

FEMA ALTERNATE PROJECTS

UPDATE #4

November 2015 to June 2016

This is the fourth update in a series intended to keep the Granville Selectboard, residents and taxpayers informed as to the progress being made to complete our six Alternate Projects by the due date of 12/31/16 and stay within the FEMA-approved budget of \$667,872. Previous updates covering events from December 2103 to November 2015 are available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website.

November 2015 - February 2016

Working together, Kris Jurentkuff, Chase & Chase Surveyors, and Doug Newton, Consulting Engineer, finish a survey and design for Butz Road Improvements which met the town's objective to widen the roadway to 20 feet and qualify as a Class 2 State Highway. On February 24, this plan was presented to the selectboard with an estimated cost of \$567,000 which is much higher than anticipated and beyond the budget approved by FEMA. After much discussion, the selectboard directed Doug and Kris to examine four alternative options which would alter the design, reduce the amount of work to be done and lower the cost.

March 2016

On March 14, Mary Andes and Ron Pentkowski from VT Emergency Management, who are the Grantees on Alternate Projects, attended a selectboard meeting to hear a presentation of Options 1, 1A, 2, and 2A from Doug and Kris. Cost estimates ranged from \$248,000 to \$354,000. Discussion centered around Option 1A at \$248,000. Mary and Ron advised that if the town moved ahead with Option 1A, it must submit a Scope Change Request to FEMA for their approval of the slimmed-down project design. Option 1A improvements will keep the road at its current width, retain its Class 3 Highway classification, and eliminate replacement of the so-called Landis culvert.

After further discussion of Option 1A, the selectboard made some minor changes to the design and approved Option 1A at a projected cost of \$259,393. A timetable was set for soliciting bids, a mandatory pre-bid showing for contractors, and opening of bids.

May 2016

By May 23, nine bids for Butz Road Improvements were received and opened by the selectboard. They ranged from \$185,000 to \$313,000. Selectboard decided to take time to examine the bids more closely and scheduled a Special Selectboard Meeting for May 28 to award the bid. On that date the contract was awarded to G&N Excavation of Fayston, VT for a bid of \$215,329. The selectboard also decided to place gravel surfacing at a cost of \$40,000 over the entire Butz Road once the main contract was complete. **These decisions will keep Granville within the approved FEMA budget for all Alternate Projects.**

On May 28, Butz Road landowners and the public were invited to an Open House to view the construction plans at the Town Clerk's Office. Nine landowners, some from out-of-state, took advantage of this opportunity.

June 2016

On June 1, Granville's Scope Change request was delivered to VT Emergency Management. All seemed to be in order for FEMA's review and approval which is not expected until late July. Until then, G&N Excavation cannot begin work on the Butz Road Improvement project.

This month saw the satisfactory completion and final inspections for the West Hill and West Hill Extension Alternate Projects awarded to Xcav8 in the fall of 2015.

Brush and blowdown clearing on the last (of six) Recreation Trail Alternate Projects – on the McDonald Road - has been done by volunteers from the local snowmobile club.

Summary to Date

<u>Projects Completed</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Final Cost</u>
Buffalo Farm Barriers	\$20,338	\$27,513
Fire & Rescue Vehicles	\$140,000	\$109,308
West Hill Rd. Improvements	\$21,000	\$28,350
West Hill Extension Improvements	\$99,421	\$157,973
Recreational Trails	\$12,240	\$9,573
<u>Project Underway</u>		
Butz Road Improvements	\$350,540	\$311,761 (Est.)
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Total All Six Alternate Projects	\$667,872*	\$644,478**

* In the FEMA-approved budget, \$24,333 was not assigned to a particular project.

** Unspent budget balance of \$23,394 may be used on education and mitigation activities.

Any questions regarding this update may be directed to me.

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