



Above: State crews lift a pre-cast section of the bridge deck onto the new bridge on Bradley Lake Road. Below: Butch Taylor of Lazer Line in Danbury repainted the Main Street crosswalks this summer. Proctor Academy pays most of the work.

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Construction And Engineering Projects Around Town

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Bradley Lake Road Bridge

Work is progressing well on the Bradley Lake Road bridge at Hame Shop Brook. On August 24 the state lifted the last two sections of the new concrete road bed into place, briefly closing the road entirely.

The deck's in place, but there's still asphalt to be laid, guard rails to be installed, and many site details to be attended to. But the heavy lifting and the occasional road closings are certainly done.

Highland Lake Dam

The H.L. Turner Group of Concord has been retained by the Town to investigate the problems with the Highland Lake dam and propose solutions. The engineering report that was expected by August 6 has not been completed yet, but the firm did provide the Board of Selectmen with an e-mail on August 21 summarizing the progress to date.

The e-mail reports progress in four areas:

Data Review. The firm has pieced together documentation from the Town and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Dam Bureau about the Highland Lake dam and the outlet structures that run under Maple Street. The goal is to provide as clear a picture of existing conditions as possible.

Site Examination. Quoting the e-mail: "An interior structural inspection was completed in late June. Our inspection found the outlet structure under the roadway in poor condition.... Measurements, sketches of structural details, and photographs were taken throughout its entire length."

The next step is to take soil borings to determine what's going on inside the dam. These are scheduled for the week of September 4.

Hydrology and Hydraulics Analyses. The firm has updated the state's hydrology and hydraulics analyses with the new information gathered.

Repair/Replacement Analyses.

Based on the new hydrology and hydraulics analyses, the firm has started work on several alternative plans for the outlet. The plans can't be finished until the results of the soil borings are available.

Elbow Pond Road and Maple Street Drainage

In other engineering news, the Board of Selectmen is waiting for an engineering firm (not H.L. Turner) to present its proposals for figuring out what to do about:

- the continuing wash-out problems that have closed Elbow Pond Road at Mountain Brook, and
- the drainage problem in the Town's right-of-way along Maple Street, near Tucker Mountain Road.

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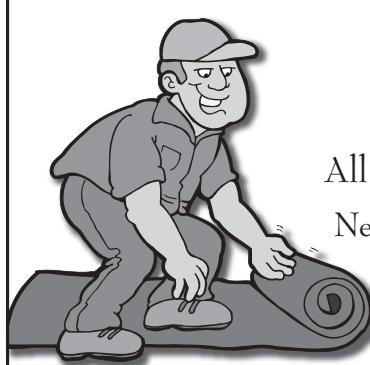
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