

Tammy Hodgman

From: Donald H. Gerrish
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 1:32 PM
To: Rosie Hartzler
Cc: Gretchen A. Anderson; Mark T. Arienti; Tammy Hodgman
Subject: RE: Utilization of water shed protection grant funding

Hi Rosie,

I believe this is a reasonable request but I need to take it to the Town Council for their approval.

We can place it on the Council agenda for the November 12th or 19th Council meeting. I will talk with Council Leadership on Friday November 8th to confirm a date.

Thanks

Don

From: Rosie Hartzler <rosie.works.maine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 12:08 PM
To: Donald H. Gerrish <dhgerrish@windhammaine.us>
Subject: Fwd: Utilization of water shed protection grant funding

Hi Don, I am re-sending this email after I realize that I needed to correct the email address for you.
Rosie
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rosie Hartzler <rosie.works.maine@gmail.com>
Date: October 30, 2019 at 10:40:15 AM EDT
To: Don Gerrish <atplante@windhammaine.us>
Cc: John MacKinnon <watershed3@earthlink.net>, Dennis Brown <lakesideme@yahoo.com>, Jolaine Ricci <junklady@maine.rr.com>
Subject: Utilization of water shed protection grant funding

Good morning Don

As you know, this past spring the highland lake association received a grant of \$13,500 from the town of Windham to be used for the remediation of erosion sites within the Highland Lake watershed as identified by the 2018 watershed survey. A committee entitled the grant implementation committee, established by the Highland Lake Association has been in charge of distributing these match grant funds to participating road associations and individual homeowners in the remediation of designated sites.

One of the identified sites, the cottage Road right of way was identified in the original survey as one of the highest priority sites in terms of its negative impact on the overall water quality at Highland Lake.

This year a group of citizens on the Cottage Road plus representatives from the grant implementation committee, and an engineer collaborated together to design a remediation strategy for this site. A

contractor was engaged to do the remediation work.

Everything has gone according to plan, with all permits received, money raised by the cottage Road group for the match grant which would cover 50% of the total estimated cost of \$9000 to remediate this site.

The problem is, that at this point in the year when the contractor was finally able to get to this site due to a heavy workload this season, the weather has not cooperated. We have had so much rain in the month of October, that the high water levels at Highland Lake will be a major obstruction in the remediation strategies to be implemented.

I have spoken with the contractor, who would be able to do part of the work this fall, with the remainder of the work being done in the spring. This of course is not a satisfactory solution to the complete remediation of this site. The site not only presents a challenge in terms of major erosion occurring on what is a highly utilized right of way, but also is adjacent to a Brook that overflows onto the ROW leading into Highland lake.

My phone call to you this morning is to make a request to you and the Windham town Council that we as a Highland Lake Association have the permission of the town of Windham to hold \$4500 from the watershed grant that was allocated to the Highland Lake Association for 2019, To be used , In the spring of 2020 for the complete remediation of the cottage Road right of way.

I realize that this request goes against the usual procedure of the town Council in that watershed protection grant funds allocated to the HLA be used within the fiscal year 2019, or by December , 2019.

I am asking you as the town manager for your opinion and input on the question of whether the HLA could Postpone the remediation of the Cottage Road ROW until spring 2020, due to the weather conditions making it nearly impossible to institute the approved engineered designs.

Thanks for your consideration, and I will look forward to the conversation with you.

Rosie Hartzler, President of the highland lake association
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