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### NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** May 6, 2024

**FROM:** Michael DeLuca, Community Development Director

**CO-SPONSOR:** none

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

**SUBJECT:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE the amended contract with Fuss and O'Neil for additional services related to the Foddering Farm Causeway Concept Study for \$210,000.00 and AUTHORIZE the Town Manager to sign the agreement after review by the Town Solicitor.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

The Foddering Farm Road causeway is the only access to Harbor Island in Point Judith Pond. Harbor Island is home to about 350 property owners who rely on this causeway to access their properties and homes and is essential to allow residents to evacuate during coastal storms as well as allow emergency vehicles access to the island.

This BRIC funded project will build on the Foddering Farm Causeway Concept Study dated December 2021 that identified three (3) potential alternatives to reduce flooding risk to the causeway. This previous study identified the project limits. It also identified several constraints to raising this causeway that will impact both overall project costs, level, and extent that flood risk reduction can be achieved. These impacts include potential impacts to neighboring properties and the adjacent salt marsh.

The goals of this project are to:

1. Develop two of the three alternatives previously identified with further detail to permit the selection of a preferred alternative. The two alternatives consist of raising the causeway low point either five or seven feet to determine which alternative and scale of project would best satisfy Benefit-Cost Ratio goals, as well as addressing the community's overall needs.
2. Assess how nature-based approaches can be incorporated into the project to improve overall sustainability of the road.

The original bid was awarded by Town Council on July 19, 2021. This project was awarded a grant through FEMA's 2022 BRIC application process and has a 25% Town match that was previously approved in the current fiscal year budget.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Funding is available in the Grant Account #0826 50252, Grant Expenses for the FEMA 2022 BRIC grant and the Town match is available in the Community Development Operating Account #0001410 50201, Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Foddering Farm Contract Attachment\\_Final\\_20240412.pdf](#)

[Narragansett\\_BRIC\\_22\\_Award\\_Letter.pdf](#)