

Chapel Road – Chickley Brook Construction

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It has been just about one year since I wrote the article “How and \$1,000,000 not be enough?” regarding our attempt to replace the culvert on Chapel Road at the Chickley River Crossing. The good news is all permitting has been issued, funding has been secured, bids have been awarded, and construction should be starting very soon. The ultimate cost for this project ended up at \$1,607,000. Much of this cost is due to having to keep one lane of traffic open during the construction.

This is necessary as there are **no alternative routes** in and out of the Brier. The select board and our public safety officials would appreciate it very much if all residents exercised **patience and turtle speed** in the area. This is a dangerous corner; the culvert sits at the base of two hills on approximately a 170 degree turn. The traffic pattern will be alternating stops, much like you have been practicing on Route 116 over Drowned Land Brook, but here your line of sight will be nowhere near as long. Please **use extreme caution in the area** to protect the workers and yourselves.

If everything proceeds smoothly, construction should be completed by October 27th with perhaps just some replanting in the spring of 2027.

Bottom line:

- Funding Sources: \$1,000,000 Mass Works Grant
 - 607,000 Mass DOT Emergency Funding
- All vehicles including emergency vehicles will still be able to pass through the construction zone
- Use patience and turtle speed for the safety of all!!!