

Dan Werner

From: Kathleen Ramsay
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2020 10:14 AM
To: 'Amy Sheldon'
Cc: Dan Werner
Subject: RE: Middlebury Project BCA next steps -- Precipitation Data and Frequency Charts

Hi Amy, we think a written update might suffice for the Infrastructure Committee meeting at this time. Here is a draft of the update – please review/comment/correct.

Flood Resiliency Project Update

Project Manager Amy Sheldon reports that she has provided additional information to FEMA to support the Town’s application for funding of the project. While we remain optimistic that FEMA will fund the project, if we have not secured a commitment from them by the end of January, Amy suggests that the Town consider pursuing other funding options and discuss phasing priorities. Amy said, *“[w]ith three obvious project areas phasing will likely be more tied to the source of funding than to our priorities. I can imagine that the town might want to go ahead with the sediment management/removal part of the project on our own. It is the least costly and will buy us time on the Ossie Road berm.”*

Here is the article on the warning for Town Meeting for bonding for the project as currently drafted:

Article 9 Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Two Million (\$2,000,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of financing construction of Flood Resiliency Improvements for the Village of East Middlebury including: (1) repair the existing flood wall and extend the flood wall 150 feet downstream (\$1M); (2) armoring sections of the Ossie Road Berm (\$800,000); and removing sediment from chute entrances and the top of large bars (\$200,000), the total estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), with the Town’s portion of the project cost estimated at Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)?

We are also working with the State of Vermont DEC on an administrative grant of up to \$200,000, which would reduce the Town’s match for the project. The \$200,000 is linked to federal funding for the project and a successful bond vote – i.e. it’s not a stand-alone grant opportunity.

Thanks!