

LCHIP

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LCHIP Public Hearing about DOT Proposed Project in 13-Miles Woods Monday, August 17, 2020 2 p.m. via Zoom

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested approval from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to release LCHIP-held conservation restrictions on 12+/- acres of land in the 13-Mile Woods to accommodate proposed changes to 1.3 miles of NH Rt. 16 in Cambridge NH. LCHIP's enabling legislation, NH RSA 227-M:13, describes the conditions under which LCHIP may agree to such a request and requires LCHIP to hold an appropriately-noticed public hearing prior to making a decision.

The public hearing will be held virtually on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 2 p.m. Access the public hearing at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81768841224?pwd=WjlQTStweWxjOVcwRWg4cnVoQ29pUT09>. Details for video or audio access are available at <https://www.lchip.org>. A copy of the notice as published in local newspaper and posted locally is enclosed. DOT scheduled an in-person public hearing on the same project for 5:30 p.m., August 5, 2020 at the Dummer Town Hall.

The town of Errol owns 7100 acres of the 13-Mile Woods, conserved, in part, through financial assistance from LCHIP in 2003 and 2007. The DOT proposal seeks to address "poor condition of the current roadway, the need for springtime weight restrictions and slope instability" in an area where the road is very close to the Androscoggin River. DOT has defined a preferred alternative for the road improvements from several options that were considered. The enclosed maps show the general location of the project area and details for the changes entailed in the preferred alternative.

See further project information at the DOT website:

<https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/dummercambidgeerrol16304b/index.htm>.

DOT Project Manager, Jennifer Reczek, is available to respond to questions at (603) 271-3401.

Written statements may be submitted to the Chair of the LCHIP Board of Directors, Amanda Merrill, 3 North Spring Street, Suite 100, Concord NH, 03301 until August 14, 2020. For questions or comments about LCHIP's role and decision-making process, contact Dijit Taylor, LCHIP Executive Director, dtaylor@lchip.org or (603) 496-1605.

Date of Notice: August 4, 2020