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Commissioner*

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Finance & Contracts  
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**Informational Item**

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 2018 totaling \$2,095.04 for individual amounts less than \$1,000.00 submitted under the provisions of RSA 228:29. 100% Highway funds.

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 \$1,000.00. Beginning July 1, 2017, the small claim limit was raised to \$1,000.00 pursuant to Chapter 33:1 Laws of 2017. 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 September 13, 2017, requested action #3. The approved process requires the Department of Transportation to pay small claims for the next fiscal year and continue to report the claims paid for the previous quarter.

A review of claims approved for payment during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018, to date, indicates that five (5) claims were paid.

Claimant: Earl Nelson

Amount: \$212.00

Mr. Nelson's vehicle was damaged while traveling on NH Route 124 in Marlborough on Thursday September 29, 2016. Bureau of Traffic was painting the yellow centerline and Mr. Nelson's vehicle sustained damage to the left side of the vehicle as a result of painting operations. Mr. Nelson's claim was approved based on a reversal of denial made by the N.H. Transportation Appeal Board.

Claimant: Ryan Stone

Amount: \$399.00

Mr. Stone's vehicle was damaged while traveling on NH 137 between Dublin and Harrisville on Thursday August 11, 2016. Bureau of Traffic was painting the yellow centerline and Mr. Stone's vehicle sustained damage to the left side of the vehicle as a result of painting operations. Mr. Stone's claim was approved based on a reversal of denial made by the N.H. Transportation Appeal Board.

Claimant: Allan Lane

Amount: \$621.00

Mr. Lane's vehicle was damaged while traveling north on Interstate 89 in Bow on Tuesday June 27, 2017. The claimant's vehicle sustained damage to the rear passenger door, while the Department was involved in mowing operations, causing an object to inadvertently get kicked out from the mower.

Claimant: Carl Beede

Amount: \$300.00

Mr. Beede's vehicle was damaged while traveling on NH 10 in Keene on Tuesday July 19, 2017. The claimant's vehicle sustained damage to the driver's side of the vehicle as a result of a yellow paint can spill.

Claimant: Kristin Boschetto

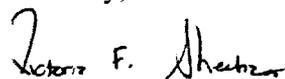
Amount: \$563.04

Ms. Boschetto's vehicle was damaged while traveling on the Everett Turnpike on Monday July 10, 2017. The claimant's vehicle sustained damage as a result of concrete falling from an overpass.

A summary of the action taken on all claims for Fiscal Year 2018 is on file at the Department of Transportation.

It is respectfully requested that this item be accepted.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan  
Commissioner