Minutes of BFRT Advisory Task Force April 27, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: John Drobinski (Chair), Lana Szwarc, Richard Morse, Glenn Pransky, Frank Vitale, and Richard Williamson

Staff and Consultants present: Beth Suedmeyer, Environmental Planner, and Nick LaPointe, Project Manager for Fuss & O'Neill.

Beth gave an overview of the 75% design prepared by F&O and stated that internal Town staff have provided comments to F&O on the Plans.

Plans are to be submitted on 5/10/2012 to DOT with comments from DOT expected within 40-60 days.

Main comments from Town staff were design changes and signage issues.

Beth mentioned the Task Force has 3-4 days to provide any additional comments.

Costs will be revised as the design moves forward as the project budget is currently approximately 13 million with Sudbury portion at 12 million and Concord at .5 million. Construction is planned to proceed from north to south.

A general discussion about transitions at crossings and fencing occurred (Gerry Rd screening and trail access).

The Task force wanted to make sure the siding track at Hudson Rd was retained as well as other historic features (cattle crossings, etc.) were to be preserved. Glenn has a fairly comprehensive photo archive of the historic elements.

General discussion regarding Morse Rd area and amenities of the parking location. The Task Force had specific questions regarding parking lot safety, alignment and placement of kiosk, restroom etc. Beth will run questions by the F&O design team.

Other questions from the Task Force included public access from Thompson Drive. Design and safety of the Pantry Rd crossing.

Public Comments were focused on the timing of submissions and the concern that deadlines would not be met and thus putting back the construction timeline.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.