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Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
TO: Town Clerk
FROM: Michael Borg *MB 19 SEP 23*
CC: Antonio Morabito Assistant Town Manager
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Accountant
Mark Hollowell DPW Director
Laura Munson Solid Waste Manager
RE: **Measure 2024-022- Emergency Measure to Provide \$300,000.00 of Funding for Debris Removal in the Town of North Attleborough.**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2024-022- Emergency Measure to Provide \$300,000.00 of Funding for Debris Removal in the Town of North Attleborough

Scope and Nature of the Emergency:

North Attleborough has been impacted by devastating flooding and rain saturation over the past week. As a result, numerous areas in North Attleborough experienced flash flooding. The 10 Mile River overflowed in banks and impacted a number of properties in Town. As a result, the Town declared a state of emergency on 11 SEP 2023 and was followed by an emergency declaration of the Governor on 12 SEP 2023.

Purpose:

In response to the declaration of a state of emergency by the Town on 11 SEP 2023 and the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency on 12 SEP 2023, the Town is proposing an emergency response measure to assist with debris removal. The purpose of this measure is to request \$300,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address the urgent need for debris removal caused by the devastating flooding that occurred in our Town on September 11, 2023. The ARPA funds will be allocated to facilitate swift and efficient cleanup efforts, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community while aiding in its recovery.

Justification:

Emergency Response Necessity: The flooding on September 11, 2023, was a catastrophic event that resulted in significant damage to public and private property. Immediate debris removal is essential to restore normalcy to our community, protect public health, and mitigate further environmental risks. The debris poses a threat to public safety and hinders the town's recovery efforts.

ARPA Eligibility: The ARPA funding the Town current retains is eligible for this response with no restrictions as revenue loss funding. The ARPA explicitly allows for funds to be used to address the economic fallout from such emergencies.

The Town Council met on September 18, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Emergency Measure 2024-022- Emergency Measure to Provide \$300,000.00 of Funding for Debris Removal in the Town of North Attleborough.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS