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This is being written in response to the many inquiries the Town has received regarding the timeline for and expected scope of road repairs from the recent flooding event on April 15th 2019.

Pittsfield was the first town in the State to submit its request to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and ask that our community be included in any federal disaster declaration.

The Town of Pittsfield is applying for a secured line of credit to start the process moving. This was initiated almost immediately by the Clerk Treasurer's office. The Select Board has forwarded the financial documents on to the Town attorney to be reviewed for signature. Estimates and reports submitted from the Town's Road Commissioner will allow us to monitor the order in which the repairs are conducted.

Pittsfield is also exploring the process for membership or application for the National Rivers Conservation Service (NRCS) and Emergency Watershed Project (EWP) programs for property owner relief funds once the federal disaster declaration is in place.

We have been told to expect the Federal disaster declaration in the next week or so, Rutland and Windsor counties to the best of our knowledge have far exceeded the county thresholds for such a declaration to take place. The only thing needed is the President's signature.

For clarification, the Select Board wants to let you all know that even though FEMA monies are limited to and designated for public infrastructure repairs, the declaration is important as it is the catalyst for freeing up other State and Federal funds for programs designed for the relief of the private property owner.

We expect that the road repairs will begin in earnest once the line of credit is finalized; residents should be aware that this will be a lengthy process as FEMA requires at least two price bids per project and some of these repairs will also require significant review by the State and Federal authorities for permitting and oversight.

In addition to this letter, brochures for the National Rivers Conservation Service (NRCS) and Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) funding request are being posted on the Town's website and on the Pittsfield News Facebook page.

The Town and its officials have all been working tirelessly to keep this process on track and moving forward as quickly as possible. The Board wishes to thank the Road commissioner, the Clerk/Treasurer and her assistant for having such a huge workload dropped on them and still getting their day to day jobs done.

The Town of Pittsfield Select Board will post progress reports as well major changes and status updates as warranted to both the website and the Pittsfield News page.

Respectfully Submitted
Town of Pittsfield Select Board