

TOWN OF DURHAM 13-15 NEWMARKET ROAD DURHAM, NH 03824-2898 603/868-5571

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Wesley Smith 26 Woodridge Road Durham, New Hampshire 03824

Dear Mr. Smith:

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is in the final design stages of the Oyster River Bridge replacement project. The current plans call for raising Old Landing Road as much as six (6) feet as it approaches Route 108 (Newmarket Road). Obviously, this construction will have significant impacts on this area.

At the same time, the Town recently received a petition from residents requesting designation of Old Landing Road as a Scenic Road, pursuant to N. H. RSA 253:17-18. This request will come before Council at its August 29, 1988 meeting.

One alternative suggested by the Town's consulting engineer is to close Old Landing Road from Route 108 (Newmarket Road) to the first property driveway (Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wilcox), thereby expanding the current park area. This action would preclude the need to raise the road and disturb this area, as well as reduce through traffic now being experienced in this neighborhood. However, it would reduce the access currently available to residents along this road.

To attain your thoughts and suggestions on this matter, please accept my invitation to attend an informational meeting Wednesday evening, August 24, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the Durham Town Council chambers. At that time I will provide a sketch of the proposed alternative to close the Newmarket Road access to Old Landing Road as well as explain the impacts proposed by the N. H. Highway Department were it to remain open. The alternative of classifying this road as a Scenic Road will also be addressed.

Please feel free to contact me at 868-5571 should you have any questions about the meeting. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Hundley
Town Administrator

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