

Minutes of a Public Meeting held in the Town Hall
May 26th, 1917 at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

Present:

B. Frank Howell, Jr., Supervisor.

Jos. W. Kratoville, Town Clerk.

Geo. W. Hildreth,
Wm. F. Flanagan,
Wm. L. Miller,
Walter S. Towns, Justices.

Supervisor, B. Frank Howell, Jr. read petition which called for a Public Meeting.

Following is a copy of the Petition:

TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD:-

We, the undersigned, residents of said town, and liable to be assessed for highway labor therein, do hereby respectfully petition that a public meeting be held, at which the Town Board shall hear arguments as to the most desirable route which the new State Road, known as Route #35, shall take through the Town of Riverhead, and that such public meeting be a preliminary to official action by the Town Board favoring one certain route, to the end that the State Officials may be advised as to the official wishes of the town in regard to the route of said proposed State Road.

Dated May 15th, 1917.

NAME	ADDRESS
E. E. Prince	Riverhead
F. A. Serrine	"
I. M. Young	"
Henry Brown	"
H. R. Talmage	"

Town Clerk, Jos. W. Kratoville read letter from State Commissioner of Highways,

Following is a copy of the letter:

Mr. Joseph W. Kratoville, Town Clerk,
Riverhead, New York.

My Dear Sir:

Acknowledgement is hereby made of yours of the 19th

quoting digest of the petition filed with the town board of the town of Riverhead by certain petitioners praying for the holding of a public meeting to consider the most desirable location for state route 35 through that town.

Answering your inquiry, I regret to inform you that because of the failure by the department to secure bidders on two lettings advertised this year, the department has adopted the policy of not advertising any future construction work this year. With respect to the effect of official action by the town board on this department as to the location of state routes, while such action would of course have no binding effect upon the department, I am glad to inform you that any such communication would of course receive careful consideration before the route was determined upon. As a matter of fact I am to meet with the board of supervisors of your county at Riverhead on Monday evening May 28th to go over the whole highway situation in the county. Inasmuch as your next board meeting is on Saturday of this week, why would it not be a good idea to have this an open session.

Very truly yours,

Edwin Ruffey

Commissioner.

Supervisor asked for argument on each side of the question, and several resident Taxpayers each gave short addresses.

On motion meeting adjourned to the Town Clerk's Office, where it was decided that inasmuch as State Commissioner of Highways, Mr. Ruffey, would be in Riverhead, N.Y. on Monday May 28th, 1917, it would be well that this meeting be adjourned, and that on Monday May 28th, 1917 at 7:30 P.M. the Town Board meet in the Supervisors rooms and talk the matter in question over fully with Mr. Ruffey. Carried.

On motion it was ordered that a meeting of the Town Board be held in the Supervisors Rooms on May 28th, 1917 at 7:30 P.M. Carried.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Joseph W. Batorille
Town Clerk.