

FEMA ALTERNATE PROJECTS

UPDATE #6

January 2017 to September 2017

This is the sixth 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. Updates #1-5 covering events from December 2013 to December 2016 are available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website.

January 2017

On January 20, 2017, FEMA provided written approval of Granville's Scope Change Request for the Butz Road Improvement project which had been submitted in May 2016. Approval was also given to extend our work completion deadline to September 30, 2017. In addition, a new federal requirement banning any tree cutting during the months of June and July was imposed. This ban applies to any federally-funded project in the State of Vermont and is intended to protect the habitat of the northern long-eared bat. Our contractor, G&N Excavation was notified they could begin work. G&N commenced tree clearing on the project, but suspended work in mid-February due to winter conditions.

May - August 2017

On May 8, 2017, the selectboard accepted a bid from Xcav8 to apply added gravel to Butz Road once the G&N contract was complete.

G&N finished clearing trees in May, and worked on the project the remainder of the summer, despite very wet weather conditions in June and July. Contract Change Orders were approved by the Granville Selectboard as follows:

- Change Order #1: Had no financial effect but did alter clearing and grubbing specifications.
- Change Order #2: Eliminated some work to comply with the State Wetlands Permit. Contract value was reduced by \$10,734 to \$204,595 from the original bid of \$215,329.
- Change Order #3: Covered a rise in gravel cost of \$1 per cubic yard and changed drainage plans at intersection with N. Hollow Rd. Contract value was increased by \$6057 to \$210,652.

September 2017

G&N completed the construction contract on 9/20/17 by installing guardrails near Maston Hill Rd. Two more Contract Change Orders were approved:

- Change Order #4: The town requested a culvert extension and road widening near junction with Maston Hill Rd. Contract value was increased by \$1665 to \$212,317.
- Change Order #5: Covers increased gravel beyond bid quantities which G&N needed to meet grade elevations. Contract value was increased by \$28,270 to a final figure of \$240,587.

Xcav8 finished their contract by applying gravel to the 3750 foot long stretch of Butz Road not included in the G&N contract.

On 9/25/17 the Granville Selectboard toured Butz Road and viewed all the work which had been done. At a Special Selectboard meeting that evening, the selectboard accepted the project as complete and ordered payment of the final invoices.

FINAL Financial Summary for Alternate Projects

<u>Projects Completed</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Final Cost</u>
Buffalo Farm Barriers	\$20,338	\$27,513
Butz Road Improvements	\$350,540	\$335,014
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	\$9,713
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Total All Six Alternate Projects	\$667,872*	\$667,871

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

Yet To Be Done

- VT Agency of Transportation has been contacted to make an inspection of Butz Road and certify that it meets state requirements.
- Financial closeout with FEMA and State of Vermont. All records, invoices, etc. associated with Tropical Storm Irene will be reviewed, including all the projects which preceded Alternate Projects which totaled \$691,103.
- **The combined cost of Irene road and other repairs in the Town of Granville was \$1,358,974.**
- At financial closeout, FEMA will pay the town the last 25% of their obligation (\$146,979), which they have been withholding. Granville will be able to pay off its outstanding Line of Credit with Mascoma Bank. Likewise, the State of Vermont has withheld payments to us and we should receive a lump sum payment from them which will more than cover our remaining financial obligations because we have already paid off the previous Line of Credit through tax collections approved at Town Meetings.

Any questions regarding this update may be directed to me.

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