



AGENDA ITEM #: 18-84  
 COUNCIL MTG OF: July 17, 2018  
 FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator  
 OFFERED BY: Michael J. Gagnon, EM Director  
 PREPARED BY: Michael J. Gagnon, EM Director and Mark Fleischer, Accounting Manager  
 SUBJECT: FEMA Reimbursement Request

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Public Hearing 8-24-18*

**PURPOSE:**

Recommendation to apply for and accept, if awarded, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance reimbursement for snow removal operations for March 13 thru March 14 snowstorm event post Presidential Declaration to include Rockingham County.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

*Derry Public Works incurred a large expense for snow removal operations during the March 13/14 snowstorm event. The President declared a major disaster for parts of New Hampshire to include Rockingham County on June 8, 2018. As such, the Town may be eligible for 75% public assistance reimbursement for expenses associated with storm operations to include labor costs, equipment usage, private contractors, supplies such as sand/salt, and associated administrative expenses.*

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 13-14, 2018 – a major snowstorm occurred in New Hampshire. This storm resulted in prolonged snow removal operations conducted and coordinated by Derry Public Works. These storm operations resulted in a large expense to the Town of Derry. Accurate records to include labor costs, equipment expenses, contractor services, and supplies were immediately assembled following the storm in the event that the State and Rockingham County met the threshold for Federal assistance. On June 8, 2018 - President Donald Trump declared a major disaster for parts of New Hampshire, due to damage from this Nor'easter that hit the state. The declaration made federal funding available to the state, and eligible local governments for emergency work and damage repair in Carroll, Rockingham, and Strafford Counties. Funding was also made available to help pay for snow removal.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Presidential Declaration of June 8, 2018 for the snow event that occurred on March 13-14, 2018 makes FEMA public assistance reimbursement funds available to the Town of Derry for expenses incurred.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The gross expense to the Town of Derry associated with this storm was \$155,280. With a 75% public assistance reimbursement – pending FEMA review, the Town may be eligible for up to \$116,460 reimbursement.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:**

Schedule a public hearing for the August 14, 2018 Town Council meeting to allow the Town Administrator to apply for and accept FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement funds for the March 13-14 snow event.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

See Resolution #2018-039