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Transportation commissioner announces study

MAY IMPROVE ROUTE 73

The New York State Department of Transportation responding to local desires, will undertake measures to improve route 73 in Essex County which will have minimal effects upon the surroundings, State Transportation Commissioner Raymond T. Schuler announced last week.

The rebuilding of route 73 has been a priority item of many local industrial and tourist business leaders since the construction of the Northway.

The topic of route 73 was discussed at the Thursday meeting of the Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club by State Assemblyman Andrew Ryan. During a question period Ryan was asked why there had been no action on the route 73 project.

Ryan stated the two reasons were the fact that monies were not available and the Department of Transportation reminded him that Essex County did not approve the last proposed State transportation issue.

A spokesman for the DOT told the Sentinel late last week that there was no limit in the amount of time that the state would take in the study.

The spokesman stated that the solution to the problem may be DOT working out a solution to the

condition with the Reconditioning and Preservation program similar to the one to be done south of the Village of Ticonderoga to Still Bay this year.

In taking this direction of a study, Commissioner Schuler said, they are responding both to objections that a relocation of the route would have detrimental environmental effects and that extensive improvements along the existing highway would adversely affect homes and businesses.

"The Department will undertake studies and provide recommendations for improving critical areas along the route, abandoning plans for reconstructing the 12 miles as originally proposed. Our aim now is to enhance this major east-west connection between Ticonderoga and the Adirondack Northway (Interstate Rte. 87) in ways that will have the least effect upon development along Route 73 and the surrounding environment," the Commissioner said.

The Department held a corridor or public hearing on the proposed project, which called for rebuilding the highway between Route 9 at Severance and the hamlet of Chilton, in September 1970 at Schroon Lake Central School.

Some people attending the hearing indicated that relocating the highway through essentially undeveloped territory would have detrimental environmental effects. Residents along Eagle Lake and Paradox Lake opposed reconstructing the highway on its present alignment because of the effects this would have on their summer homes or businesses.

Subsequently, the State's austerity budgets limited capital construction funds, requiring reconsideration of a number of major projects such as the Route 73 proposal.

To provide for transportation needs of the area while meeting fiscal constraints and objections to previously considered proposals, the Department now seeks means to improve service along

Route 73 with a minimum of new construction.

"This new approach," Commissioner Schuler said, "is being taken to meet the needs of residents and industry alike. In so doing, we are responding to the views and desires expressed at the public hearing while meeting our responsibilities for providing a sound transportation facility."



Later in the day as the members of the Brigade of the American Revolution morning Muster the group held at the Old English Fort in Ticonderoga. The brigade took part in various Revolutionary War demonstrations brought to this area as a part of the New York State program for awareness of the Revolutionary War. Among the groups are the American and British military organizations.

Water supply of water

Water committee chairman, Steve Gordon Cawley, reported there would probably be more problems in the construction of the sewage plant. Cawley told board members he feels they should sit back until some higher

government official has a plan to build the local sewer plant. The problems of bringing fresh water to the town were brought up by attorney Michael Gallant representing the citizens on the Lake Road who have requested the Town of Ticonderoga to form a water district in their area. Last week the petitioners were told by the Town Board to get in writing from the village board that the village would provide for such a district and at what cost it would cost mettered.

Ticonderoga youths were injured in an early morning accident according to Ticonderoga

Howard Thompson killed in work accident

Howe Thompson, 39, formerly of Ticonderoga and now of Clarendon was killed on a work site



The excitement of meeting a real live American Indian was the reason for the smiles on the faces of these young men who appeared in Ticonderoga last week as members of the French National Boys Choir, Maitrise National D'Enfants. They are from the Paris, France, area are talking with Chief Swift Eagle who is a member of the Mohican Indian presentation at Frontier Town. The Chief provided music and stories for the boys after they gave a concert for more than 300 persons in the St. Mary's Church, Thursday evening. Other activities for the boys included a visit and lunch at Fort Ticonderoga and two nights with local families in their homes.

In response to the request for

According to State Police a westbound tractor-trailer driven by August E. Posse, 42, of Route 3,