- becomes parking lane

\*Tom Cunningham asked about a bike path on one side and walking path on the other

Bike Path - rules

- if you have one you must have on both sides-they are 5' wide
- could utilize a multi use path
- you cannot park on a bike lane
- will eliminate parking on both sides
- Can do a share the road
- Transition in traffic
- many more road rules for bike lanes

\*Councilwoman Cooper reminded that there is a lot of traffic with boat trailers traveling The Portage

\*Tom Cunningham brought up the issue with parking at a day care that is located on The Portage. He asked if utilities will be underground.

All utilities underground

- This is something to look into
- limited budget from funding with sewer and water
- Will be paid for by residents
- there are priorities - must decide
- district will be paying for extras

\*Councilman Taylor mentioned the significant amount of ledge on The Portage

Ledge

- Surveys have pinpointed ledge
- Majority has been removed during other projects

\*Councilman Woods wanted to know how the work would be done to individual properties.

Project - Sewer

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- Sewer will be replaced in kind (main line will be put in and hooked up the same day)
- Use as you go along
- 2 days of disturbance
- Looking into properties that are tied in to old line behind their homes

**Project - Water**

- Water main will go in and connect
- laterals connect the next day
- should only take a couple of hours for connection

\*Mr. Cunningham agreed that a few residences on The Portage are connected from behind their houses. He asked if storm water is being treated before it ends up in the LaChute?

**Storm Water**

- Storm water will be treated before it enters the stream
- Vortex system - concrete structure induces a vortex so the grit will be dropped out
- There will be a sewer line and there will be a storm water line

Mr. Swart summed up the concerns/suggestions from tonight

- Sidewalk on one side
- look at bike lane options
- keep parking
- speed concerns

\*Mrs. Peterson expressed concern of disruption of service and also asked if sidewalks were considered part of the right-of-way? She does agree that parking on one side should be sufficient.

Everything will be kept in service every night and minimal disruption of service. If ever there is a problem residents are encouraged to reach out to the project supervisor (white hat) or the engineer.

Sidewalks are ideally in the right-of-way, there may be some that are on private property.

\*Councilman Woods asked if any sidewalks would be saved.

Certainly will try, but not very likely.

Mr. Swart explained that there will be a meeting with the Town Board and they will be setting up another meeting for this project in February. Any suggestions or new participants are asked to come to these meetings and from that point we will have to make a final decision. This project has to be designed this year and then will need to go out to bid for construction in 2020. We will need to make some of these decisions over this next month or so. As part of the design, we will look at property information to

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figure out if there are any particular issues, there may be some temporary easements needed for re-grading incase we disturb lawns we can put them back. Also, people from our firm or the Town will be knocking on doors to verify where sewer lines go and also to have particular discussions if any one have any issues. Encourage you to contact the town with any questions or concerns, we want to hear from your.

\*Mr. Cunningham asked if there will be direction drilling or open trenches?

Mr. Farrington explained that sewer will most likely stay in the same trenches as they are in, so they will have open trenches. The water line will be put in adjacent to the original one, so they can be pressure tested and sanitized and chlorinated before it is passed and accepted so they will be open trench also, parallel.

\*Mr. Cunningham asked who is responsible for the grass and snow removal if there are grassy areas?

**Grass median**

- Town has a sidewalk plow - for snow maintenance
- Normally homeowners will take ownership of this area
- Town can mow if no one else is maintaining strip

Discussion was held on stripping versus non-stripping of road

**Bump-outs**

- Improve pedestrian safety for crossing
- calming effect for speed control
- visual cue to slow down

\*Marge Cross (arrived late) wanted to know how this will make her area better than just a speed bump? She gave history of her area and her grandchild being hit by a car there.

**Speed**

- We need suggestions
- Can look into signage - driver feedback visual signs
- possible speed bumps
- narrowing of the road
- road design itself

**Limited sight distance**

- Cannonball onto Champlain

\*Ms. Cross asked what the time frame was for this project.

Three (3) year project - 2019 is design, 2020 is utilities, 2021 is what we are taking about now.

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\*Ms. Cross shared concern regarding her clients being able to get in to her property at 176 The Portage.

She was assured that there will always be one lane open (with flaggers), emergency vehicles will have access and will be kept informed. If there is any issue of extended time that you cannot get to your property, please, report it. It will be addressed. There may be a time where there is wet curbing, but you will be told about it. Nuisances will be kept to a minimum.

\*Ms. Cross asked about cost.

Cost

- Ultimately the project is funded by Central sewer district users - not particularly to individual property owners
- More grant funding is being researched (we have secured a 0% loan and a 25% grant currently for the project)
- This is an extension of the project currently being done at the Sewer Plant

The Board thanked the public that attended tonight and encouraged everyone to spread the word and attend the February meeting. Bring concerns and questions, send in concerns and questions, we need your input. Reminding that this project is on a budget and will ultimately be paid by the district users.

Meeting closed at 6:21 p.m.

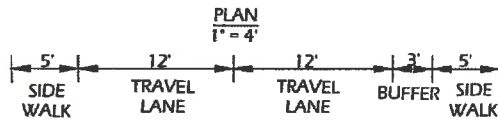
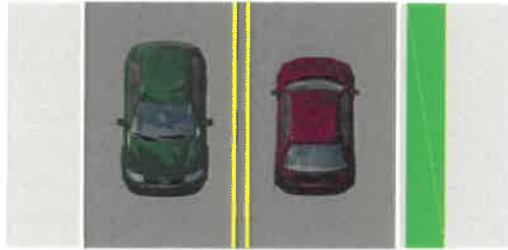
Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk



Diagram illustrating the cross-section of a three-lane road:

- 5' SIDE WALK
- 13' TRAVEL LANE
- PLAN 1" = 4'
- 13' TRAVEL LANE

EXISTING SECTION 3  
1" = 4'



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**RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PORTAGE**  
THUNDERBOLT, VT

**TYPICAL SECTION**

DATE: 10/10/2018  
BY: J. B. BROWN  
CHECKED BY: J. B. BROWN  
SCALE: 1" = 4'

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#### GENERAL NOTES:

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PROJECT TITLE:

**Notes on Contributors**

### RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PORTAGE

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### OVERALL SCHEMATIC PLAN

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. <http://www.nhtsa.gov>


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Scale 1" = 20'

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PORTAGE

**SCHEMATIC PLAN**

**GENERAL NOTES:**

**REVISIONS:**

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	12/19/20	Initial Design

**DATE:** 12/19/20

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<b>LOCATION:</b>	
<b>SCHEMATIC PLAN</b>	
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## TownClerk

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**From:** D WRight [dh.wrightgt3502007@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:46 AM  
**To:** Tonya M Thompson  
**Cc:** Laura Wright; robin taylor  
**Subject:** Future Portage Construction

Hello Tonya, this is Dave Wright, hope you are well. One of my tenants advised me about the notice she received on the anticipated Portage construction. I have a few comments and questions regarding it that I would like to be addressed. Would you please forward this message to the responsible authorities?

I have three (3) properties on the Portage, a vacant lot, 167, and 169. All three of these properties are on the "old Portage" before the street was realigned. It is the short piece of roadway directly adjacent to the Portage, which would be to the west of the current Portage. This short section is approximately the length from Dr. Cook's to Blodgett Supply. For future reference I would like to describe the street where my properties are as "old Portage".

1. Will the construction include digging up the driveway on the north side of 169 The Portage? There is a driveway that is between my house and the adjacent house to the north(171). I have a parking space I use at that location. Also, in the past, heavy rain has caused the cellar in 169 to flood.
2. On my street, the "old Portage", there is a junction point where the old and new streets meet, this point is located about at the location across the street from Dr. Cook's. At this point there is a sharp rise from the "old Portage" to the new Portage. The steepness of this rise has a habit of making it difficult for vehicles with low ground height to drive over the area.
  - a) Will this area become worse?
  - b) Can this area be bettered?
3. At the end of the "old Portage", about in front of my vacant lot, which is across the street from Blodgett Supply, the "old Portage" ends. There is a sidewalk there that continues up the hill and goes south.
  - a) Will this portion of the old street stay the same there?
  - b) Preferably would you be able to extend the "old Portage" to the south to where it would intersect the new Portage at some location past the lot, thus creating a way for vehicles to exit the "old Portage" in front of my properties either on the north or south?
4. There are at times issues with parking that occurs in front of residences directly north of 169 The Portage. Vehicles parking in front of those residences can block traffic to my residences, 167, 169, and the vacant lot, as there is only one way in and out of the "old Portage". Vehicles seem to be inclined to park in the paved area of the street instead of designated driveways. I believe this is mostly visitors, but there can be a number of them on a regular basis. Because of this it creates a Public Safety issue for my properties if emergency vehicles can not have access.
  - a) Will construction improve this problem in any way?
  - b) If construction cannot improve this problem are there other things that can be done to keep the road clear for emergency vehicles, as this is currently a dead end street? Please review #3b prior for one of my ideas.
  - c) Or, perhaps signs placed on the street that prohibit parking on the street to emergency vehicles only? For example at 171 The Portage and the next residence to the north, there are at times parking issues as I have noted. If

vehicles park on the street in front of those residences, it can completely block access to my properties, as there is no other way into the street.

5. Not knowing what your future plans are, I would like to draw your attention to the area of roadway guardrail that is located on The Portage, the sections runs from approximately 171 The Portage to a distance past my vacant lot to the south. There is a very high embankment there, which is the reason for the guardrail.

a) Can the looks and efficiency, of the section of the The Portage, be improved? Not knowing what will occur in this area with the new plan, can anything be done in the form of landscaping design to help with blocking the sound/noise of traffic and the collection of debris that is tossed and left over the bank in front of my properties. For some reason the traffic noise seems to be very high there maybe because the new Portage is higher than where my properties are located, below it. In addition, the bank has a very nice collection of Poison Ivy on it that Town staff fights every summer season, thank you for doing that. Perhaps adding some kind of additional buffer to the guardrail in the form of landscaping(trees, shrubbery) and traffic security?

5. This area of my properties is a unique area on the Portage. Please forward directly to me any plans, thoughts, or comments that have been made addressing this area in your future construction project?

6. In closing, I would like to add that I am very impressed with how the Town has handled issues in the area of my properties in the past. The maintaining of the bank in the summer, mowing and trimming along the guardrail. The paving of the old street in front of my residences, that looks so nice now! Any finally the plowing of the street in the winter. I can't tell you how impressed I am with the Town services and staff and I want to thank all of you for everything you do on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

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