

MEMORANDUM

To: Patty Meroni, VBH Chairman Roads & Bridges
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Re: Haegers Bend Road Public Hearing
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On Wednesday, July 16, 2014, a public hearing was held at the Village Hall to solicit comment on proposed improvements to Haegers Bend Road. Various exhibits were on display in the training room, an information sheet and comment forms were provided, and a court reporter was present to accept verbal comments.

The primary purpose of the public hearing was to get feedback on three important items:

- As the majority of Haegers Bend Road is maintained through a prescriptive easement, feedback was sought from residents along Haegers Bend Road as to whether they were willing to provide ROW or an easement to allow for the roadway to be reconstructed.
- As provision of a bike lane may increase chance of securing federal funding for a potential reconstruction project, feedback was sought from residents as to whether or not it would be favorable to construct a bike lane along Haegers Bend Road.
- As removal of the island at Spring Creek and Haegers Bend would increase the Village's chances of securing federal funding for a potential reconstruction project, feedback was sought from residents as to whether or not it would be favorable to remove this island.

The Village received a total of 59 returned comment forms before, during, and after the meeting. In addition to the comment forms, a petition submittal was received which included 79 signatures from Village residents to keep the island and 438 signatures opposing bike paths, bike lanes, markings, etc. on Village Roads. The following summarizes the comments received pertaining to the topics listed above:

- The petition submittal included signatures from 17 residents covering 10 properties on Haeger's Bend Road indicating neither ROW nor an easement would be provided. Similarly, feedback was received via five comment forms (covering four properties) at the public hearing, each stating that neither ROW nor an easement would be provided. Out of 36 parcels along Haegers Bend Road to date we have not received confirmation that any property owners would provide ROW along Haegers Bend Road.
- With regarding to bike lanes, 89% of the comment forms received were not in favor of bike lanes on Haegers Bend Road. Most of the support for the bike lane came from Algonquin residents; 44 of the 45 comment forms received from Barrington Hills residents were not in favor of bike lanes on Haegers Bend Road.
- Regarding the island at Spring Creek & Haeger's Bend, 78% of those responding and 89% of Village residents were in favor of keeping the island in place.

Based on the responses received from residents, in particular the thus far unanimous response from residents along Haegers Bend Road that neither ROW nor easements would be provided for a reconstruction project, it does not appear that reconstructing the road is a viable option. Accordingly, we will plan on limiting future improvements to patching and resurfacing within the existing pavement footprint of Haeger's Bend Road.