

**Agenda Summary**  
**August 13, 2025**

**Agenda Item No. B-3**

**Rec Path Stream Bank Stabilization – Capitol Request and Bid Award**

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**Summary:** A portion of the bank of the West Branch Little River located behind the swimming Hole collapsed in July and is in danger of impacting the Rec Path. See attached photos.

The Parks Department has implemented temporary measures to make Rec Path users aware of the hazard, and Public Works has been coordinating with the contracting community and Permitting Agencies to develop a solution.

Given the site's somewhat remote location, access from the Weeks Hill Rd side is challenging and impactful. Getting equipment and materials into the project site using the Rec Path would require a closure of the path and would incur significant costs in damages to the Rec Path itself and site restoration if used to access the site. As such, the most cost-effective approach is to access the project from the opposite side of the river. Dale E Percy is the property owner and are agreeable to accessing the work site via their property. They have provided a proposal in the amount of \$58,000 to perform this work. The intent is to perform this work without a Rec Path closure and in a way where there is no damage to the existing paved surface of the Rec Path.

The Purchasing Policy states, "Unless a sole source procurement is approved by the Selectboard or the procurement is exempted by this Policy, purchases expected to be over \$50,000 shall require a formal bid process...". Staff propose a waiver of the formal bid process for this project and award the project directly to Dale E. Percy, due to them being qualified to perform this work having done several similar projects for the Town of Stowe in the past. Also, given they are the property owner of the logical and most cost-effective and least impactful access and approach.

The work will take place before the end of September and is anticipated to take a week or less. Staff will notify the public as we get closer to the scheduled work.

**Town Plan Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** This is not a previously planned or budgeted Capitol Project. As such, an amount of \$68,000 (\$58k plus a \$10k contingency in the event the pavement is damaged) is requested to be allotted to this project from Capitol Reserves.

The current Capitol Reserve unallocated balance is \$732,438, allocating \$68,000 would reduce the balance to \$664,438.












**Recommendation:** Move to allocate \$68,000 for a Rec Path streambank stabilization project and award it the project to Percy Construction on a sole source basis.

Move to approve a new Capitol Project, including dedicating \$68,000 from the Capitol Reserves and to approve a sole-source waiver in accordance with the Purchasing Policy and to award the project directly to Dale E. Percy, Inc. in the amount of \$58,000.



## LEGEND

### Roads

-  Interstate
-  US Highway; 1
-  State Highway
-  Town Highway (Class 1)
-  Town Highway (Class 2,3)
-  Town Highway (Class 4)
-  State Forest Trail
-  National Forest Trail
-  Legal Trail
-  Private Road/Driveway
-  Proposed Roads

 Town Boundary



1: 10,284

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## NOTES

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522.0 0 261.00 522.0 Meters

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1" = 857 Ft. 1cm = 103 Meters

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