



June 22, 2015

Dear Friends,

On Thursday evening, June 11, 2015, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) hosted a public meeting at the Botume House in the Middlesex Fells Reservation to discuss plans to install a guardrail in Stoneham along approximately 80 feet of the Fellsway East northbound near Phillips Street and a guardrail of along approximately 60 feet of Ravine Road eastbound.

In August 2014, as part of traffic calming improvements, DCR reconfigured the layout of the intersection between Ravine Road and the southbound lane of Fellsway East in Stoneham. The installation of two guardrails was proposed to improve public safety.

The public meeting on June 11 was well-attended, and DCR heard numerous expressions of concern about the proposed installation of steel guardrail along the approximately 80 feet of the northbound lane of Fellsway East near Phillips Street. As a result, DCR is researching other treatments that will support the safety of the driving public and the residents of 1 Phillips Street. It is important to note that an alternative treatment is likely to require additional funding beyond that originally budgeted for the project. In addition, to protect against possible impalement, a steel end treatment designed to collapse upon impact may be required on the southerly end of the barrier selected, depending on its final alignment and type.

In regard to the installation of steel guardrail along the newly-configured section of Ravine Road eastbound, there appeared to be no objection to that project component.

We appreciate your interest, as well as your input, and will keep you informed as future decisions are made on this project. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to email [Mass.Parks@state.ma.us](mailto:Mass.Parks@state.ma.us) or to call DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973.

Sincerely,

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