





## TOWN OF MERRIMACK INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** March 7, 2024

**AT (OFFICE):** Department of Public Works

**TO:** Paul Micali  
Town Manager

**FROM:** Dawn Tuomala, PE  
Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Release of Capital Reserve Funds for the Souhegan River Trail  
Account no. 01-08-8910

The Department of Public Works is requesting the release of \$48,817 (HL Turner Amendment #5) and an estimated \$20,000 (HL Turner Amendment #6) from the Capital Reserve Funds to perform additional engineering support for the work on the Souhegan River Trail (Amendment #6 is still in negotiations to be determined 3/12).

As construction began the contractor uncovered significant changes in the site that were not anticipated. This resulted in a partial re-design of part of the project. Due to the additional engineering, amendments total \$68,817. Some of the unanticipated changes were the result of significant river erosion, degraded bridge beam conditions, and location of ledge within the project site.

Fortunately, the changes in construction costs have been offset by reduction in original scope. Therefore the new design solutions have generally been offset by features that have been removed as no longer needed. The construction to this point has not required a change amendment due to these pluses and minuses in the scope or work.

Should you have any questions please let me know,

Dawn  
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