

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CONDUCTED BY GPI (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.)
SUMMIT STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
6:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Dellerba, Trustees Stabb, Andrews, Brach, and Satterly, Mayor Dellerba, Trustees Andrews, Brach, Stabb and Satterly, Treasurer/Grant Administrator Lisa Kaiding, Street Superintendent Richard Welch, Transfer Site Foreman James Brach, Robert Lewis, Rebecca Lewis, Kristin Fey, Brian Fetterly, Sara Fetterly, Bailey Wadsworth, Eugene Hayes, Jerry Britton, Dian Olmstead, Bonnie Snyder, Cameron Kaiding, and Rebecca Jackson.

Mayor Dellerba called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Visitors: Sheri Kern- Ms. Kern gave a brief presentation and overview of the proposed project. The following information was offered to the public:

The culvert, built in 1874, carries Summit Street over Mill Creek and is currently closed to traffic. The culvert is eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places due to the structure being a rare surviving example of a single arch stone and masonry culvert. Due to its eligibility, steps will need to be taken before replacing the structure with a modern culvert or bridge. Actions to document and repurpose the historical elements of the structure will be presented.

The Summit Street culvert was closed to traffic in 2022 due to the formation of a sinkhole over the structure. The stone and masonry arch is in poor condition and, therefore, not safe for travel. Oneida County was granted state funding for the culvert replacement through the 2021 BridgeNY Program. The program is 100% state funded and is capped at the grant amount. Even though Oneida County is administering the grant, the Culvert is owned and maintained by the Village of Boonville. GPI is contracted to complete design services for the culvert replacement. The project is currently in the preliminary design phase.

The objective of this project is to restore the crossing to a condition which provides a minimum 50-year design life, while using cost effective techniques to minimize the life cycle cost of maintenance and repair. Part of the preliminary design phase is to contact the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if the project will have any impact on historical properties.

After SHPO's review of architectural and archeological reports on the culvert, they determined that the stone culvert over Mill Creek is eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic places. The culvert is eligible under Criterion C as a rare surviving example of a single arch stone and masonry culvert reflecting late 19th and early 20th century construction techniques and local transportation systems.

The Summit Street culvert over Mill Creek is proposed to be demolished. The demolition will make way for the new structure and will remove the dilapidated structure from the waterway. Even though the culvert is eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the proposed demolition may proceed once required mitigation measures are taken.

A Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Level II will be produced on the stone culvert. The document will be entered into the Library of Congress. Salvage of the stone for reuse and the installation of a plaque commemorating the original structure is another historic resource mitigation measure that will be taken. The culvert stones will be carefully salvaged during the demolition of the structure. The fascia stones that make up the arch, especially the keystones, will be labeled accurately to reconstruct the arch if desired. The arch stones with the keystone may be installed in Erwin Park with a plaque commemorating the original structure. Culvert stones found to be in good condition may be installed on the new bridge.

- Next, a memorandum of agreement with SHPO will be executed to document the mitigation to be taken.
- The project design report will be finalized, and design approval will be granted by NYSDOT.
- The final design will be completed.
- Right-of-way acquisitions and temporary easements will be acquired from adjacent property owners.
- Environmental permits will be issued.
- The project will be advertised, and a public bid opening will be held.
- The project will be awarded, and construction will begin.

The estimated date for completion is 2026.

Ms. Kerns then opened the floor for questions and comments regarding the proposal. Ms. Kerns also encouraged village residents and other interested parties to submit written comments within 30 days of this meeting to her.

Mayor Dellerba closed the meeting at 7:00PM.



Wendy Lee, Village Clerk