

**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised 9-11-2020)

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council  
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner  
DATE: September 11, 2020  
SUBJECT: Willow Brook Culvert grant

Introduction

Staff are asking the Town Council to authorize submission of a grant to replace the Willow Brook culvert.

Background

The Town Council has heard a presentation on the Cape Elizabeth Culvert and Habitat Assessment Study completed in March, 2019. (Study can be found at link below)

[https://www.capeelizabeth.com/council\\_packets/2019/04-08-2019/Culvert%20and%20Habitat%20Assessment%20Study%20Dated%20March%202022,%202019.pdf](https://www.capeelizabeth.com/council_packets/2019/04-08-2019/Culvert%20and%20Habitat%20Assessment%20Study%20Dated%20March%202022,%202019.pdf)

The top priority for replacement is the Willow Brook Culverts. The culverts sit underneath and potentially provide structural support to the two main sewer lines to and from the Spurwink Sewer Treatment plant.

The Town has submitted a letter of intent to the Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (MNRPC) and subsequently been invited to submit a full grant application. The grant request is for \$343,281 with a town commitment of \$75,000 for a total project cost of \$460,701.

Recommendation

The Town Council authorizes a grant application to replace the Willow Brook culverts for a total project cost of \$460,701 of which the town will provide \$75,000 as a cash match.