

**FEMA ALTERNATE PROJECTS**  
**UPDATE #3**  
**July 2015 to November 2015**

This update is the third in a series intended to keep the Granville Selectboard, residents and taxpayers informed as to the progress being made to carry out and fund our six Alternate Projects. Previous updates covering events from December 2103 to July 2015 are available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website.

**July – August 2015**

Chase & Chase Surveyors along with Doug Newton continued work on the survey and design of road improvements for the West Hill, West Hill Extension and Butz Road projects.

Kingsbury Construction began work on the Buffalo Farm Road Road Closure Barriers contract which had been awarded by the Granville Selectboard on July 6, 2015.

**September 2015**

Kingsbury Construction satisfactorily finishes work on Buffalo Farm Barriers. **This Alternate Project is now complete. Final cost was \$27,500.**

Doug Newton's final designs for West Hill and West Hill Extension projects are received by the selectboard. A decision is made to combine the projects for contracting purposes. Formal project advertisements are published.

Work by volunteers, at no cost to the town, has resulted in clearing the Bagley Barn Legal Trail of brush and blowdowns as part of the Recreational Trails Alternate Project. The trail is now suitable for recreation use. An Ancient Roads field trip attended by sixteen people was conducted on the newly-cleared trail September 20, 2015.

**October 2015**

Tires are purchased for the new Rescue Truck from Back Road Adons. This is the final expenditure for the Fire and Rescue Vehicle Replacement Project. **This Alternate Project is now complete. Final Cost was \$109,309.**

On October 5, 2015, seven bids were received and opened by the Granville Selectboard for work on the combined West Hill/West Hill Extension Alternate Projects. The bid was awarded to low-bidder Xcav8 LLC for the amount of \$168,615.82. Xcav8 began work on the combined projects with a completion date of late spring 2016.

Also on October 5, the Granville Selectboard received six bids for replacement of five culverts on Butz Road. This work is part of the Butz Road Improvement Alternate Project, but it was contracted separately since it urgently needed to be done before winter. The contract was awarded to Xcav8 LLC for the amount of \$5400 and the work has been satisfactorily completed.

Lloyd McGuffin & Son Excavating was hired to perform two small service contracts for earthwork and erosion control renovations under the Recreational Trails Alternate Project. Class 4 sections of both West Hill Extension Road and Rob Ford Road were cleared and had new drainage installed.

## **November 2015**

Lloyd McGuffin & Son Excavating was hired to perform a small service contract for clearing, earthwork and erosion control renovations under the Recreational Trails Alternate Project on a remote section of Class 4 Kennedy Road. Access to the site was difficult but coordinated with the Green Mountain National Forest.

Work approved by FEMA for five of the six sites under the Recreational Trails Alternate Project is nearly complete. The last site, McDonald Road, may be done entirely by volunteers – but not until next spring. It is expected that expenditures for this Alternate Project will come in under-budget once all invoices have been received.

## **Summary to Date**

As of November 11, 2015 **\$170,014 (25%)** of the \$667,692 approved by FEMA for Alternate Projects has been paid by the Town Treasurer for work done. An additional **\$203,071 (30%)** has been obligated by contracts awarded but not yet invoiced and/or not yet completed.

At this time, two Alternate Projects – **Buffalo Farm Road Closure Barriers and Fire & Rescue Vehicle Replacement** – **have been completed** and no further costs are expected related to them.

**Recreational Trails Alternate Project is substantially complete** and will be under budget once all invoices are received. Completion is expected in spring of 2016.

**West Hill/West Hill Extension Alternate Projects are under contract** and work is well underway. Completion is expected by June 2016.

**The last outstanding Alternate Project is Butz Road Improvement.** The selectboard has not yet received the final design and quantity estimates being worked on by Chase & Chase Surveyors and Consulting Engineer, Doug Newton. These documents are expected to arrive soon, and a plan of action will be developed by the selectboard. It is hoped that a contract can be advertised by early 2016 which would permit an early spring bid award and a full season for accomplishing the work. The Town of Granville has until December 31, 2016 to complete this project.

Any questions regarding this update may be directed to me.

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