

Emailed follow up regarding testimony on beavers, January 29, 2025

Good morning,

I would like to follow up on a few questions posed by the committee this morning during my presentation. Would you please share this with the committee?

The cost of materials for a beaver baffle is roughly \$1200, and we spend \$80 to \$100K per year for salary and materials. That accounts for the fact that the landowner covers 50% of the supplies. Please keep in mind that most landowners, towns, and municipalities run into trouble being able to afford private contract work, and we provide this service free of cost (sans contribution of 50% materials). The cost of resolving beaver-related damage will increase if there is no means of managing the beaver population and will cost Vermonters much more as conflict increases, as you see in Massachussets.

Thank you for having me today,

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