

**PRESIDENTIAL MOUNTAIN RESORT**  
1108 MAIN STREET BETHLEHEM, NH 03574

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January 23, 2017

Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06  
Northern Pass Transmission Project - Eversource

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing on behalf of Presidential Mountain Resort LLC ("Presidential"), developer and proponent of a redevelopment project planned for the area across from, and abutting, the Project's proposed Transition Station #5 on Route 302 in Bethlehem.

Presidential owns property abutting Transition Station #5 to the north and east identified by the Bethlehem tax assessor as Map 201, Lot 27 ("Presidential Parcel") on which Presidential is seeking approvals to develop a hotel in conjunction with a coordinated plan of development of the Presidential Parcel and Lots 28 and 29, also owned by Presidential (the "Presidential Development").

This letter is to express our appreciation of Eversource's collaborative and supportive efforts to date regarding the Presidential Development. Eversource actively sought our input on the proposed Transition Station #5 vis-à-vis our project, listened to our suggestions, and is working with us on our development needs.

Our project includes the renovation of the deteriorating Baker Brook cabins and the addition of a proposed restaurant – in addition to a hotel. Our proposed project is expected to revitalize a blighted area, and create economic benefit in the area by increasing tax revenues and advancing tourism and the economy in Bethlehem and neighboring areas. The Presidential Development has, for example, the potential to increase traffic to restaurants in Bethlehem, to bring more people in to play golf, to visit local businesses, and to increase attendance at movies and live performances at the Colonial Theatre.

From a business perspective, collaboration with the Project is important to the success of our redevelopment plans. We also appreciate the Project's efforts to bring affordable energy into the region and lower the price of energy on New Hampshire businesses.

We hope the information provided is useful in your review of the Project application.

Sincerely,



Presidential Mountain Resort LLC  
By its Member, Yizchok Rudich

cc: Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Bethlehem Planning Board

## **TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

### **Zoning Board**

Tuesday February 14, 2017

#### **BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

### **Minutes**

**6:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Mike Culver, Patrick Doughty, Alan Jackson, Amy Delventhal and Chairman Lon Weston

Mr. Weston opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

The board went over minutes from October 25, 2016. Pat motioned to approve and Amy seconded. 5-0 motion carries

Amy Delventhal read the public notice for Presidential Mountain Resort application for a height Variance to be able to build to 75 feet. Mr. Jackson read the checklist. David Eckman noted several times that he was only before the board for the height Variance. Some of the questions on the checklist seemed more for the Site Plan application.

Mr. Jackson makes a motion to accept the checklist as complete. Pat seconded 5-0 motion carries.

Mr. Weston asked David Eckman to explain the height Variance request. Mr. Eckman explained that they tried to keep the structure to 60 feet. The building itself is 65 feet. There is a 10 foot covered stairway to the roof that accesses utilities. Amy Delventhal would like to know what the building is going to look like. Mr. Eckman assured her that it will be a very nice high end structure from the Hilton. Mr. Eckman explained that is a height Variance that they are asking for from the Zoning Board at this time. The building design will be presented to the Planning Board at Site Plan.

Mr. Eckman explained that going to 80 units is the best fit according to the Hilton PKF study.

#### **Public comment**

Peter Roy from South Road spoke up to say that he believes that this is great for the town. Linda Moore said that she believes that this is an amazing project. It is just a win win situation for the town. Others from the public agreed that this project is a wonderful addition to area, and welcome the project.

Closed public input at 7:00 pm

Mike Culver read Criteria #1

The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values

Alan Jackson motion to pass criteria 1, Amy Delventhal seconds 5-0 motion carries

Mike Culver read Criteria #2

Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest

Patrick Doughty motion to accept C2 Alan Jackson seconds 5-0 motion carries

Mike Culver read Criteria #3

Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of the following special circumstances of the property that distinguish it from other properties similarly zoned. 80 rooms are the magic number said Mr. Jackson, the study has been done.

Mike Culver read 3a

The zoning restriction as applied to the applicant's property interferes with the applicants' reasonable use of the property, considering the unique setting of the property in its environment

Mike Culver motion to accept C3a Patrick Doughty seconds 5-0 motion passes

Mike Culver read Criteria #3b

No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general purposes of the zoning ordinance and the specific restrictions on the property

Patrick Doughty motion to pass 3b, Amy seconds 5-0 motions carries

Mike Culver read Criteria # 3c

The variance would not injure the public or private rights of others

Amy Delventhal motion to pass 3c Mike Culver seconds 5-0 motion carries

Mike Culver read Criteria # C4

Granting the variance would do substantial justice

Amy Delventhal motion to accept C4 Mike Culver seconds 5-0 motion carries

Mike Culver read Criteria# C5

The use is not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance

Amy Delventhal motion to accept C5 Alan Jackson seconds 5-0 motion carries

Patrick Doughty made a motion to accept the Criteria for the Variance request

Alan Jackson seconds 5-0 motion carries

### **Variance is granted for the Presidential Mountain Resort going to 75 feet**

Mike Culver would like to announce that Lon Weston is not seeking another term with the Zoning Board. Mike would like to thank Lon Weston for his 18 years of serving the town of Bethlehem.

Motion to adjourn by Alan Jackson, Amy Delventhal seconds 5-0 motion carries.

Adjourned 7:15

Respectfully submitted

Debra Bayley

P/Z Clerk



## NEWS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

December 20, 2016

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### Bethlehem Public Informational Meeting

#### Box Culvert Replacement on US 302 (Main St.)

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will hold a combined Public Officials/Public Informational Meeting in Bethlehem to explain the need to replace an existing multi-material culvert with a new concrete box culvert, which carries a tributary of Barrett Brook under US Route 302 (Main Street). The project scope includes reconstructing approximately 600 feet of US 302 from NH 142 (Maple Street) to Congress Street, including improvements to parking lots on the north side of US 302.

The project is scheduled for construction in 2018 and will include phased construction maintaining traffic with lane shifts.

This public meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Bethlehem, NH.

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment. Accordingly, NHDOT assures that this project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

This project may have an effect of historic properties. Owners of properties determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places that abut the project alternatives may have an opportunity to become consulting parties. Additional information will be provided at the public informational meeting.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 – TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be made at the earliest convenience. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the proposed project, call (603) 271-2171. Other information about the project can be found on the NHDOT web site at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm>.

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Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Selectmen Office  
January 9, 2017

Present: Chairman Glavac, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Ubaldo.

Chairman Glavac opened the meeting at 6:04.

Chairman Glavac said the Board received two letters of interest for the Selectmen position and said he had hoped to see more interest and suggested they leave it open longer to see if there is more interest. Selectman Laleme said it is approaching election time so not sure if they need to appoint someone at this time.

The Board reviewed the sexton job description. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the job description. Chairman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0.

Fire Chief, Jack Anderson, came before the Board to discuss the grant for the ambulance. He explained the grant was based on a % of the cost of the ambulance and were initially going to get \$30,000.00 but due to negotiating the price down the grant was also reduced. The amount of the grant will now be \$23,233.00. Chief Anderson explained a letter is needed to accept the amount of the grant. Selectman Laleme moved to write a letter accepting the amount. Chairman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed abatements.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 206/002-007 for \$233.79 due to an overpayment. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 205/115 for \$288.08 due to an overpayment. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 206/022 for \$65.86 due to an overpayment. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 406/022-022 for \$107.79 due to an overpayment. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 206/68 for \$5251.68 due to an overpayment. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 205/129 for \$1742.80 due to an overpayment. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac said the Board looked into the question of an ethics violation in regards to the amendment made to the Host Community Agreement. He said the Town does not have an ethics policy. He said it was an honest mistake even if it was an appearance of a violation. Cheryl Jensen said both Selectmen Ubaldo and Blanchard live within a mile and a half of the landfill and they didn't recuse themselves from the vote. Chairman Glavac said the intent was to open it up to more than 6 homes and said the language was removed from the agreement. Mrs. Jensen said she received a copy of the Town's ethic policy and Chairman Glavac said the town never adopted it. Mrs. Jensen said a policy shouldn't even be needed.

There was discussion about the industrial park and whether the money is strictly for marketing or not. Selectman Laleme said a development authority will be established.

Rita Farrell said a judge signed the agreement and if either side broke the agreement they would be subject to contempt of court. Chairman Glavac said the town is treating the agreement as a contract and NH contract law allows two parties to



amend a contract. He said the voters will have the final say in March. Selectman Ubaldo said the agreement said they would buy 6 houses at fair market value and the vote was taken to send agreement back in its entirety. He said that part was gone and the Board has checked with the attorney and said they were looking at whole town versus 6 people and to look at where they were coming from.

Selectman Blanchard said he understands the appearance and regrets making the amendment. He said on Election Day he talked with a couple who moved to town and have a business and they didn't know of the landfill. He said he had them in mind when he made the amendment and didn't want to see them impacted. He said he has no intention of selling to Casella and said he didn't even think he lived within a mile and a half but Mrs. Jensen googled it and said he did. Selectman Laleme said she has worked with the Board Members for years and said they are honest and ethical. She said she thought we were past personal accusations. She also said there was no intent for any personal gain ever and that they are trying to do the best they could for all citizens. She said it has been answered and she hopes it has been settled.

Stan Harrison asked if it was a violation when they (NCES) purchased Danny Tucker's property and Chairman Glavac said they purchased it for daily cover purposes.

Selectman Laleme said there is a moderator training that will be happening that will be beneficial for the moderator and deputy moderator where they are both new but the Town Clerk's budget is tight so would like to pay for it out of the Select Board budget. Selectman Laleme moved to pay \$120.00 for the training for moderator. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Laleme updated the Board about the transmission line vote being on Wednesday but that she can't make it. She explained towns have petitioned the state about using local roads without permission.

Selectman Laleme said the Planning Board has a recorder that is old and doesn't work well anymore and would like them to purchase a new one. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the purchase of a recorder from the Planning Board budget of up to \$100.00. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Ubaldo asked what the cost is for the Northern Pass attorney so far and was told approx. \$7000.00.

Chairman Glavac read a notice from DOT (Department of Transportation) about repaving Route 302 this year.

Chairman Glavac read a letter from North Country Council about the biennial update of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Board said Frank Claffey is usually a part of this.

The Board read a letter from DRA (Department of Revenue) about needing to know when the Bethlehem Village District was formed.

The Board reviewed minutes.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes from 12/12/16. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes from 12/19/17. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Department of Transportation representatives, Josh Lafond, Tobey Reynolds, and Phil Beaulieu, came before the Board to do a presentation on the Route 302 Culvert project. They said they are looking for feedback from the town and people that will be impacted during the project. They stated the project would take approx. 3 months. There were 2 options presented; one included a new island in from of Maia Papaya and the post office with a finished parking lot. Melissa Sheehan asked if it would be possible for them to work 24 hours a day to shorten the length of time the project will take and they said that is an option but would have to check with rules from the Town and see what impact it would have on residents close by. Derek Brown said it was stated that no municipal funds would be spent but said it will cost \$80,000.00 to replace the water lines.

He was told that is correct. Ms. Sheehan said the least impact for her business would be to have it done in March, April, and May but there is concern about how much water there will be at that time of year to do it then. There was discussion about the need for the crane to be parked in the parking lot of Maia Papaya for 2 months and Chairman Glavac asked if that could be parked behind the building and was told possibly for part of the project but not all of it. Mrs. Jensen asked how much longer will option #2 (island and finished parking lot) take compared with option #1 and was told approx. 4 to 6 weeks. Linda Massimilla asked if it would be possible to split the project into 2 times frames like spring and fall and was told possibly. Clare Brown asked if the walking bridge would be taken down at the Visitor Center and was told yes the one closest to the culvert. Mrs. Brown said the bridge was put there in remembrance of the Bonardi family. Bruce Brown said the project was originally going to be done in 2017 and now 2018 and asked if it would be delayed again and was told that at this point it would probably be done in 2019. It was asked why the Village District has to pay for the water lines and it was explained it was because the Village District didn't pay to be in the right of way so they pay the expense when things need to be moved.

There was discussion about the importance of determining the timeline for the project.

At 8:52 Chairman Glavac moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II for matters of personnel. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the hire of Melissa Ryan for the Fire Dept. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the hire of Jamie Leahy. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 9:25 Selectman Blanchard moved to come out of non-public session. Chairman Glavac seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

Chairman Glavac moved to send the Conservation Commission a letter requesting to be cc'd on letters they send out. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 9:35 Selectman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

April Hibberd

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## Bethlehem Planning Board delays vote on landfill zoning amendments

BY JENNY MONAHAN  
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**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem Planning Board held a public hearing on Jan. 11 to consider two zoning ordinance amendments for the expansion of the Casella owned landfill on Trudeau Road.

After many residents objected to the expansion and said the planning board didn't have enough information to make a good decision, the board decided to continue its deliberations on Jan. 25.

Amendment One would allow for the expansion of the landfill's District V by an additional one hundred acres.

Amendment Two would allow for the rezoning of a ninety-acre parcel of land, (34 acres of which is considered developable) on Trudeau Roads frontage, that according to the new host community agreement, will be given to the town by Casella for the development of an industrial park.

The planning board's role was to decide whether to recommend voters approve — or not approve — the amendments. The recommendation would be noted on the ballot along with the proposed amendment.

The Jan. 11 hearing was dominated by questions and comments from community members citing the lack of feasibility studies for the industrial park, traffic studies and environmental impact studies.

Community members argued that the board has only one reasonable choice: to vote against recommending the zoning amendments or delay voting.

That led to the decision to reconvene on the 25th.

The decision to delay voting and reconvene is one that is being applauded by a number of meeting attendees — many of whom are still wondering how an informal, conceptual presentation of a "Sustainability Park," made to the town's select board by Casella on Sept. 19, has, over a short four-month period, resulted in a vote on extending the landfill's operation for 20 years.

Bethlehem resident Gabe Boisseau, as well as a number of other town

residents, spoke to the rapid progression of the negotiations of the landfill at the meeting.

He referenced a similar Casella expansion in Maine, that has been under consideration by the towns governing board and community members for two years.

"It feels like a sock in the gut from the leaders in this town, that we're not having an opinion on it; it's just being stream rolled through," Boisseau said.

Boisseau lives about a mile from the landfill on land his family bought believing that the land-

fill closure was going to happen in 2021. The land has deep significance to him due to his grandfather living on it, and then his father being raised there. Boisseau purchased the land in hopes to build a house and raise his own two young children there as well.

Now, he's not so sure it was a good plan.

Many thought the 2012 agreement, which ends in 2021, meant the end of the landfills presence in Bethlehem for good.

Part of the newly negotiated host community agreement, requires that

the select board publicly support the landfill expansion. This issue came up at the planning board meeting, when

board member Sandy Laleme was twice asked to recuse herself due to being a select board member and planning

board member. Town resident Cheryl Jensen, referenced a time in previous landfill LANDFILL, PAGE A12

## Gearing up for Profile Guide 2017

**LITTLETON** — Each year in January, the staff at the Littleton Courier begins its editorial review of the Profile Guide, which is scheduled to become available April 2017. Through this review, we update the Guide as much as possible in order to provide our readers with the most current information regarding their towns and those surrounding them.

We encourage all of our local entities: museums, clubs, places of worship, health centers, historical societies, to name a few, to send any updated information so that together we may

provide its value to our residents and those that choose to spend time in our beautiful area.

A request for updated town information such as population, tax information, etc. will be sent to each township. Information relating to election results will be due immediately following such elections in March.

Current information published in the Profile Guide will be utilized if no further communication is received.

Please refer all information by EMAIL ONLY by no later than FEBRUARY 17 to: lbrown@salmonpress.com.

## Littleton schools to see staff and program reductions due to budget cuts

BY JENNY MONAHAN  
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**LITTLETON** — Town residents and school staff members were left looking for specific details at the school budget hearing on Jan. 10.

After being tasked with making significant cuts to the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget in response to Littleton's tax hike in November, the SAU returned with an estimated \$600,000 in reductions in December.

While attendees were expecting specifics at the public hearing in regards to who and what the cuts will affect, only general information was available at the time of the meeting.

School board members said they haven't yet finalized decisions about what staff, or school programs will be reduced, but did provide that 11 staff members, currently looking like nine full-time and two part-time positions, are expected to be cut.

The projected staff cuts will reduce the number of school employees from 175 to 164.

"I know this makes everyone nervous, and rightfully so; it's the most difficult part of the process," said Superintendent Steve Nilhas.

While the budget isn't yet finalized, there are currently no school programs being cut.

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These turkeys frolicked in the snow on a cold winter day in Whitefield. PHOTO BY STEVE HOLT

## Local shop reflects owner's passions: love, life and leather

BY JENNY MONAHAN  
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**LITTLETON** — Somehow, the Linny Kenney Leather shop at The Tannery marketplace feels like a warm, sunny barn inside.

It may have something to do with the way her Redbone Hound, Baloo, greets you upon entry of the small studio. It may be the deep, rich scent of leather that lingers in the air, reminiscent of a well-worn saddle. The sunlight pouring in through the windows that overlook the Ammonoosuc can easily make you forget that you're in the middle of downtown Littleton, and not in a rural countryside. Or, it may just be something about Linny Kenney.



Leather artist Linny Kenney, working in her studio at the Tannery Marketplace in Littleton.

Native to Texas, Kenney's family moved to Bath when she was ten years old.

Her love for working with leather was born of both necessity and creativity. Kenney's step-

father had a leather shop back in the '60s, and had some of his tools and leather in his garage. Living in California at the time, Kenney was in the midst of planning

LEATHER, PAGE A12

## Culvert replacement project raises concerns for Bethlehem businesses

BY JENNY MONAHAN  
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**BETHLEHEM** — The town of Bethlehem was presented with two options from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for replacing the Barrett Brook tributary culvert that runs under Route 302 on Monday, Jan. 9. However, neither of them are particularly good for the businesses in the vicinity of the work site, or Main Street



Replacement of this 100 year old Barrett Brook tributary culvert, that bisects the Maia Papaya and Lonesome Woods Antiques/White Mtn. Transmission buildings one the north side of Route 302, and Floorworks and the Irving on the south side, poses concerns for the seasonally dependent shops.

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Bethlehem in general.

The culvert is about 100 years old, and has grown into an increasingly worsening problem for a number of years now. It runs between the Maia Papaya and Lonesome Woods/White Mountain Transmission buildings, under the roadway and between floorworks and the Irving station.

Bethlehem fire and police departments and post office share the lot as well.

The parking lot has been problematic for some time. A sinkhole developed in 2013 due to erosion around the culvert. It was repaired with a steel plate, but the repair isn't a permanent fix.

The DOT estimates the project completion time to be three to four months. A large crane will be in the lot during construction for about two months, and several power lines will have to be taken down and bypassed.

DOT project manager Tobey Reynolds says that the whole parking lot will be occupied by construction equipment for most of the project's timeframe; not to mention the 6,200 cars and trucks that travel over the road daily. The section of road from Congress Street to Maple Street will be reduced to one lane passage.

In other words, he said, it's going to be a big

project, and it's not going to be pretty.

Options one and two include the same culvert replacement plan. Option two directs the culvert drainage into a better location, however, will require changing the height of the road in a section to a foot lower than the rest of the road to direct the water flow away from the parking lot.

Option two, which seemed to be the more favored choice among locals that weighed in at the meeting, and the board of selectmen, will improve the parking lot access by adding a centrally located, raised island along the road, creating clearly defined parking lot entry and exit with signage to better direct the flow of traffic in and out of the lot.

The sidewalk and curbing in the project area would also be replaced, which would be an added benefit to the town.

No one disputes that the hundred-year-old culvert needs replacing. The issue at hand is how it can be done to mitigate the financial damage to the businesses there and when the best time to do it would be.

The shared parking lot has been rife with problems for years; not just because of the sinking area directly over the culvert, but because there is no clear indication of where to pull in or

out, directive arrows or obvious guides to keep anyone from pulling in from the open road of Route 302.

There have been a number of fender benders and frequent daily misses in the lot. Getting a new lot and improved lot would be a good thing.

The problem facing the small businesses there is how economically impactful the disruption is going to be, and how they will survive the potential loss of income while the construction is ongoing.

A torn up road, huge intimidating crane, construction crews and traffic issues could effectively deviate anyone looking to grab a latte, enjoy the quiet, artsy atmosphere of the area's favorite coffee shop, go antiquing or stop anywhere along the disturbed section of road to patronize the businesses there.

Owner of the Maia Papaya, Melissa Sheehan, says, "In the end, it's going to be a good thing. It's just surviving the project."

Sheehan says that losing a couple of months of business could close the doors of her nine-year-old coffee shop for good. The shop also employs six locals.

The project will also require significant earthen work behind the Maia Papaya to allow for access to the culvert, and



JENNY MONAHAN  
The Maia Papaya coffee shop and Lonesome Woods Antiques are two of the Bethlehem businesses that say the Dept. of Transportation's culvert replacement project could close down their businesses if not done during an off-season, such as early spring or after Columbus Day.

remove the shop's tree coverage.

Nick Storella, owner of Lonesome Woods Antiques, echoed the same sentiments.

"If I had to close for two months, I'd be out of business," said Storella.

Both business owners hope that the three-to-four-month construction time can be lessened, or done during the spring or after Columbus Day.

One option suggested at the meeting would be for the DOT work crews to work 24 hours a day, every or most days of the week, the hope being that this could sig-



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Many Bethlehem residents attended the Dept. of Transportation's hearing about the culvert replacement project on Jan. 9. Currently cited for 2019, the project poses many concerns for the businesses between Congress and Maple Street.

nificantly shorten the amount of time Main Street Bethlehem will be impacted.

The DOT project manager, Tobey Reynolds, said night work isn't out of the question, but isn't typically done in residential areas. Construction is a noisy business.

While the project will

be paid for by state and federal funds, the town of Bethlehem will also have to pay about \$80,000 to replace two water mains along the road that will be removed during construction.

According to the DOT, at this time it looks like the construction will take place in 2019.

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