

## • Emergency Management

- For the first time in several years, Francestown did not face any major natural catastrophes - no major ice storms and no crippling snowfalls. There was some lesser flooding in March for which we received reimbursement from FEMA. However, should the town have faced any major events such as these or any other emergency, the town emergency services, highway department and others were prepared and ready to respond.

- The Town was also successful in obtaining a significant FEMA grant to help defray the expense of replacing the Russell Station Road Bridge this coming summer. Many thanks to Selectperson Betsy Hardwick, Road Agent Gary Paige and all the others who contributed their time and expertise in obtaining this grant for the town.

- Emergency Management would not be able to respond without the continued support of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department, Francestown Police Department and Francestown Highway Department and a special thank you goes out to all those personnel. Working behind the scenes supporting all these departments is Sherry Miller, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, who so ably assists all of the above.

- To facilitate response by emergency personnel, please do not forget to ensure that your house number is conspicuously posted and clearly visible from the road.

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- Respectfully Sublitted

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- William McAuley

- Emergency Management Director