

FHWA

Now that we are in the permanent repair phase of projects, we will be setting up a monthly reimbursement process to ensure quick payment from the FHWA grant on Mill Street and Brook Road Bridge projects. These are paid at 90%.

We have so far received:

Mill Street Bridge: \$121,636.92

Brook Rd. Bridge: \$109,514.42

Project timing: Preliminary engineering is complete, and NEPA clearance is done. We have entered the ROW phase, and Brian at D&K is updating the engineering to ensure that only temporary easements are required, thus not jeopardizing FEMA buyouts. We expect this work to be done by mid-June. ROW agreements are to be signed this summer, the permits are being drafted, with the final design expected this fall. Construction bids and contract awards will happen over the winter and construction will commence in Spring 2027.

FEMA Public Assistance

We have renegotiated repairs for water/wastewater lines for the Mill Street Bridge project and these will now be removed from the Scope of Work for the Recreation Field Road FEMA project and be added to the Mill Street Bridge repair project under FWHA.

Keith Cubbon from CVRPC is helping Tristan put together the RFP for the repair of water/wastewater lines for Recreation Field Road. We are submitting an updated Scope of Work to FEMA awaiting approval on their end.

FEMA Buyouts

It looks like the 2023 buyouts are moving. Arion Thiboumery, Buyout Coordinator, has received word that 90 School Street will be closing May 22nd. The 24 properties from 2024 remain under review in the FEMA Buyout Program. Program rules changes under the current federal administration have required submissions of some applications as many as four times. The State has been very diligent in completing these resubmissions.

EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) Grant

Dubois and King has been contracted to perform design and engineering work on the three projects currently in the grant program:

- 99 Brook Rd. (also in the FEMA Buyout program, ineligible if buyout accepted)
- 125 Barre Hill Rd.
- 203 Martin Meadow and properties adjacent along the Winooski to the Plainfield Health Center

Payment for this work is covered at 100% by the grant.

BRIC Grant for H & H Study of the Great Brook

The second public meeting was held last month to share progress and modeling. More work will be done this Spring.

MERP Grant

I am supporting our Energy Coordinator, Bob Atchinson, with the \$310,000 grant we received for energy improvements to five town buildings. To date, new garage doors have been installed and solar panels purchased for the Town Garage. The next step is to confirm projects with facility heads for the Town Hall/Opera House, Fire Department, Water/Wastewater Plant, and Town Office, then send out RFPs for the work. Sam Lash from CVRPC is supporting this process.

Congressional Directed Spending Request

I submitted a request for funding to support improvements to the Town Hall/Opera House with Senators Welch and Sanders' offices. The project includes A/C in the main hall, a replacement lift, completion of the addition in the rear of the building and renovation to the garage across the street. The total project estimate: \$390,000 and the amount requested: \$292,500.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hatcher
Grants Administrator