

OFFICE OF ADJUDICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF : *APPLICATION # 202203416*

CT DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

East Haven/New Haven

(Bridge #02166, Rte. 337, Morris Creek)

: *NOVEMBER 28, 2022*

HEARING OFFICER REPORT

PETITION FOR HEARING

On August 16, 2022, the Office of Adjudications received a petition for a “public hearing” on the application filed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for work to rehabilitate Bridge #02166, located on Connecticut Route 337 over Morris Creek in East Haven and New Haven. At a September 1, 2022 Status Conference, the petitioner confirmed that this request was not to adjudicate the application, rather, it was for a non-contested informational public hearing.

HEARING

The informational public hearing was held on October 18, 2022, starting at 6:00 PM on the Zoom platform. Presentations were made by the Applicant (DOT) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on the work for which the permit is required, the application’s compliance with General Statutes §§ 22a-32 and 22a-361 and any other relevant statutes or regulations, and how the permit will ensure that the work will be conducted within environmental standards. Public comment followed, and written comments were received following the hearing.

POST HEARING

On November 15, 2022, the DOT and DEEP issued a joint Comment Response Document in response to public comment and related questions received at and after the hearing. As this is not a contested case, no proposed or final decision is required. Rather, this Report summarizes the process that was followed as a result of the request for hearing, and confirms that it was a complete and sufficient response to the request for an informational hearing process concerning the permit that will be issued pursuant to the above-captioned application.

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