

Announcement

First Selectman Freda Announces Spring Road Bridge Over Muddy River Closure in Mid October

First Selectman Michael J. Freda announced today that the Town of North Haven, due to reconstruction improvements and changes made in the design documents, will be preparing for full closure of the Spring Road Bridge over the Muddy River in mid October. The Spring Road Bridge is located between Potter and Mill Roads and will be closed to accommodate reconstruction efforts.

A bid opening was held at the Town's Department of Finance for the reconstruction of the Spring Road Bridge on March 26, 2014. Dewberry Engineers of New Haven worked closely with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation ("DOT") to secure the necessary permits and design approvals related to the project. The project was awarded to Nagy Brothers Construction of Monroe for \$393,507, which is less than the original estimated price of \$600,000. Materials are in the process of being ordered and construction is expected to commence during the month of October. The bridge will remain shut down for a minimum of four months duration. Total reimbursable costs by the DOT will be approximately 30%.

The Office of the First Selectman and Department of Public Works apologize in advance for any inconveniences that will result from construction efforts. The options to repair the superstructure were carefully weighed and the final decision has been concluded to be the best option for the Town after considering the welfare of the residents, time to complete project, viable cost options, and quality of reconstruction. In preparation for closure, North Haven school buses will be re-routed and appropriate detours and signage will be provided.

The Department of Public Works through it's Engineering Department is committed to restoring the Spring Road Bridge to its original condition as soon as practical and given the various stages of design, approvals, and construction, it will do all it can to expedite the repairs. "The Department maintains an excellent working relationship with the DOT as well as associated State and local regulatory agencies and utilities; this should assist the Town with the overall construction process", Director Lynn K. Sadosky stated.

Further information on the Spring Road Bridge over the Muddy River may be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works' Engineering Department at (203) 239-5321, extension 430.