

Chatham Capital Projects Review Committee

October 20, 2010

Len Sussman, Chairman
Chatham Board of Selectman
549 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633

At our meeting on October 7, 2010, our Committee voted to accept your request to work with and review the ongoing design for the proposed Mitchell River Bridge. We understand that the Keeper of the National Register has selected this Bridge for some form of preservation, and that as a result the process might not follow the schedule as outlined in your referral.

The Committee acknowledges the Board's requirement for the review of MassDOT's responses regarding the following items:

1. Deletion of the bike lanes with the consequent reduction in the Bridge width
2. Review MassDOT's responses regarding the motorway alternatives of wood planks, concrete planks, or stamped concrete.
3. Substitution of a crash tested wood rail for the motorway for the galvanized steel rail.
4. Substitution of uncoursed rubble stone veneer for the squared coursed ashlar stone veneer for the concrete abutments.
5. Alternative materials for the Bridge controls shed.

The CPRC or a subcommittee of the CPRC would meet with representatives of MassDOT's engineering team and report those discussions to the Board of Selectmen in an advisory capacity for final endorsement by the Board.

We understand that the review process might evolve and stand ready to work with MassDOT and any designated historical preservation advisor or consultant.

Respectfully submitted.



Theodore P. Streibert, Chairman
Capital Projects Review Committee