



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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WILLIAM CASS, P.E.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Finance & Contracts
October 12, 2015

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1.) In accordance with Governor and Council approval of July 19, 1995, Item #171, the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Finance and Contracts, reports all paid Small Claims in the previous first quarter of FY 2016 totaling \$1,354.30 for individual amounts less than \$600.00 submitted under the provisions of RSA 228:29.
2.) The Department further requests approval of Governor and Council to pay small claims for the next Fiscal Year quarter, October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. 100% Highway Funds.

Table with 4 columns: Funding is available as follows, Appropriation FY 2016, Paid to date, Balance Remaining. Row 1: 04-96-96-960215-3001 Division of Finance 068-500563 Remuneration, \$5,000.00, \$1,354.30, \$3,645.70

EXPLANATION

RSA 228:29, authorizes the Commissioner to use funds accruing to the Department of Transportation for the payment of small claims occasioned by accidents due to the activities of the Department of Transportation. Any person claiming damage due to the activities of the Department of Transportation may seek payment of the small claim if the amount is less than \$600.00. If, upon investigation, the small claim is valid, the Commissioner shall submit the recommendation for payment to the Governor and Council for approval.

To improve efficiency in processing these small claims, and to be more responsive to those claimants awaiting payment for a small claim, the Department of Transportation initiated a blanket approval process at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1996. The revised process was approved by Governor and Council on July 19, 1995 as Item #171. The process requires the Department of Transportation to seek approval from the Governor and Council prior to each Fiscal Year quarter and submit the claims paid in the previous quarter.

A review of claims approved for payment during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2016, to date, indicates that three (3) claims were paid.

Claimant: Cummings Printing Company

Amount: \$200.00

Ms. Vairon Minueza is an employee of Cummings Printing Company and was operating a company vehicle that was damaged while traveling southbound on I-293 and then northbound on I-93 near Exit 6 in Manchester, New Hampshire on May 29, 2015 when she encountered a mowing operation. Ms. Minueza heard a rock hit the windshield, pulled the vehicle over, noticed the broken windshield and spoke with the DOT operator of the mower.

Claimant: John T. Lavin

Amount: \$579.00

Mr. Lavin's vehicle was damaged on US Route 3/NH Route 11 Bypass in Gilford, New Hampshire on June 8, 2015 when he encountered the freshly painted white edge line road paint. The Department's pavement marking crew was painting US Route 3/NH Route 11 on the day in question and encountered a rainstorm causing the white edge line to wash out. The photos submitted with the claim shows that the damage was caused by a rain event and not from driving on freshly painted lines.

Claimant: Richard Taylor

Amount: \$575.30

Mr. Taylor's vehicle was damaged while traveling under a bridge at the Exit 2 underpass driving towards Daniel Webster Highway in Nashua, New Hampshire on August 13, 2015 when his vehicle windshield and roof sustained damage related to a bridge washing operation.

A summary of the action taken on all claims for Fiscal Year 2016 is on file at the Department of Transportation.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner