



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Commissioner

July 28, 2016

William Cass, P.E.  
Assistant Commissioner

Gordon Ellis, Road Agent  
Town of Epsom  
PO Box 10  
Epsom, NH 03234

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Selectmen's Office  
Epsom, NH

RE: EPSOM; #15766  
Echo Valley Farm Road over Griffin Brook - Br. # 156/103  
**FINAL PLAN APPROVAL**

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The Department has reviewed the Revised Final Plans dated July 26, 2016, as submitted by Tom French of French Engineering, LLC for the above-referenced project and finds it to be satisfactory. All previous comments as given in my email dated July 21, 2016, have been adequately addressed by Tom French.

The Town is authorized to proceed to advertising for bids. Upon receipt of bids, please send a tabulation to this office for our concurrence to award the contract to the low bidder.

Also, it is my understanding that the Town is going to use a different consultant for Construction Engineering. A summary of the Qualification-Based Selection, the consultant selected and a scope and fee for the work needs to be submitted to this office for review and approval.

Under the guidelines for municipally-managed projects, we can now reimburse the Town 80% of the design/bid phase services and any right-of-way costs incurred upon submission of all paid invoices, as well as proof of payment. Please submit an itemized listing of these charges so that the process for reimbursement can be done efficiently. Please be sure to refer to NHDOT's Process for Bridge Aid - Municipally-Managed Projects for an explanation of qualifying costs.

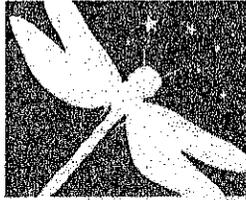
If there are any questions as you proceed, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Mayville, PE  
Municipal Highways Engineer  
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance  
Telephone: (603) 271-3344

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cc: Robert Landry, NHDOT  
Tom French, French Engineering, LLC



**Merrimack County**  
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Selectmen's Office  
Epsom, NH

August 2, 2016

Epsom Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 10  
Epsom, NH 03234-0010

Dear Board Members:

We are contacting the Town of Epsom to request additional participation directly from those towns who are currently utilizing the services of the Merrimack County Advocacy Center (MCAC). The MCAC is requesting funds from your town now because there has been an increase in cases and dynamics within and around those existing cases generating a need for increased staff and resources. Technology, human trafficking and the drug epidemic are making the cases referred more difficult to investigate, creating a greater difficulty to build trust with the victims in an initial interview and the ongoing need for support is more intensive.

The purpose of this letter is to request your community's consideration of our agency to become a line item in your town budget in the amount of 2000.

The Merrimack County Advocacy Center (MCAC) has partnered effectively with the Epsom Police Department, the Merrimack County Attorney's Office and the Division for Children Youth and Families to serve victims of crime – child sexual abuse and sexual assault reports – living in the Town of Andover. During the past calendar year (2015), the MCAC served **9 victims** and their families living in the town of Epsom. In 2014, **12 victims** and their families were served and to date in 2016, **3 victims** and their families have been served. A nationwide study entitled *The Economic Impact of Child Maltreatment* found that communities using child advocacy center service models result in savings of an average of \$1,300 per case.

Imagine having been abused at 9 years of age (***the average age of a child seen at the MCAC***) and having to tell your story 7 – 10 different times, to 7 – 10 different adult professionals, many without training or an understanding of how to talk to children. It truly is unimaginable! This is what the MCAC *prevents* by providing a trained forensic interviewer to conduct a *minimal number of* interviews of a victim, and supporting that victim and their non-offending family members throughout the entire investigatory process.

## Liaison Assignments for 2016-17

BCEP Transfer/Recycling Center	Penny Graham
Cemetery Trustees	Ralph Weeks
Conservation Commission	Joni Kitson
Epsom Public School District	Bill Yeaton
Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services	Joanne Randall
Emergency Management	Joanne Randall
Highway Department	Dave Fiorentino
Parks Department/Swimming Lessons	Virginia Drew
Planning Board	Joni Kitson
Police Department	Mary Frambach
Public Library	Joyce Heck
Select Board	Hugh Curley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Virginia Drew
Village Water District	Gary Kitson
Welfare Office	Joyce Heck
Zoning Compliance/Zoning Board of Appeal	Ralph Weeks