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Updates to the Lantern Hill Rd, Whitford Brook Ledyard-Stonington town-line Bridge and Dams, dikes, and culverts, oh my! Get an update and join the upcoming status web meeting!

LHVA Infrastructure update.

Whitford Brook Bridge Update

Work on the bridge at the Ledyard/Stonington town line is proceeding, though the winter weather slowed it down a bit. With milder days, work should begin to move forward more quickly. The 40-plus micro pile structures have all been installed and cut to length. These structures go into the bedrock and support the bridge abutments. The north-side micro pile caps, bridge abutments, and wing walls have been poured, and the work crew has moved to the south side. Once the south side is completed, the existing bridge abutment will be cut back to provide clearance for the steel girders. The construction company has not changed the completion date for the end of May, but Steve Masalin, Ledyard Town Engineer, said that date is currently under review and will likely be delayed.

Long Pond Dam/Fishway, Bush Pond Dam, and Bush Pond Dike and Culverts Update

WMC and Steve Masalin will provide an information update for the Long and Bush pond dams and dike design modifications on **April 9th at 10:00 am** in the Ledyard Town Annex building and via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public to attend in person or by Zoom. This is the **Dams Update Meeting Link**, as well as on our website, TheLHVA.org.

In February, WMC and Steve Masalin conducted an Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Pre-application meeting for the dams and dike. WMC will update the dam and dike design plans to address any comments or concerns by the ACOE. Then the next step will be to finalize the plans and submit them for review by CT DEEP. Additionally, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the preliminary design plans for the Dams and Dike and has determined no action is required for the design modifications.

The Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP) grant (applied for in December 2025) to fully fund the replacement of the Lantern Hill Rd Culvert just south of the Long Pond dam was approved in February.

Submitted by Terry Fedors, Dam Committee Chair

Progress Pictures of the Lantern Hill Road Whitford Brook Bridge Project 2025-2026























