

JACOBS CREEK BRIDGE CHRONOLOGY

1	Date	Authors	To	Item/Subject	Specifics
2	6/20/88	Hopewell Township Committee (HTC)		Resolution 88-144	Urging Mercer County Park Commission to relocate JCB to Howell Farm
3	7/18/88	HT Historic Sites Committee	HTC	Petition	Endorsing HTC resolution to keep JCB in Hopewell Township since Mercer County has appropriated \$55,000 to relocate the historic bridge in Hopewell Township; numerous local/regional signatures
4	9/5/89	Donald Kintzel, Deputy Chief, Union Fire Co & Rescue Squad	Hopewell Township Planning Board (PB)	Letter	Fire suppression and daytime manpower possibilities for Janssen Concept plan
5	9/28/89	NJ Department of Transportation (NJ DOT)		Report & Letter from Mr. Juncosa	Bridge Re-Evaluation Survey and Analysis (March, 1989)
6	10/5/89	McDonough & Rea Associates	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	Letter	Janssen Site Plan; Bear Tavern Road/Maddock Road traffic impact
7	10/6/89			Minutes	Union Fire Company meeting minutes discussing 9/5/89 Union Fire Co letter to PB
8	10/24/89	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	NJ DOT	Letter	Proposed JCB Bridge Replacement review
9	10/31/89	Bill Queale, Queale & Lynch	PB	Letter	Site Plan Memo
10	11/6/89	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	PB	Letter	Site Plan Memo
11	12/12/89	Bill Queale, Queale & Lynch	PB	Letter	Site Plan Memo
12	12/20/89			Minutes	12/20/89 PB meeting minutes
13	1/4/90	McDonough & Rea Associates	Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer representing Mercer County	Letter	Sight distance on Bear Tavern Road south of Maddock, and availability of alternate routing for site generated traffic
14	1/22/90	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer representing Mercer County	Letter	Site Plan Memo
15	1/22/90	Robert Carmignani, Director of Public Works, Mercer County	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	Letter	Status of JCB; "A Federal Bridge Application has been filed to replace the structure. The State of New Jersey is in the process of selecting a consultant for final design."
16	1/22/90	Ken Newman, Travers Associates		Report	Janssen Application Supplemental Traffic Review
17	1/23/90		Bill Mathesius, County Executive	Letter	Requesting County information on status of JCB
18	1/23/90	Bob Casey, PB Atty	Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer representing Mercer County	Letter	Janssen PB application; obtain status of JCB for 1/31/90 PB meeting
19	1/26/90	Bill Mathesius, County Executive	Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson	Letter	Regarding Pitman-Moore property development by Janssen Pharmaceutica
20	1/26/90	Bill Mathesius, County Executive		Letter	Updating PB on JCB replacement plans
21	1/26/90	Bruce Gable, V.P. Human Resources, Janssen	Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer representing Mercer County	Letter	Use of Maddock Road
22	1/30/90		Janssen Pharmaceutica	Letter	Site Plan Memo
23	1/31/90	Robert Carmignani, Director of Public Works, Mercer County		Letter	Supplementing letter to Pogorzelski on 1/22/90
24	2/7/90	John Dunn, Director, Division of Traffic Engineering and Local Aid		Letter	Elaborating on Seth Barton's 1/24/90 letter to PB for review with Janssen GDP
25	2/20/90	McDonough & Rea Associates	Ken Newman, Travers Associates	Report	Confirming scope of additional information which will be provided re Janssen application
26	2/23/90	Thomas Jamieson, Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer	Robert Carmignani, Director of Public Works, Mercer County	Letter	Responding to PB concerns
27	2/28/90	Robert Carmignani, Director of Public Works, Mercer County		Letter	Responding to PB concerns (3/2/90)
28	3/7/90	Ken Newman, Travers Associates		Letter	Review of McDonough & Rea Letter
29	7/5/90	Merger County Planning	Thomas Jamieson, Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer	Preliminary/Final Site Plan, Phase 1	PB Agreement Details
30	4/30/91	New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)		Opinion	JCB considered eligible for inclusion in NJ and National Registers of Historic Places
31	6/3/91	SHPO		Opinion	JCB considered eligible for inclusion in NJ and National Registers of Historic Places
32	4/13/92	Bruce Gable, V.P. Human Resources, Janssen		Personnel Practices Manual	Re: Prohibitions on using Maddock Road
33	5/10/95	NJ Department of Transportation		Alternative Analysis	Bear Tavern Road over Jacobs Creek Analysis
34	8/29/95	David Stem, County Engineer		Letter	Adaptation and Reutilization of Metal Truss Bridges
35	11/1/95	Dorothy Guzzo, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	Andras Fekete, NJDOT	Letter	Consultation comments for the JCB Replacement Project
36	4/30/97	HTC	Dorothy Guzzo, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	Letter	Comment on archeological report for JCB Replacement Project
37	2/1/01			Resolution 01-60	Endorsing the Hopewell Township Application for TEA-21 Grant Funds for the Relocation of the Historic King Truss Bridge Project; Bridge would serve as a pedestrian access over Woolsey Creek
38	2/27/01	David Blackwell, Chair, HPC		Resolution	Urging HTC formally request of Mercer County, the NJDOT, and the State HPO a re-opening of the Section 106 consultation process insofar as it relates to this bridge replacement project
39	3/1/01	HTC	County	Resolution 01-79	Requesting a re-opening of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process as it relates to the BT Iron Truss Bridge Replacement Project
40	3/1/01	HTC	County	Resolution 01-80	Regarding the planning and design of Mercer County Road and Bridge Projects within Hopewell township. HTC "strongly urges Mercer County to contact the HT Mayor etc well in advance of the planning and design of any road or bridge project, so that the project can be developed by collaboration between the County and the Township."
41	4/24/01	Planing Board (PB)		Resolution 01-016	Reporting on an ordinance of the HTC designating the "Bear Tavern Road Iron Truss Bridge Over Jacobs Creek" as a historic landmark within the official zoning map and ordinances of the Township of Hopewell
42	5/3/01	HTC		Ordinance 01-1195	Designating JCB as Historic Landmark and amending and supplementing the official zoning map and ordinances of the Township of Hopewell accordingly
43	5/3/01	HTC		Resolution 01-131	Stating the reasons for designating the Bear Tavern Road Iron Truss Bridge over Jacobs Creek" as an historic landmark within the Township of Hopewell
44	5/23/01	HTC; Mayor Marylou Ferrara	John Ricci, County Administrator	Letter	Clarification of Township's interest in JCB; "First priority of the HTC is that the bridge be preserved in place due to its historic nature, as recognized by our HPC... If, and only if, after extensive review of the situation by engineers with a specialty in historic preservation, it were determined that the bridge is unsafe, and that repairs to render it safe would be impossible, the Township has expressed its desire to retain custody of the bridge, and to have the opportunity to have it moved to a park for restoration and pedestrian use."
45	5/24/01	Cherry, Weber & Associates	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	Letter	JCB Required repairs identified; "Above repairs will not increase the load carrying capacity or improve the narrow width or inadequate vertical clearance of the structure. In order to meet current design loading and geometric standards and to provide adequate safety features (railing, guide rail, etc.), complete replacement with a new structure would be required."
46	6/1/01	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Engineer	HTC	Letter	Re 5/24/01 Cherry, Weber & Associates Letter; "In summary, CWA has determined the bridge can be modified to retain the existing load rating. It is my understanding that the structural modifications should be undertaken soon as the steel is eroding and needs replacement. Various alternatives are available to remediate the noise problem with the existing deck material. Several alternatives are available, however, the actual alternative is dependent upon the type of structural modification permitted by the State Historic Preservation Office. Likewise, the type of structural modification is directly dependent upon completion of a detailed structural evaluation and design."
47	7/24/01	David Stem, County Engineer	Mayor Ferrara, HTC	Letter	Long response to Ferrara letter... Refers to bridge inspection reports showing JCB now at 3 tons; Most utility vehicles and pick-ups exceed this limit; required work to repair beams exhibiting distortions and/or deflections; "With a decision to rehabilitate and preserve the structure in place there can be no discretion in enforcement of the load limit nor room for additional traffic. Anticipated increases in traffic will cause the roadway to fail. ... Should we receive notice that the load posting is being violated and perceive the total enforcement is impossible or impractical, we will have no alternative but to close the structure to traffic causing extensive and wide spread inconvenience. Hopefully, all township residents have had an opportunity to participate in your discussions on this matter with a full understanding of the potential consequences. If not, I would ask you to reconsider your position. In the interim we will attempt to identify a different funding source which would cover the costs of a rehabilitation and reprogram of the project."
48	8/6/01	Christine Smeltzer, HT Administrator	Robert Prunetti, County Executive	Letter	Refers to discussion at HTC 8/2/01 meeting; Response to Stem's letter; The HTC "were concerned about some of Mr. Stem's comments which seemed to signal an imminent shut down of the bridge. However the committee was encouraged by Mr. Stem's last statement indicating that the County would be looking for funding to preserve the bridge in place."
49	2/21/02	Fred Raffetto; HTC attorney	HTC; Jon Edwards Mayor	Letter	CONFIDENTIAL memo to HTC re JCB jurisdiction.
50	10/17/02	Diane Parks, Janssen	Robert Prunetti, County Executive	Letter	Requesting assistance from County Exe to have 2002 Task Force provide final report
51	2004 NJ Historic Bridge Survey				Concurs with earlier evaluations that the structure is individually eligible for inclusion in NJ and National Registers of Historic Places
52	4/12/04	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor	Jacobs Creek Bridge Task Force	Letter	Inviting members to join JCBTF
53	4/20/04	HPC		Position Statement on Bear Tavern Rd Bridge over Jacobs Creek	
54	11/8/04	HTC		Meeting	Presentation of findings and discussion of JCBTF Recommendations
55	11/8/04	HPC; Heidi Kahme, HPC Member		Email	Adding to HTC record HPC's 4/20/04 Statement of Position on JCB
56	11/11/04	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor (same as 4/12/04 letter)	JCBTF Members	Letter	Thank you letter to members of the JCBTF for serving
57	11/12/04	Hopewell Valley Historical Society	HTC	Letter	Supporting rehabilitating, in place, the existing JCB
58	11/18/04	John Subacus, Director, Facility Management, Janssen	HTC	Letter	Urging HTC and County to act on JCBTF recommendations
59	12/2/04	Mayors Task Force on Traffic and Trucking		Recommendations	To the HTC regarding the report of the JCBTF
60	12/13/04	HTC		Resolution 04-361	Endorsing the report and recommendations of the JCBTF
61	1/18/05	HPC		Resolution	Formal comment of HPC regarding the report of the JCBTF; Supports Alt 2, and refers to HPC's position statement of 4/20/04
62	8/22/05	Aaron Watson, Director, County Director of DOT and Infrastructure	Heidi Kahme, Member, HPC	Letter	Re: Additional Signage in advance of JCB
63	9/8/05	County Freeholders		Resolution 2005-568	Authorizing PSA for Keller & Kirkpatrick for engineering services to prepare an alternative analysis for JCB
64	10/14/05	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Meeting	Initial Kick-Off meeting between County and Keller & Kirkpatrick to develop alternatives to be evaluated. Hopewell Township not present
65	1/30/06	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Meeting	Progress meeting with County and Keller & Kirkpatrick to develop alternatives to be evaluated. Hopewell Township not present
66	7/31/06	Donna Lewis, County Planning Director	Pamela Crabtree, Chair HPC	Letter	Merger County Status on Historic Properties in Hopewell Township
67	8/11/06	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Meeting	Progress meeting with County, Township, Keller & Kirkpatrick to develop alternatives to be evaluated. Paul Pogorzelski, Hopewell Township Engineer, attended.
68	12/6/06	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants	JCBTF Members & County	Meeting Invitation	Invitation to 1/16/07 special progress meeting with SHPO
69	1/16/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Meeting Sign-In Sheet	Special progress meeting at and with SHPO, County and JCBTF to discuss various alternatives and potential impacts to the historic significance of the structure. Heidi Kahme attended as representative of Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission.
70	1/29/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants	JCBTF Members & County	Meeting Invitation	Invitation to 2/5/07 special progress meeting with SHPO
71	2/2/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Minutes	Minutes of special 1/16/07 progress meeting at SHPO
72	2/2/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Agenda	For special 2/5/07 progress meeting at SHPO
73	2/5/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants		Meeting Sign-In Sheet	Special progress meeting at and with SHPO, County, JCBTF, HPC. Hopewell Township residents, Heidi Kahme, Robin Fogel and Craig Rolwood, attended as representatives of JCBTF; David Blackwell and Pam Crabtree attended as representatives of HPC.
74	2/20/07	HPC		Meeting	Special Progress Presentation by Keller & Kirkpatrick to develop alternatives to be evaluated. Paul Pogorzelski, Hopewell Township Engineer, attended.
75	3/20/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Brief Discussion
76	4/18/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Betsy Ackerman, HPC Chair
77	5/15/07	HPC	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Letter	Hybrid of JCBTF Alt 2 preferred; HPC requests that additional solutions be explored
78	5/15/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Betsy Ackerman, HPC Chair
79	5/21/07	Keller & Kirkpatrick, County Bridge Consultants	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Letter	Proposal for additional services for additional historic bridge alternative analysis as discussed at 2/20/07 HPC meeting
80	6/15/07	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Administrator/Engineer	Letter	Re: HPC's 5/15/07 Letter and 2/20/07 Keller & Kirkpatrick Presentation to HPC; reviews extra fees with expanded scope of work to include additional alternative
81	6/19/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Betsy Ackerman, HPC Chair
82	7/17/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Judy Niederer, HTC Liaison to HPC
83	8/21/07	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Paul Pogorzelski, Township Administrator and Engineer; Lengthy discussion that ultimately "Determines that JCBTF Alt 2 as presented by Keller and Kirpatrick on 3/20/07 is the acceptable alternative. Notwithstanding, it remains the opinion of the HPC that the suggested hybrid design for Alt 2 might better meet the goals of the SHPO. The Commission encourages the County to consider this hybrid option should questions about Alternative 2 arise."
84	8/21/07	HPC	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Letter	Inviting County to proposed Harbortown Historic District discussion on 9/18/07 meeting
85	8/23/07	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor	Aaron Watson, Director, County Director of DOT and Infrastructure	Letter	
86	8/23/07	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor		Letter	Reiterating HPC position as discussed in 8/21/07 HPC meeting
87	2/6/09	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Dorothy Guzzo, State Historic Preservation Office	Letter	Reiterating HPC position as discussed in 8/21/07 HPC meeting
88	2/17/09	HPC	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Administrator/Engineer	Letter	Notice of JCB replacement using JCBTF alternative 5B-3
89	2/28/09	HPC		Minutes	JCB Update by Vanessa Sandom, Mayor and HPC liaison and Paul Pogorzelski
90	3/4/09	Max Hayden, Chair HPC	Paul Pogorzelski, HT Administrator/Engineer	Meeting	Review of Historic sites and discussion of 2/6/09 Letter from Sandusky
91	3/9/09	HTC		Email	Summary of 2/28/09 JCB discussion
92	3/10/09	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Resolution 09-107	Endorsing the Replacement of the Bear Tavern Bridge Over Jacobs Creek; Subject to the requests and recommendations of the HPC and HTC attached to resolution
93	4/21/09	HPC		Letter	Accompanying 3/9/09 HTC Resolution 09-107
94	5/5/09	HTC		Minutes	JCB Update by Vanessa Sandom, Mayor and Paul Pogorzelski
95	5/15/09	Daniel Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	Greg Sandusky, County Engineer	Informational Meeting for Public	
96	6/20/09	Hopewell Valley Regional School District		Letter	SHPO Review of JCB replacement and agreement to same
97	6/24/09	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor		Resolution	Requesting the Mercer County Department of Transportation Eliminate the Passing Zone and Decrease the Speed Limit on County Route 579 (Bear Tavern Road)
98	8/10/09	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor		Informational Meeting with County Engineering Staff and Public	
99	8/18/09	HTC; Vanessa Sandom, Mayor		Regular HTC meeting with much discussion on JCB	
100	8/19/09	Ewing Mayor Meeting -- Cancelled		Informational Meeting with Mayor Ball and Public	