FLOWER BRIDGE /1 OLD BRIDGE ROAD PARK UPDATE
FEBRUARY 11, 2019
• Purchased existing 0.5 acre residential property for $150,000 in November 2014 to provide improved riverfront access for the public
• BOS tasked Open Space Committee in January 2015 to develop an acceptable use and concept plan for the property
• Open Space Committee conducted public information meeting on March 19, 2015 to review possible uses of the property
• Concept plan considered adjoining town owned parcel to the north and adjacent Old Drake Hill Road Flower Bridge
• Open Space Committee approved a concept plan May 4, 2016
• BOS adopted the concept plan June 27, 2016
FLOWER BRIDGE /1 OLD BRIDGE ROAD PARK - ADOPTED CONCEPT PLAN (April 2016)
Submitted application for FEMA funding for demolition of residential structure on August 17, 2015

Approval received on April 11, 2018 in the amount of $41,978.48

Received approved capital improvement program funding for the project in FY 16/17 & FY 17/18
  • Total amount $420,000

Consultant team selected in January 2018 to complete required permitting and preparation of construction documents

Permits received to date include local Inland Wetlands Permit, local Zoning approval, and ZBA variance

Flood Management Certification pending with DEEP
Scope of Improvements to be Conducted:

- Hazardous material removal and demolition of existing residential structure and retaining wall
- Construction of pavilion, storage shed, paver walkways, benches, bike racks, picnic tables, a porta-potty enclosure, security bollards and a drinking fountain
- Access pathway to Hop Brook for launching of kayaks
- ADA compliant parking, walkways and tables
- New and relocated specimen trees, shrubs and planting beds
- Improved electrical service to serve pavilion and adjacent Flower Bridge
Design Elements
Proposed Project Schedule

• Advertise for Bids – March 1, 2019
• Contract Execution – April 15, 2019
• Construction Period – June 3, 2019 – November 1, 2019
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**Project Impacts:**

- Project requires closure of Old Bridge Road to public parking and access for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and public parking for the Flower Bridge
- Old Drake Hill Road Flower Bridge Committee in consultation with town staff has cancelled planting of Flower Bridge for 2019
- Concurrent projects planned during the 2019 construction season
  - Rehabilitation of Drake Hill Road Bridge
  - Riverside Road improvements
- Naming of park will be discussed in the future
  - Naming Rights Policy