

SFHA Response to questions from the Squibnocket Committee, August 25, 2014

Q: What are the costs?

A: We believe that it is too soon in the process to estimate the cost due to likely changes to such variables as the width, length, and anchor points. However, our engineers estimate that the elevated roadway will cost approximately \$400/s.f. The SFHA's elevated roadway is proposed as a purely private project that would be funded by private individuals. Land acquisition related to the prior proposal for an extension of the Town beach onto VOLF's land was also to be privately funded, at a confidential price. As the Committee knows, the Town had been proposing to lease the land acquired from VOLF for 99 years for a lump sum of \$400,000. We do not know what the Town had anticipated to spend on leasehold improvements such as the new parking area.

Q: How high above the existing parking lot is the elevated roadway deck?

A: As currently proposed, the bottom of the deck of the elevated roadway would be at El. 13, which is approximately 3 feet above the elevation of the main portion of the parking lot (which is El. 10-11) and approximately 5 feet above the elevation of the portion of the parking lot that the deck will intersect (i.e., the far southwestern corner, which is at ~El. 10-11)

Q: Basis for setting bridge deck elevation?

A: The height was selected based on the 100-year storm data in order to increase the longevity of the elevated roadway. The current height is the lowest elevation that meets this criterion and we chose to keep it at the lowest feasible elevation to reduce the impact on neighboring views.

Q: Impact on wetlands?

A: The report that we submitted contains a detailed analysis of the potential impacts of an elevated roadway on wetland resources on pages 23- 24. The impacts to wetlands would be limited to the piles, each of which (in the conceptual design) has a negligible footprint of 1.4 s.f.

Q: What does pathway between parking lot and beach look like?

A: This important question cannot yet be answered as it is too early in the process to determine its location. This question would also be best answered by the Town, as it is part of the public beach aspects of a private-public plan.