

Selectboard Meeting July 16, 2025

Presented by Stanley Noga, Jr.

I. Additional Items for Discussion

A.) Planning Committee Status

1. Chairperson update
2. Time frame
 - a. Current plan expires March 16, 2026
 - b. Plan must be completed by December 31, 2025
 - c. There are two required review steps after 12/31/25 each of 30 days
 - d. Approximately 5.5 months remain for plan formulation
 - e. Set time for next meeting and level of detail
 - f. State did not approve our grant request for approximately \$20,000 to hire WRC.

B.) Vermont Local Emergency Management Training

1. Virtual Training on August 25th and 26th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
2. Registration required -Who is authorized to attend?
- 3) Some Emergency Management classes can be taken on line, anytime. But, it requires an account be established in LMS (Learning Management System). Has SB established an account? If not, who and when will this happen? Stan's training was about 4-5 years ago. I believe that Doug Wellman has not attended the training. Account for LMS should be established late July 2025 or very early August.
- 4) Requires that persons in LMS obtain a FEMA ID#. Should both Doug and Stan obtain one or both?

C.) Alternative to Stan Noga, Jr. serving as FEMA Contact.

1. Stan reached out to Capital Strategic Solutions of Hudson, Mass. which is a firm that provides staffing for municipalities. They do provide municipal staffing of FEMA Contact roles on an as needed basis at \$180.00 per hour.

- D.) For the record, Stan Noga, Jr. resigned from role of Grants Supervisor on June 4, 2025 due to role not being used. No need to have a role which is non-functioning.**

II. Status of Two FEMA Projects Hill Rd and Ellen Ware Rd

A.) Need for either Renewing and/or Extending and/or Replacing and/or Terminating Engineer Contracts

1. Ellen Ware Rd contract effective July 29, 2024 and expired December 31, 2024. Contract was in amount of \$22,680. Invoiced for \$6,500 and paid said amount. Actions: Renew, Extend or Terminate?
2. Hill Rd Contract effective October 16, 2024 replacing a prior contract dated July 29, 2024 and expired June 30, 2025 based upon stated expiration date of "June 2025". Contract was in amount of \$23,930. Invoiced for \$8,500 and paid said amount. Actions: Renew, Extend or Terminate?
3. Tom :Homan of Federal Government in charge of ICE advised last week that he will be reviewing every FEMA project of \$100,000 or more in value for Fraud and abuse. Most likely will delay process further.
4. Stan will file for extensions for both projects.

B.) Ellen Ware Rd

1. Above and beyond the contract considerations, Brookline is simply waiting for Environmental and Historic Reviews and then finalizing the work, with FEMA and then get RFPs, bids, etc. Stan had interaction via email with VEM and FEMA reminding them that we wish to proceed.

C.) Hill Rd

1. June 18, 2025, Stan received an email from the FEMA region 1 person providing an overview. Some of what he outlined matches prior description by prior PGMDs and some may have a different twist. I have emailed FEMA pointing concerns out and asking for clarification. My statement here is an oversimplification statement. I asked for more clarification and have not received it. I again requested clarification on 07/11/2025 and hope to have more to share at SB meeting.

2. Brookline will need to request another engineering plan, Scope of Work and Cost Estimate simply to do what the SB has decided to do (repair the 11-66 and add guard rails, paving, 'piping' correction and four wingwalls). This may entail cancelling current contract and executing a new one.

III) Better Back Roads Grant Application

- A.) Application for culvert upgrade near the Clark Gravel Pit was denied.