March 29, 2022

**Re: Route 7 and Aspetuck Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project**

Dear Resident:

The Preliminary design has been completed for the Town of New Milford’s Route 7 and Aspetuck Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project. The project involves construction of new sidewalk at the following locations:

* U.S. Route 7 between Candlewood Lake Road South and Savings Bank of Danbury (west side of U.S. Route 7)
* U.S. Route 7 between Three Brothers Diner and Pickett District Road (east side of U.S. Route 7)
* U.S. Route 7 at #177 Danbury Road (east side of U.S. Route 7)
* Aspetuck Avenue between #11 Aspetuck Avenue and Canterbury School (west side of Aspetuck Avenue)

The project is also expected to include a pedestrian bridge over the existing stream near Sullivan Road and a pre-fabricated modular block retaining wall near the Route 7 and Larson Road intersection.

Pertinent information about the project and a link to the upcoming Virtual Public Information Meeting (V-PIM)) live streaming event may be found on the Town’s webpage at: http://www.newmilford.org/dpw

The Town will conduct a virtual informational meeting on Wednesday, April 13th, at 6:30 PM. The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Tammy Reardon by email at treardon@newmilford.org or by phone at (860) 457-4195. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (833 548 0276 US Toll-free) and entering the Meeting ID when prompted: Meeting ID: 892 1822 9884. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The live streams offer closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. During the Q&A session and the 14 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at lbeattie@newmilford.org. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860-355-6040). Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department’s Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Based upon a preliminary assessment, the construction cost will be approximately $2,195,000. The Federal Highway Administration will provide 80% of the construction cost with the Town providing 20%.

It is the Town’s and the State’s policy to keep persons informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns with us to assist in the project’s development.

Very truly yours,

Jack Healy, P.E.

Public Works Director

cc: Hugh H. Hayward, P.E., Principal Engineer – Highway Design, CTDOT

 Steven Degen, Supervisor – Office of Rights of Way, CTDOT

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