

**TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Selectmen**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of October 31, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Bowers Brook, NH Route 123A, Acworth, NH 03601**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Jim Jennison; Kathi Bradt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, TA

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCIES:** Rep Judy Aron; Robert Buxton, NHDOT; William Cass, NHDOT; Rep. Hope Damon; Ted Diers, NHDES; Darlene Forst, NHDES; Rene Pelletier, NHDES;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Allen; Michael & Judy Aron; Gary Baber; Helen Frink; Mark Girard; Torrey Greene; Stella Herpel; Claudia Istel; Ann Kosa; Mike & Lillie LeBlanc; Bret & Mary Lord; Peter & Marcie Maynard; Jim Neidert; Sheryl Pierce; Doug & Mary Lou Robinson; Sharon Symonds; Gregg Thibodeau; Tom Tonioli; John Tuthill

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Below are notes from Gregg Thibodeau, Acworth Conservation Committee Co-Chairperson

1. Two possible approaches to be investigated Long Term, Short Term
2. DES will help coordinate the initial investigation and assist with coordinating the initial design work
3. The effort will require municipal effort, resources and funding.
4. DES and DOT do not have the funds available for this work but will assist with the identification of funding sources
5. Rep Aron and Damon felt that there was state general funds available for these types of efforts. DES believes that funds must be requested by municipalities via a bill and then if approved those \$\$'s could be allocated to DES/DOT for contracts that they then manage.
6. DES and DOT can assist with identifying the appropriate engineer resources needed for the efforts once defined
7. Short Term
  - a. This effort's goal would be to temporarily stabilize the church, community building, banks of the brook which in turn would protect 123A, in case of winter or spring/summer 2024 events.
  - b. Options to be considered:
    - Remove woody debris and any other material that can be removed without a permit, and possibly material that might require a permit
    - Place boulders, barriers to protect the two buildings
    - Routing the brook through its original path; moving material to recreate the bank/shore in between the buildings and the brook
    - Remove material (dredge) that impacts the original design of the bridge
8. Long Term
  - a. This effort would assess the immediate area around 123A and upstream for erosion, water flows, geomorphology, culverts, washouts etc. and using existing best practices design changes/improvements/recommendations that would best prepare the area for 50 to 100 year events.

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; the meeting adjourned at 4:13. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator