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Dear Friends & Fellow Residents:

June 3, 2011

Over the past several weeks, Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) employees have been working to prepare a 2.74 mile portion of State Route 219 (Town Hill Road) for resurfacing. Yesterday, I attended the Pre-Construction meeting where the details of the paving plan were released. I thought I would share this information with you so that everyone has an understanding of what the project includes.

On June 15, 2011 (if the proposed schedule holds), employees of Black & Boucher, LLC will grind the road surface from Hoppen Road all the way to Route 44. This should be a one day project operating between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Traffic will be alternating during construction and some delays should be expected. Unfortunately, the road will remain in this ground/uneven condition until on/or about July 11, 2011, when employees of JSL Asphalt, Inc., will start repaving the highway (I complained to the State about leaving the highway in this condition for so long, but was unsuccessful in changing the schedule). The repaving portion of the operation is scheduled to be completed by July 19, 2011. Again, work is contractually mandated to be completed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM, so if you're looking to avoid commuting delays, please note the specifics of the paving schedule, and adjust accordingly.



While modifications to driveway aprons are the exception, not the rule, if you believe that your apron has been altered in an unacceptable way as a result of the paving project, you will need to notify the onsite DOT engineers so your property can be evaluated.

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Once the paving is complete, there will be no alteration to the existing travel pattern (passing and no passing zones will remain the same as they are now). The cost to complete this project is roughly \$600,000 of your State tax dollars being reinvested in your neighborhood! For your information, this paving project will not include any re-alignment work proposed for the "S" turns in the area of Johnnycake Lane. I have made inquiries as to when that project will be completed, and have been informed that the timeframe is uncertain due to funding issues emanating from the economy.

On a separate note, perhaps some of you have noticed some construction activity at the Town Hill "Memorial Bell" on Hoppen Road in recent weeks. As you can see from the photo below, the bell's yoke is damaged and in danger of collapse (note how the bell leans). With the recent approval of our new budget we will continue to work to save this historic town landmark. The Town, through its Town Hill Cemetery Association (who manage this park) will continue this restoration project by removing and restoring the bell, placing a stone cap on top of the pillars and remounting the bell so that future generations can continue to enjoy this historic landmark. Completion of projects like this, help make your neighborhood a special place!



If you have any questions or concerns about the Town Hill Road paving project or the Memorial Bell restoration project, please don't hesitate to call me at Town Hall at 860-379-3389.

Many thanks,


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