

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council  
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner  
DATE: November 20, 2018  
SUBJECT: Sawyer Rd Culvert Study

### Introduction

The Town Council is requested to accept a Part II grant focusing on Sawyer Rd to follow up a Part I grant studying 16 town culverts.

### Background

In April 2017, the Town Council authorized application for a coastal communities grant to the Maine Coastal Program to assess 16 municipal culverts. The grant provides the town with \$17,000, including a 25% in-kind and cash match. Jake Aman with the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve (NWERR) alerted town staff to the opportunity as part of work identifying culverts that may be contributing to habitat erosion. That study is scheduled for completion in December, 2018.

As part of the culvert assessment, it became apparent that the Sawyer Rd culvert, with its tidal influences, required more than a concept level assessment. NWERR applied to the Maine Coastal Program for a hydrology and hydraulic study focused on Sawyer Rd. The grant application was well received, but in order for the grant funds to be released as soon as possible, the town agreed to act as grant recipient. The second grant includes \$26,124 from the Maine Coastal Program, as well as \$3,000 each from Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough, plus in-kind support from WNERR, for a total of \$32,124. Work on this grant has not yet commenced, but both Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough would like to build on the momentum from the first study and begin this work as soon as possible.

### Recommendation

The Town Council accepts the Sawyer Rd Hydrology and Hydraulic Study grant in the amount of \$32,124. The Town Council also formally acknowledges the Culvert Assessment grant in the amount of \$17,000.

**Sawyer Rd, March 2, 2018**

