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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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William Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

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Assistant Commissioner

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Right-of-Way
August 28, 2025

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Maintenance, and Bureau of Right-of-Way request authorization to pay a property owner \$45,000, as documented in the Contemplated Damage Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from August 26, 2025, through August 28, 2025, effective upon approval by the Governor and Executive Council.

Funding is available based on the following:

FY 2026

Highway Maintenance Damage Awards Funding
04-96-96-960515-3066
Highway Maintenance
400-500873 Land and Interest

\$45,000

EXPLANATION

The damage award payment is being submitted for approval to compensate a property owner under RSA 228:34 for damage to the groundwater drinking water supply resulting from road salt contamination caused by highway maintenance activities.

Respectfully,

William J. Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

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Attachment



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CONTEMPLATED AWARD

Project: Salted Well Replacement; Project 45287B

Our investigation under RSA 228:34 revealed the responsibility of the Department for damage to the water supply due to the influx of roadway deicing salt in the area of the property.

OWNERS: Daniel Fenno
521 Maple Street, Rt 142
Bethlehem, NH

Department's estimated cost for repairs and a negotiated settlement for the chloride contamination of the well. \$45,000

TOTAL CONTEMPLATED AWARDS: \$45,000

DATED: AUGUST 18, 2025


ERIC G. SARGENT
ADMINISTRATOR