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Date: February 24, 2025

To: Glenn Michalowski, Town Manager; Town Councilors

From: Sarah Bennett, Assistant Town Manager

Subject: Update on Damages from the December, 2023 Wind/Rain Storm Event

Dear Town Manager Michalowski and members of the Town Council,

This memo serves to provide a brief summary of the financial impact of the December, 2023 wind and rain storm event.

Following the December, 2023 wind/rain event that caused significant damage to our Town, formally termed by FEMA 'Disaster Declaration DR-4754-ME', Town staff from multiple departments collaborated to complete debris removal and emergency response, conducted various emergency repairs, compiled and documented expenses and financial impacts, conducted environmental impact analyses, worked with Federal and State partners to conduct damage assessments, and prepared and submitted documentation to request reimbursement from the Federal and State governments aimed to lessen the financial burden placed on the Town and its taxpayers.

As shown on the next page, the Town submitted 5 projects under FEMA Disaster Declaration DR-4754-ME representing a total of $197,424.84 in storm damages. Because we took swift action and began documenting damages quickly – and followed FEMA requirements – we are eligible to receive a 90% reimbursement of those expenses (75% from FEMA and 15% from the State) leaving the Town responsible for the remaining 10% to total $19,742.48. This is a significant savings to the Town and tax payers; especially since the expenses were both unbudgeted AND necessary due to the unexpected emergency nature of the disaster.

Total Damages - $197,424.84

Federal Share (75%) - $148,068.63

State Share (15%) - $29,613.73

Remaining Town Share (10%) - $19,742.48

Overall Savings to Town - **$177,682.36**

Of the 5 projects submitted, 3 have been obligated and I anticipate the remaining 2 will be obligated very soon. The table accompanying this memo details the different damage categories and associated cost totals. The bulk of the financial burden was due to significant damages to our public walking path, listed under 'Category G', where damages in this project alone mounted to a total of just under $116,000. Additionally, public roadways were impacted as were municipal buildings and

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property. Furthermore, just over $23,000 was spent on debris removal to make roadways and trails safe following the storm. Another $35,550 went to 'emergency protective measures' to make emergency repairs necessary to prevent further damage.

FEMA DR-4754-ME Projects and Cost Totals

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Project #	Category	Title	Type	Process Step	# Damages	Best Available Cost	Best Available Federal Share Cost
749298	A - Debris Removal	Debris Removal - Trails and Roads	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated	1	$23,287.03	$17,465.28
749307	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Protective Measures	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending QA Review	1	$35,550.97	$26,663.23
749395	C - Roads and Bridges	Public Works - Hatch and Ferry Rd	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated	1	$18,093.67	$13,570.26
749421	E - Buildings and Equipment	Public Works Department Damages	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated	2	$4,613.80	$3,460.35
749425	G - Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other Items	Public Parks Damages	Standard	Pending EHP Review	2	$115,879.37	$86,909.53

I will provide an update once all funds are obligated and the declaration has successfully closed out. I would like to offer my thanks to each department, and especially to Ms. Gina Holland, for her liaising between departments, management, and FEMA to ensure its timely completion.

Respectfully,

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