

Stony Creek Association Meeting 4-4-2017

Proposed quad track from Branford to Guilford

The Easement

- 150 to 300 feet wide
- Ridge Road to Bowhay Hill Road---or----Tracks to School Street
- Like driving under an airport runway

The Process was Unfair

- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

- They did not have an impact study.
- The study was concluded approx. Dec 2016 and the public concern input period ended March 1, 2017 *** Were any of us told about this, or were we left out of the process?
- The “Decision of Record” is past due and once made, it will require extensive litigation to change the plans.

Where we are today

- Biggest problem is those in government who tell us there is nothing to worry about.
 1. They use phrases like there is nothing to worry about, it will never be funded. --- This is not true; pieces of the project can be separately funded and built one at a time.
 2. They tell us the permitting process will protect us. ---- Again not true.
The Federal government will roll over us the same way Duke Energy and the “Islander East Pipeline” tried. Connecticut State Bill 253 and 263 that

would have given municipalities control of permitting and state funding did not even get out of committee for lack of support.

3. They tell us they have a call in to the FRA or DOT and are waiting.

---Who among us needs to wait for a call from the FRA or DOT to know that destroying our wetlands and historical sites is wrong?

Ask yourself

IF there is nothing to worry about, as some government officials would lead us to believe, then why did the: Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Jon Waters, the Branford Historical Society, Connecticut State Historical Preservation Office, Branford Land Trust, Senator Blumenthal, and Senator Murphy write letters of concern to the Federal Railroad administration?

Which brings us to Senator Blumenthal's letter and Senator Murphy's letter. There is a world of difference.

- The Blumenthal letter protects both ends of the state but does not throw Branford, Stony Creek, and Guilford under the bus.
- The Murphy letter throws Branford, Stony Creek, and Guilford under the bus praising the Branford to Guilford quad track expansion.

I have only lived in Stony Creek for 18 or so years, but I do not believe Creekers will give up their heritage without a fight.

- **We must make our outrage known**
- **We must demand public hearings**
- **AND we must demand answers.**

1) I respectfully ask the Stony Creek Association Board write a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration and request that the Branford to Guilford quad track expansion be removed from the proposed plans until public meetings have been held and a complete impact study is finished and made available to the public.

2 I would also like everyone (board members and citizens) to write or e-mail letters.

3) And finally, I would also like the Stony Creek Association Board to consider holding a special meeting to discuss inviting Senator Murphy to Stony Creek to explain why he supports the quad track expansion and what data he used in his determination.

Thank You

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