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February 17, 2026

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

### REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), to amend the award for a grant to the Town of Barrington (VC#177234), for the implementation of projects identified through the evaluation of natural hazards. This amendment will change the completion date from April 2, 2026 to April 2, 2027 effective upon Governor and Council approval. This grant was originally approved by Governor and Council on April 23, 2025, item #118. **100% Federal Funds.**

### EXPLANATION

This request seeks approval to amend the completion date due to delays encountered during the application review process. The revised completion date of April 2, 2027, is necessary to allow sufficient time to complete the upgrade and replacement of the culvert on Lakeside Oaks Drive. HSEM has coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding this request, and it has been determined that the proposed date change will not impact federal funding.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is 90% Federally funded by FEMA with a 10% match requirement supplied by the sub-recipient. The sub-recipient acknowledges their match obligation as part of Exhibits B and C to their grant agreement.

In the event that HMGP funds are no longer available, General Funds and/or Highway Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

**Federal Award Title & #: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4624DRNHP00000055**

**Federal Awarding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

**Assistance Listings: 97.039**

**Applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): FGCLYBTKCFJ9**

**Grant Agreement Amendment**

**Extension or Change of Period of Performance**

Town of Barrington (Sub-Recipient)

It is hereby agreed that the grant agreement (PO#1106389) approved by the Governor and Executive Council on April 23, 2025, Item #118, between the Town of Barrington as "Sub-Recipient" and the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management as "State" for the culvert upgrade and replacement project on Lakeside Oaks Drive is amended as follows:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 1.7, Completion Date;

Change the project completion date from April 2, 2026 to April 2, 2027

2. EXHIBIT B, Scope of Work, Project Tasks & Deliverables, and Project Review & Conditions, Number 1;

Delete item three (3) in its entirety and replace with:

"The Sub-Recipient" agrees that the period of performance ends on April 2, 2027 and by that date the aforementioned hazard mitigation plan must be completed and have received formal approval by New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). All completed invoices must be sent to "the State" by May 2, 2027, thirty (30) days after the period of performance ends.

3. All other provisions of the grant agreement, approved by the Governor and Council on April 23, 2025 shall remain in full force and effect.

Sub-Recipient Initials: 1.) JEM

2.) [Signature]

3.) [Signature]

Date: 26 JAN 2026

[Signature]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT: This Amendment shall be effective upon its approval by the Governor & Council. If approval is withheld, this document shall become null and void, with no further obligation or recourse to either party. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands:

Town of Barrington (Sub-Recipient)

By (signature): Tracy Hardkopf

By (signature): Alexandra Simocko

Print Name: Tracy Hardkopf

Print Name: Alexandra Simocko

Title: Select Board chair

Title: Select Board

By (signature): Joyce Cappiello

By (signature): DD Manschreck

Print Name: Joyce Cappiello

Print Name: DD Manschreck

Title: Select Board

Title: Select Board

Approval by State of New Hampshire, acting through its Department of Safety:

By (signature): Walter O'Connell <sup>Assistant Director for</sup>

Director of Administration

Sub-Recipient Initials: 1.) TH

2.) AS  
EDM

3.) AS

Date: 20 JAN 2021

Approval by State of New Hampshire Attorney General:

By (signature): Yvonne Raymond 2/19/26  
~~Assistant~~ Attorney General

Approval by State of New Hampshire Governor & Council / Secretary of State:

By (signature): \_\_\_\_\_  
Governor & Council / Secretary of State

Sub-Recipient Initials: 1.) TEH 2.) JLC 3.) ed  
4.) ADH

Date: 26 JAN 20 <sup>2</sup>



## BARRINGTON, NH SELECT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 2026

The Select Board meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026 began at 6:30pm. The meeting was held at Barrington Town Hall, 4 Signature Drive, and was also accessible by remote participation via Microsoft Teams Meeting. In attendance were Chair Hardekopf (remotely), Vice-Chair Saccoccia, Selectperson Cappiello, Selectperson Mannschreck, Selectperson Simocko, Town Administrator (TA) MacIver, and Municipal Office Administrator (MOA) Caudle. Meeting minutes were completed by MOA Tiffany Caudle.

### CALL TO ORDER, ATTENDANCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**6:30pm.** Vice-Chair Saccoccia called the meeting to order *and called for Roll Call attendance. Simocko – Present, Mannschreck – Not Present, Cappiello – Present, Saccoccia – Present, Hardekopf – Present (remotely).*

**Chair Hardekopf** stated she was unable to attend due to illness, and requested the Board authorize her to attend remotely (it was not reasonably practicable) per RSA 91-A:2.

*Motion to acknowledge and accept Chair Hardekopf's remote participation in the January 5, 2026 meeting by Selectperson Simocko, seconded by Selectperson Cappiello. Roll Call: Simocko – Aye, Cappiello – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf – Recused. The motion passed.*

**6:31pm.** Vice-Chair Saccoccia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

**6:31pm.** TA MacIver requested the addition of an administrative abatement for a Land Use Change Tax Bill to the Consent Agenda.

*Motion to approve the January 5, 2026 agenda as amended by Selectperson Simocko, seconded by Selectperson Cappiello. Roll Call: Simocko – Aye, Mannschreck – Not Present, Cappiello – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye. The motion passed.*

**6:32pm.** *Selectperson Mannschreck arrived and joined the other members at the table.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**6:32pm.** Vice-Chair Saccoccia *opened public comment.* TA MacIver explained this meeting includes Public Hearings for the Operating Budget and Warrant, and there will be opportunity to speak regarding both items later in the meeting.

**6:32pm.** There were no public comments. *Public comment closed.*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INVITED GUESTS

#### School Board Liaison Report

**6:33pm.** No School Board members were present to speak.

veteran credits was \$614,000 which represents about 10% of the total amount the Town's portion of the property tax rate.

*There will be a majority and minority perspective. The Board agreed with including the state and county average, as well as the clarification in the legislation that closed a loophole.*

**Minority:** *There are limited number of property owners eligible for this credit, and the state has authorized a new maximum and Barrington has historically aimed to provide the maximum veteran credits.*

**Future Planning and the Capital Improvement Program**

Selectperson Cappiello noted this is a text-heavy area of the document and would benefit from bullet points. There is also nothing about the value of a CIP Committee. She suggested the addition of this information. TA MacIver also intends to add information regarding the communication plan.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7:59pm.** *Motion to approve the January 5, 2026 Consent Agenda (A-K) as amended by Selectperson Cappiello, seconded by Selectperson Simocko. Roll Call: Simocko – Aye, Mannschreck – Aye, Cappiello – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye. The motion passed.*

- A. Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025  
*Motion to approve the November 10, 2025 minutes [as amended]. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*
- B. Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025  
*Motion to approve the October 20, 2025 minutes [as amended]. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*
- C. Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025  
*Motion to approve the October 6, 2025 minutes [as amended]. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*
- D. Meeting Minutes September 23, 2025  
*Motion to approve the September 23, 2025 minutes [as amended]. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*
- E. Previously Submitted/Signed Requests for Signature
  - i. Accounts Payable Manifest 2025-250
  - ii. Accounts Payable Manifest 2025-251 & 251-B
  - iii. Accounts Payable Manifest 2025-252
  - iv. Accounts Payable Manifest 2025-253
  - v. Payroll Manifest 2025-149
  - vi. Payroll Manifest 2025-150 & 150B
  - vii. Payroll Manifest 2025-151
  - viii. Payroll Manifest 2025-152
  - ix. Administrative Abatements for:

Map 121, Lot 28-5	Map 121, Lot 28-44
Map 121, Lot 28-6	Map 121, Lot 28-83
Map 121, Lot 28-7	Map 121, Lot 28-84
Map 121, Lot 28-17	Map 121, Lot 28-85
Map 121, Lot 28-37	Map 121, Lot 28-96
Map 121, Lot 28-41	Map 121, Lot 28-116

Map 203, Lot 17-1

- x. Oath of Office for Roger Gingrich – Energy
- xi. Oath of Office for Paul Nuzzi – Energy
- xii. Oath of Office for Henry Reznicek – Police
- xiii. Deed – Map 23 Lot 26

*Motion to authorize and sign the above-referenced documents (i-xii). – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*

F. New Requests for Signature

- i. Accounts Payable Manifest 2026-201
- ii. Payroll Manifest 2025-153

*Motion to authorize and sign the above-referenced documents (i-ii). – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*

G. FEMA Lakeside Oaks Drive Culvert Grant – Accept Amendment Terms

FEMA has authorized an amendment to the grant terms for the \$611,707.50 grant to replace the Lakeside Oaks Drive culverts. This amendment extends the period of performance end date from 4/2/26 to 4/2/27 and allows final paving to happen following the spring.

*Motion to accept the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) amendment as presented to reflect the change of Period of Performance dates from April 2, 2026 to April 2, 2027. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*

H. Carolyn Bedford Revocable Trust 1990 - Abatement Appeal Settlement

A 2023 abatement was filed for thirteen properties owned by the Carolyn Bedford Revocable Trust 1990. A partial abatement was provided in 2023 (reducing the main property value down to \$2,513,600), and the trust appealed the original abatement to Superior Court. In mediation, both parties agreed to reduce the assessed value of the main property (Map 108, Lot 1) from \$2,513,600 to \$2,250,000 for 2023 and 2024. Further, the both parties agreed to reduce the value of Map 231, Lot 28 from \$12,700 to \$12,000. Finally, both parties agreed to update the ad valorem values for the current use properties to reflect the estate appraisal provided by the property owner. The total result of this settlement is a refund of just over \$9,000.

*Motion to authorize the Carolyn Bedford Revocable Trust 1990 settlement and to authorize up to \$10,000 in refund of taxes paid and interest for the 2023 and 2024 property tax years. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*

I. WellSense Ambulance Billing Contract 325% of Medicare Rates

In 2025, Senate Bill 245 set new billing requirements for ground ambulance providers. This was part of the initiative to avoid ‘surprise ambulance bills’ and ‘balance billing’. As a result of the new law, we are being asked to update our provider contracts to reflect the new rates.

*Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the WellSense ground ambulance provider contract (reflecting changes from Senate Bill 245) following legal review. – Passed on the Consent Agenda.*

J. Barrington Safety and Health Policy Update

and form-based ordinances and how that will look as they'll be used in the Town Center. Dove Development will be a trial case.

**Chair Hardekopf** – The Conservation Commission will be moving their website to the Town's. The petitioned warrant article regarding funding invasive species mitigation was discussed as well as the need for some enforcement actions. The Donegan property of approximately 100 acres by Ayers Lake has now been conserved. There was a trail walk on the Tamposi property with 12 community members participating. The Energy Committee had an Affinity LED presentation and will be asking the Town and School to swap to LED where to reduce electricity use. They reported on solar costs for the Town Hall and shared discussions with the school regarding what would be needed for cost reductions. There was further discussion on the Community Power Collective and new policies which could impact Town rates.

**Vice-Chair Saccoccia** – Basketball is in full swing at Parks & Rec! Adult fitness classes are starting this week, and before/after care registration starts February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new brochure has been updated to show the latest offerings and events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8:07pm. Vice-Chair Saccoccia** opened public comment.

**8:07pm.** *There were no comments.* Public Comment closed.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**8:08pm.** *Motion to adjourn the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Select Board meeting by Selectperson Simocko, seconded by Selectperson Cappiello. Roll Call: Simocko – Aye, Mannschreck – Aye, Cappiello – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye. The motion passed.*

*Additional information and links to all reviewed documents can be found in the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Town Administrator's Report. The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

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Chairperson Tracy Hardekopf

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Vice-Chair James Saccoccia

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Selectperson Joyce Cappiello

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Selectperson Dannen Mannschreck

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Selectperson Alexandra Simocko

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1/26/2026  
Date Minutes Were Approved



## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex<sup>3</sup>) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex<sup>3</sup> is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex<sup>3</sup> is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex<sup>3</sup> may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex<sup>3</sup>, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex<sup>3</sup> Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex<sup>3</sup>. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

<b>Participating Member:</b> Town of Barrington 4 Signature Drive PO Box 660 Barrington, NH 03825		<b>Member Number:</b> 113	<b>Company Affording Coverage:</b> NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex <sup>3</sup> PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716		
Type of Coverage	Effectivity Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>General Liability (Occurrence Form)</b> <b>Professional Liability (describe)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000	
			General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000	
			Fire Damage (Any one fire)		
			Med Exp (Any one person)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Automobile Liability</b> Deductible    Comp and Coll: \$1,000  <input type="checkbox"/> Any auto	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	\$ 2,000,000	
			Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Workers' Compensation &amp; Employers' Liability</b>	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory		
			Each Accident	\$ 2,000,000	
			Disease - Each Employee	\$ 2,000,000	
			Disease - Policy Limit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)</b>	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	Deductible: \$1,000	
<b>Description:</b> Proof of Primex Member coverage only.					

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER:</b>	<b>Additional Covered Party</b>	<b>Loss Payee</b>	<b>Primex<sup>3</sup> - NH Public Risk Management Exchange</b>
NH Department of Safety 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305			By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
			Date: 1/12/2026    mpurcell@nhprimex.org
			Please direct inquires to: <b>Primex<sup>3</sup> Claims/Coverage Services</b> 603-228-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax