

FEMA ALTERNATE PROJECTS

December 2013 to January 2015

UPDATE #1

This is the first installment of Alternate Project Updates. This report, and those to follow, are intended to keep residents and taxpayers of Granville informed about current activities – both financial and actual on-ground work. Planning and completion of the six Alternate Projects is a very large undertaking for the town, and most residents will be affected in some way as improvements are made to town roads and trails, and replacement fire and rescue vehicles are purchased. Approximately \$667,000 will be spent on Alternate Projects, with 90% funding from FEMA and the rest from the State of Vermont, once all invoices are audited and approved. Funds for Alternate Projects are available in lieu of funds which would have been available (but grossly insufficient) to repair flood damage on Buffalo Farm Road. The town expects to complete all activities and close the books by December 31, 2016. These Updates will appear on the town's website and will be available at the Town Clerk's Office. Updates begin with the town's application for Alternate Projects under the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act. The date of each Update will be random, depending on activities underway. Questions may be directed to the Granville Selectboard, Road Commissioner, or FEMA Coordinator. Granville formally applies for approval of six Alternate Projects to be done within a budget of \$667,692. Expectation (at the time of application) was that approval would be granted by spring 2014, which would have allowed two construction seasons to complete all projects prior to a due date of September 1, 2015.

December 16, 2013

1. Buffalo Farm Road Closure Barriers \$20,338
2. Butz Road Improvements \$350,540
3. Fire & Rescue Replacement Vehicles \$140,000
4. West Hill Road Improvements \$21,000
5. West Hill Road Extension Road Improvements \$99,241
6. Recreational Trail System \$12,240

These costs are estimates and do not total the amount to be made available.

May 19, 2013

Granville is asked to re-apply for Alternate Projects since there has been a change in forms and in the identification number – PW#3369. Re-application made and accepted by FEMA.

December 8, 2014

Vermont Emergency Management notifies the Town of Granville that FEMA has approved all Alternate Projects with a maximum budget of \$667,692. Any expenditure beyond the limit will be entirely Granville's responsibility.

December 16, 2014

The Town of Granville makes an urgent request in writing to extend the completion date from September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. An entire construction season has been lost from the date of application to the date of approval.

January 5, 2015

Selectboard awards a contract to Chase & Chase Surveyors of Barre for a complete survey of the Butz Road (\$29,000) and a survey for that portion (0.4 miles) of West Hill Extension to be improved (\$8100). The hope was that winter conditions would permit an early start on the surveys, but it wasn't to be, and surveying is expected to start in May 2015.

January 26, 2015

Granville receives \$450,692 in advance funds from FEMA for Alternate Projects. This amount represents 75% of the total financing FEMA has promised. The remainder will not be received until all projects are completed and approved. To bridge this financial gap, the Town Treasurer has secured a \$220,000 Line of Credit with Mascoma Bank.

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