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Daniel V. Jerram First Selectman

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Dear Friends & Fellow Residents:

May 6, 2011

Since December 2009, I have been working hard to identify and prioritize the road infrastructure needs of our town. After many hours of inspection and evaluation, the 30' long bridge on Winchester Road that crosses Bakersville Brook has been identified as the bridge in town in greatest need of repair.

As you might have noticed, due to structural deficiencies, the bridge was weight rated last year limiting access to large trucks. Since that time I have worked with our town engineer to have a new bridge deck designed. Last fall we put the project out to bid. The bridge deck has been purchased and the town has now retained Hemlock Construction, Inc., to complete the installation and repave the area surrounding the bridge.

The cost to complete this project is roughly \$150,000, including \$50,000 for the bridge deck, \$85,000 for installation and paving and \$15,000 for engineering and environmental testing. This project represents your tax dollars being reinvested in your neighborhood!



Construction is scheduled to start on May 9, 2011. Contractually, Hemlock Construction has 45 days to complete the project, but I'm hoping that the job will be completed faster. During that time the bridge will be closed. I thank you in advance for your patience as this construction project goes forward. I look forward to the installation of a new, safe bridge that will last for many years to come.



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On a separate note, perhaps some of you have noticed the removal of several dead trees located within the triangular parcel of land at the intersection of Shady Brook Road and Winchester Road. With the approval of our new budget we will continue our work in this area by removing the remaining stumps and adding several new trees to replace the ones that have died. Hopefully when completed, the installation of some new trees will restore this small area to the beautiful "shady" place it has been for years.



If you have any questions or concerns about the Winchester Road Bridge project or the small landscaping project at Shady Brook Road, please don't hesitate to call me at Town Hall at 860-379-3389.

Many thanks,

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