



TOWN OF BOLTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



Annual Town Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2020
Nashoba Regional High School
Auditorium
7:00 PM

Article 1: Accept Annual Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Board of Selectmen & Advisory Committee, or any other Town officers, boards, or committees for the calendar year 2019; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Vote Required:

Board of Selectmen

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Majority

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- \$87.00 MHQ (Invoice 156899)
- \$80.50 MHQ (Invoice 156923)

Summary: These are unpaid bills from the previous fiscal year for services that have been rendered.

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

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Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

4/5 Majority

Article 3: Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget

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- The sum of \$ 25,119,643.01 to be raised by taxation;
- or do or act relating thereto.

Article 3: Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget (2 of 2)

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FY 2021 – Budgeted Expenditures

Education

**Public
Safety**

**Public
Works**

**General
Government**

**Debt
Service**

**Employee
Benefits**

**Culture &
Recreation**

**Human
Services**

**Other
Insurance**

FY 2021 – Budgeted Revenues

**Taxes
(Levy Limit)**

**Local
Receipts**

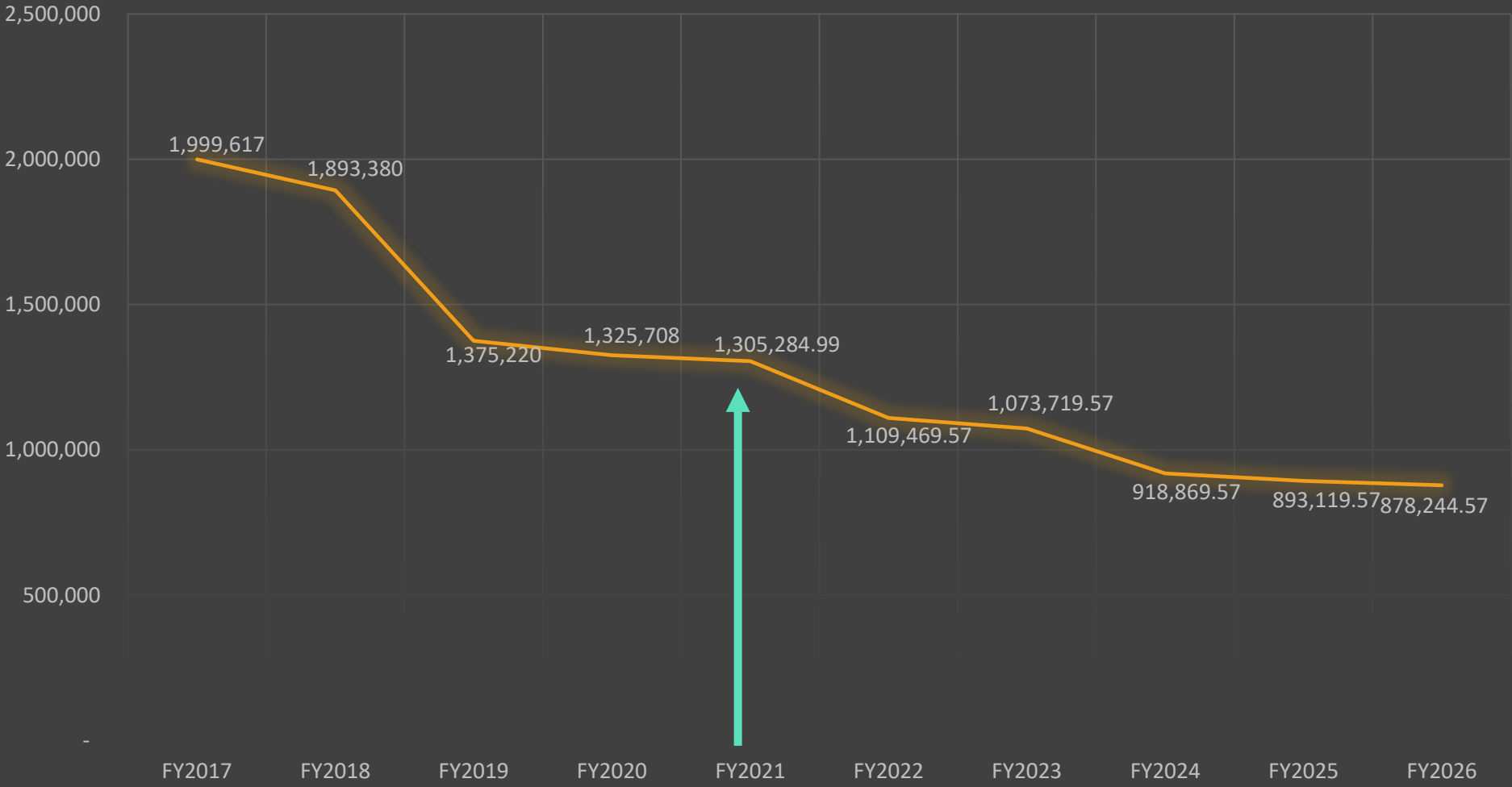
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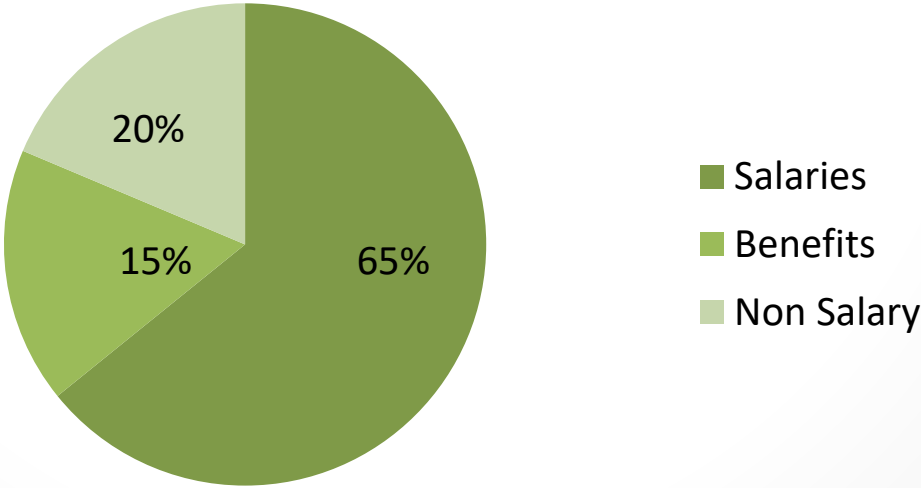
Debt Expenditures (Principle & Interest)



Nashoba Regional School District FY21 Proposed Budget

Presented by
Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools
Kathryn Codianne, Chair, School Committee
Elaine Sanfilippo, School Committee Member

	FY20 Voted	FY21 Voted	Dollar Increase	Percent Change
Total Budget	\$55,733,801	\$58,029,848	\$2,296,047*	4.12%



*\$1 difference from Budget Book Executive Summary due to rounding

Budget Overview and Bolton Assessment

	Amount	What is it?
FY21 Voted Budget	\$58,029,848	4.12% increase over FY20
High School Debt	\$584,058	Assessment based on resident student population per regional agreement
Local Revenue	\$10,669,350	State and locally generated revenue (includes E&D, Chapter70, Medicaid)
Amount Assessed	\$46,776,440	Total assessed to towns as taxes
Fixed Assessment	\$26,212,781	Minimum local contributions determined by state
Variable Assessment	\$20,563,659	Remainder determined by 5 year rolling average per regional agreement

Town	5 Yr Rolling Assessment	Fixed Assessment	Variable Assessment	FY21 Net Debt Assessment	FY21 Total Assessment	FY20 Total Assessment	FY21 Total \$\$ Increase	FY21 % Incr.
Bolton	32.2%	\$9,016,832	\$6,629,486	\$204,687	\$15,851,005	\$15,388,593	\$462,412	3.0%

Historical Assessment	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Bolton Assessment * (%)	3.86%	4.87%	4.87%	3.0%
* Total District Excess & Deficiency (E&D)	\$1.0M	\$.8M	\$.75M	\$1.0M

2020 Consent Agenda – 1

The 15 Articles referenced in the table below will be grouped in a consent agenda and take action on such Articles as one vote without debate on any of such Articles, provided, that upon the request of any voter at this Meeting, made before the vote is taken on this motion, an Article requested to be omitted shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course of business at this Town Meeting. This will require two votes as shown below. The List of Articles in the Consent Agenda are shown below. As I read this list you must stand up, Raise your hand and ask for a HOLD if you want an Article pulled out of the Consent Agenda. Article 4? Article 5? Etc.

2020 Consent Agenda – 1 Continued

Vote 1:

I will entertain a motion to take the following articles out of order, to be passed by consent in accordance with the Motions published in the Consent Agenda: Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22. These articles are routine or non-controversial and may be approved with a single majority vote. Is there a motion to that effect? Second? Any Debate? All in Favor?

2020 Consent Agenda – 1 Continued

<p>Article 4</p>	<p>New Revolving Funds Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To see if the Town will vote to establish new revolving funds as printed in the Warrant on Article 4. Vote Required: Majority</p>
<p>Article 5</p>	<p>Spending Limits Revolving Fund Accounts Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To see if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 5 to set limits on the total amounts to be expended from each of the Town’s revolving funds as printed in the Warrant under Article 5 Vote Required: Majority</p>
<p>Article 6</p>	<p>Transfer to Advanced Life Support Program Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 6 as printed in the Warrant to transfer from Ambulance Receipts the Sum of \$177,000 Vote Required: Majority</p>
<p>Article 7</p>	<p>Culvert Replacement Long Hill Road at West Point Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 7 as printed in the Warrant to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 as voted in the 2018 Town Meeting Vote Required: 2/3 Majority</p>
<p>Article 8</p>	<p>Drainage/Floor Control Improvements, South Bolton and Spectacle Hill Roads Trust Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 8 as printed in the Warrant to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 as voted in the 2019 Town Meeting Vote Required: 2/3 Majority</p>

2020 Consent Agenda – 1 Continued

Article 9	<p>OPEB Trust Revision Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 9 as printed in the Warrant to accept provisions of Mass General Laws establishing a OPEB Trust Fund Vote Required: Majority</p>
Article 13	<p>Replace Failed Culvert on Wattaquaddock Hill rd. At Manor Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 13 as printed in the Warrant, to Raise and Appropriate \$363,000 for this Vote Required: Majority</p>
Article 14	<p>Diesel Exhaust Particulate Filter on Public safety Building Generator Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if Town will take affirmative action on Article 14 as printed in the Warrant, to raise and appropriate \$57,000 for this Vote Required: Majority Rate Map to keep the Town’s zoning bylaw in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program; noncontroversial at hearing.</p>
Article 15	<p>Turf Management Mower Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To see if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 15 as printed in the Warrant, to raise and appropriate \$39,600 for this Vote Required: Majority</p>
Article 16	<p>Painting The Library Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See If the Town will take affirmative action on Article 16 as printed in the Warrant, to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for this Vote Required: Majority</p>

2020 Consent Agenda – 1 Continued

Article 17	DPW Garage Overhead Doors Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 17 as printed in the Warrant, to raise and appropriate \$28,000 for this Vote Required: Majority
Article 18	Sawyer School Domestic Water Booster Pump and Controls Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 18 as printed in the Warrant, to raise and appropriate \$40,287 for this Vote Required: Majority
Article 19	Sawyer School Window Repair Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See If the Town will take affirmative action on Article 19 as printed in the Warrant, to Raise and appropriate \$14,335 for this Vote Required: Majority
Article 20	Persons Park Land Easement Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action on Article 20 as printed in the Warrant, to authorize the Select Board to grant a utility easement and access agreement for this Vote Required: Majority
Article 22	Community Choice Aggregation Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town will take affirmative action n Article 22 as printed in the Warrant, to initiate the process and authorize the Select Board to participate in contracts for this Vote Required: Majority

2020 Consent Agenda – 1 Continued

Vote 2:

I will now entertain a motion on the Consent Agenda to move that the Town vote to approve Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22, in accordance with the Motions published in the Consent Agenda. (after removing any articles placed on hold) Is there a second? No Debate. We are looking for Unanimous Consent. All in Favor?

2020 Consent Agenda – 2

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2020 Consent Agenda – 2 Continued

Article 10	<p>Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton – Division 1, Part III. Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250 Zoning, to Sections 250-21.F. Bed and Breakfast Establishments Affirmative Action Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To see if the town will vote to accept Article 10 as printed in the Warrant, to add Bed and Breakfast as an allowed use in the Residential Zoning District by Special Permit by the Planning Board to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 as voted in the 2018 Town Meeting Vote Required: 2/3 Majority</p>
Article 11	<p>Fee-in Lieu of Units Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Section of the Zoning Bylaw Affirmative Action Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To See if the Town vote to accept Article 11 as printed in the Warrant, to impose a municipal charges lien on real property for unpaid charges and fees pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Bylaw Vote Required: 2/3 Majority</p>
Article 12	<p>Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton, – Division 1, Part III. Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250 Zoning Article V. Special Regulations, Section 25-27. Inclusionary Housing -to Amend Subsection L.(1)(a) Affirmative Action Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee Motion: To see if the Town will vote to accept article 12 as printed in the Warrant, to provide a level of surety that Fees-In-Lieu-of – Units will be paid to the town. Vote Required: 2/3 Majority</p>



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

Definitions

Similar to M.G.L. c.64G, § 1

- **Bed & Breakfast Establishment**
 - A private owner-occupied dwelling where four (4) to 10 rooms are let
- **Bed & Breakfast Home**
 - A private owner-occupied dwelling where not more than three (3) rooms are let



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

General Requirements

- Location – Residential Zone
- Special Permit Required
- Use is incidental to the primary residence
- Breakfast limited to permanent residents and paying overnight guests
- One (1) parking space per room rented



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

Benefits

- 6% excise tax on Bed & Breakfast Establishments
 - M.G.L. c. 64G, § 3A
- Provides residents opportunity to earn supplemental income
- Bed & Breakfasts have a residential appearance
 - Fit within the rural character of Bolton

2020 Consent Agenda – 2 Continued

Vote:

I will now entertain a motion on the Consent Agenda to move that the Town vote to approve Articles 10, 11 and 12 in accordance with the Motions published in the Consent Agenda. (after removing any articles placed on hold) Is there a second? No Debate. We are looking for Unanimous Consent. All in Favor?

Article 21: School District Feasibility Study – 1 of 2

To see if the Town will approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a design & feasibility study for the purpose of a building/modernization project of Nashoba Regional High School, & for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional High School Building Committee.

Article 21 - Continued

Sponsor:

Nashoba Regional School District

Summary: The district submitted a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MSBA requesting state funds to address building conditions at Nashoba Regional High School, outlining conditions at the school which needed to be corrected: an aged facility & infrastructure, & inadequate classroom space for current, required educational programming were itemized in detail. In December 2019, the NRSD was notified that the SOI was invited into a 270-day Eligibility Period. During this Eligibility Period, the district must meet deadlines for submitting additional documentation & obtain funding for a feasibility study, in order to qualify for the next step – project funding for design & construction. It is anticipated that the towns will ultimately be eligible for reimbursement for partial costs of the feasibility study & the design & construction. The feasibility study will review in detail the conditions of Nashoba Regional High School, explore in detail the feasibility & cost of renovation or combined new/renovation, or new construction at the present location or another location, & present options & plans for the communities to review & discuss, before moving into the design/construction phase. The school district is asking for funding for the feasibility study not to exceed 2 million dollars.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

The Process

MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:

Districts

Construction Professionals



**Step 1:
The
Eligibility
Period**

**Step 2:
Feasibility Study
and Schematic
Design**

**Step 3:
Funding the
Project**

Article 23: Taggart Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the 43+/- acres located off of Forbush Mill Road & identified on Assessor's Map 5.A as Parcel 14; & further to raise & appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$550,000.00, for the acquisition of said parcel, including the payment of all costs incidental & related thereto; & to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said amount under & pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20, of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; & further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town any & all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or any other entities to carry out the purposes of this article; & further to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Conservation Commission to enter into any agreements & execute any & all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said acquisition; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2½) the amounts required to pay the principal of & interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or do any act relating thereto.

Article 23: Taggart Property

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Summary: This 43-acre parcel located along Forbush Mill Road (Assessor's Map 5.A, Parcel 14) is a key parcel to conserve in a 114-acre wildlife corridor (consisting of Chapter 61, conservation, Forbush soccer fields & state owned properties) & meets the goals established by the community & listed in the Open Space & Recreation Plan; Preserve Rural & Historic Character of Bolton, Protect Water Resources, Preserve & Encourage Agriculture, Responsibly Protect Wildlife Habitat & Natural Resources, Conserve open Space Areas For Public Use, & Provide Active Recreation Opportunities to Bolton Citizens. This property contains a 1,000' segment of the Lancaster Railbed, two vernal pools, three bordering vegetated wetlands, & borders Still River (perennial stream). The goal of this acquisition would be to acquire the property for municipal purposes & to conserve much of the property for the above goals & resources while continuing the forest management through a community forest opportunity in addition to allowing passive recreation. This property is currently not protected & privately owned at this time.

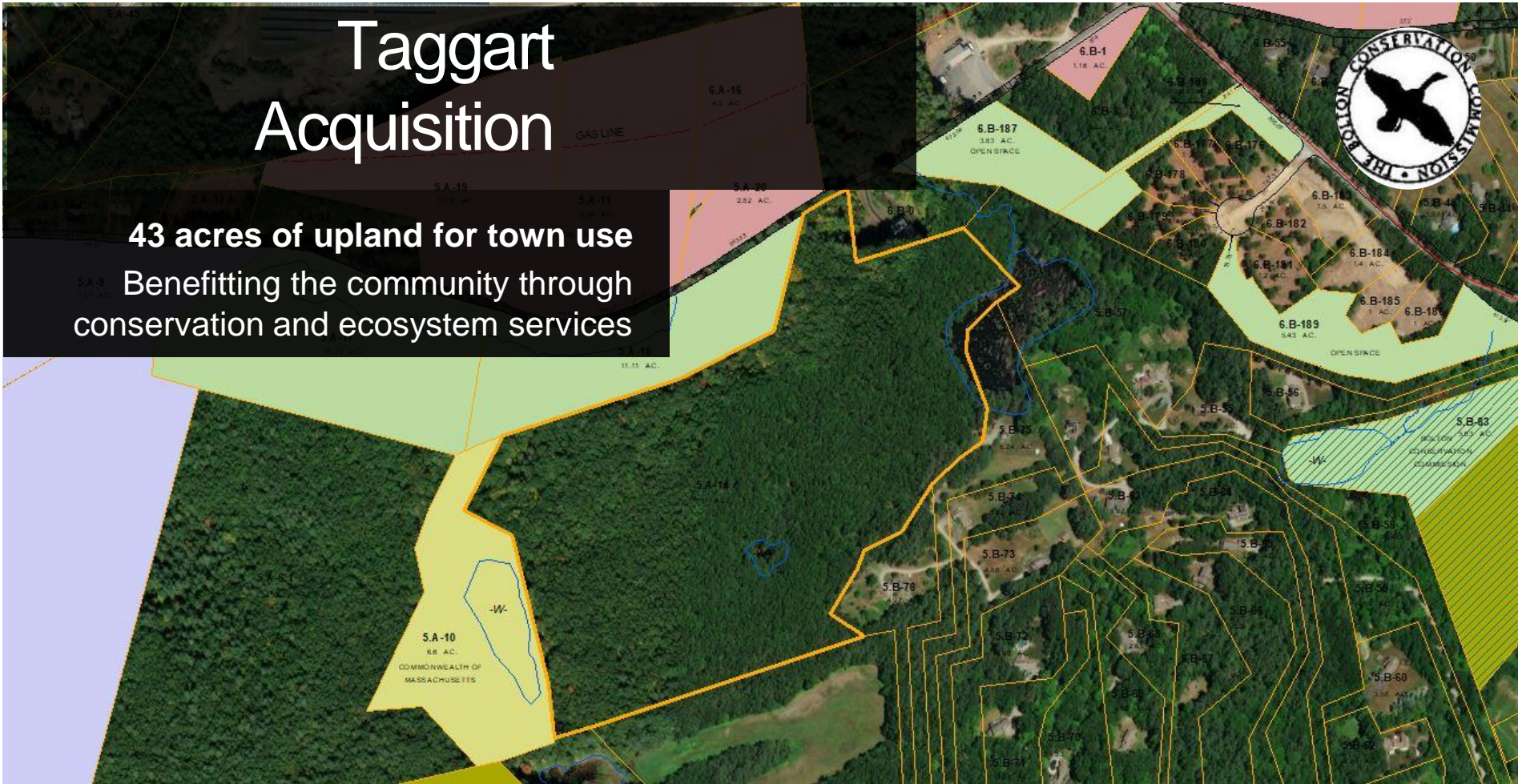
Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (2 in favor, 1 opposed)

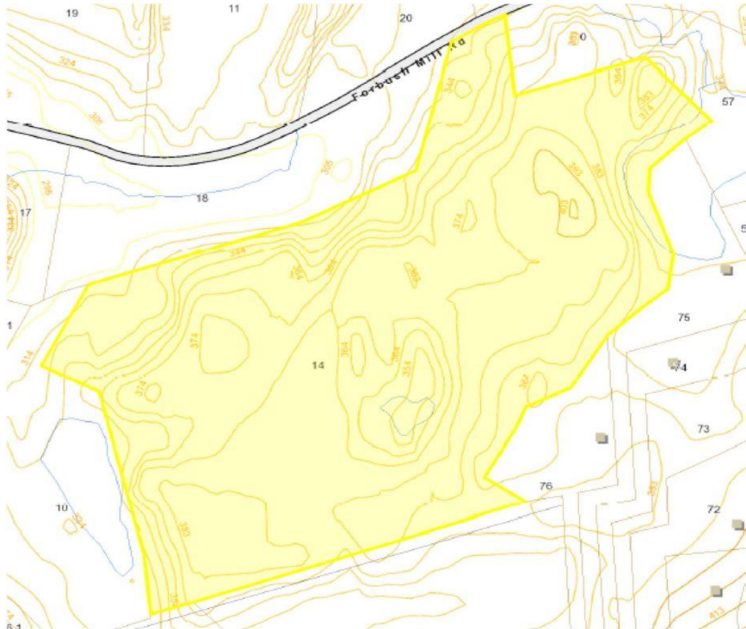
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 1 opposed)

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Taggart Acquisition

43 acres of upland for town use
Benefitting the community through conservation and ecosystem services





Town Support

Board of Selectmen Voted **2-1**
Advisory Voted **3-1**

**Other letters of support from: Nashua
River Watershed Association, Sudbury
Valley Trustees, reps?**



Benefits to the
Community of this
acquisition long
term may outweigh
short term expense

Tax Implications

Can the town afford it? Where is money coming from? Grants to reimburse cost?

\$550,000.00

Purchase Price for Town

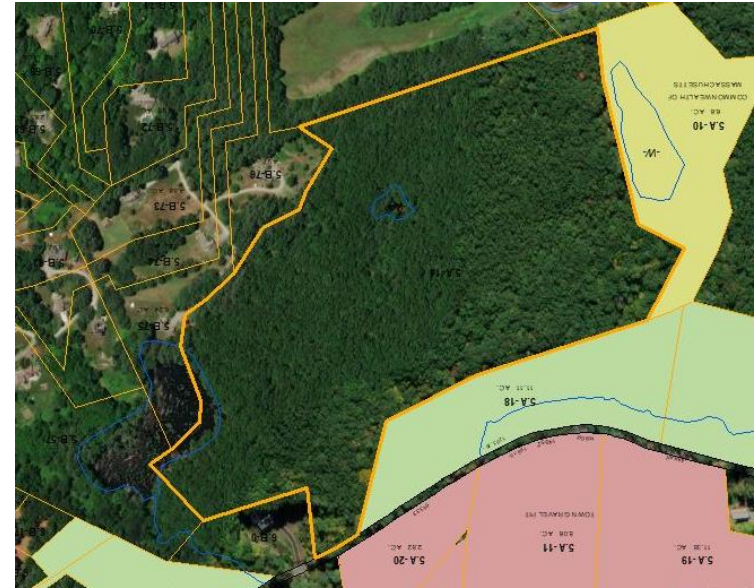
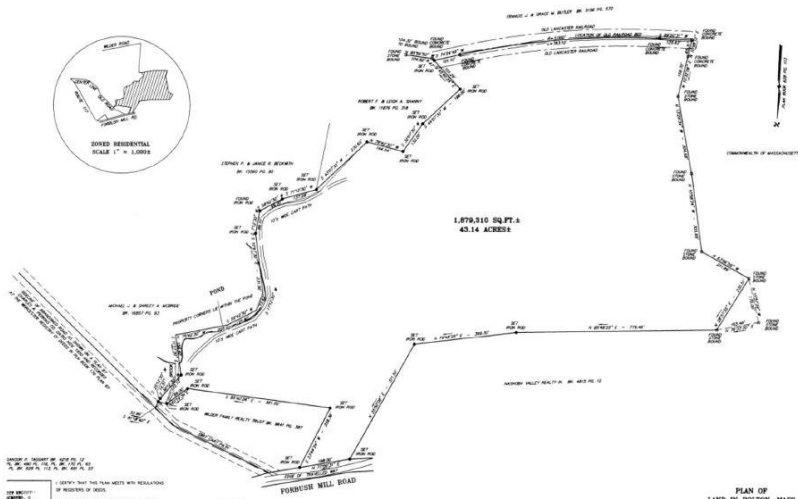
In tax revenue
**Loss of
~\$28.00**

20 years

Long term cost

\$3-4 per
\$100,000
of value
per year

Recorded Plan



Taggart Acquisition

Assessor's Map and Parcel 5.A – 14

Thank you!

- \$550,000.00 for 43 acres of mixed upland forest
- Reduce cost of community services on the town compared if it were developed
- Continue stormwater infiltration on site protecting Forbush Mill road
- Passive recreation opportunities
- Protection of a significant carbon sink

Article 24: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 5A, to become a member of the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, & to raise & appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$58,000 for the annual expense associated with the program; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 24: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project Continued

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen

Summary: The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) is a state agency that operates under a voluntary assessment & provides a year-round program of mosquito control in 43 cities & towns in both Middlesex & Worcester counties. Services offered include larval & adult mosquito surveillance, larval & adult mosquito control, public education, ditch cleaning & maintenance & research/efficacy. CMMCP also conducts a tire recycling program to reduce mosquito larval habitat. Their goal is to reduce mosquito exposure to the public, & the potential for disease transmission by mosquitoes, utilizing proven, sound mosquito control techniques.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:	Approved (2 in favor, 1 opposed)
Advisory Committee Recommendation:	Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)
Conservation Commission Recommendation:	Approved (6 in favor, 0 opposed)
Board of Health Recommendation:	Approved (2 in favor, 0 opposed)
Parks & Recreation Recommendation:	Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)
Vote Required:	Majority

Article 24 – Proposal to Join
the Central Massachusetts
Mosquito Control Project

Committee Members

Name	Affiliation
Amy Clark, DVM	Citizen Volunteer
Brooke Clenchy	NRSD Superintendent
Robert Frieswick	NRSD Facilities Manager
Rebecca Longvall	Bolton Conservation
Don Lowe	Bolton Town Administrator
Joseph Lynch	Bolton DPW
Warren Nelson	Bolton Police Chief
Scott Powell	Bolton Board of Health
Jonathan Schwartz, Esq	Citizen Volunteer
Ali Webb	Bolton Parks and Recreation

Committee Objectives

Identify and propose a proactive and reactive approach to reducing the health risk to humans and animals caused by disease-carrying mosquitos within the town of Bolton.

Major Considerations



Bolton Mosquito Response Plan

Committee Recommendations

- Surveillance for disease-carrying mosquitos
- Reduce mosquito breeding grounds
- Effective response to public health threats
 - Professional advice regarding alternatives
 - Timely communication strategy
 - Development of Response plans



Services Offered By The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Project

1. Surveillance
2. Public Education
3. Ditch Maintenance
4. Larval Control
5. Source Reduction
6. Beaver Mitigation (new)

PROACTIVE

7. Adult Control

REACTIVE

8. Research & Efficacy

CHECKS & BALANCES

Support for the Committee's Recommendation

- Unanimous recommendation of our entire committee
- Reviewed and approved by:
 - Board of Selectmen
 - Board of Health
 - Conservation Commission
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Advisory Committee

Article 25: Authorize Town Election

To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, on Monday, June 29, 2020, between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. to elect by ballot the following officers and to vote on the following questions, said election having been postponed by vote of the Board of Selectmen from the original date of May 11, 2020 in accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020; or do or act relating thereto.

ONE YEAR: One Moderator, One Town Clerk, One member - Parks/Recreation Commission

THREE YEARS: One member of the Board of Assessors, One member of the Cemetery Committee, Five Constables, One member of the Board of Health, One Library Trustee, One member of the Nashoba Regional School District Committee, Two members of the Parks/Recreation Commission, One member of the Board of Selectmen

FIVE YEARS: One member of the Housing Authority Trustees, One member of the Planning Board

Vote Required: Majority

Ballot Question:

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**Drop your voting cards in the bucket
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Article 3: Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget (2 of 2)

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Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Vote Required:

Board of Selectmen

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Majority

FY 2021 – Budgeted Expenditures

Education

Public Safety

Public Works

General Government

Debt Service

Employee Benefits

Culture & Recreation

Human Services

Other Insurance

FY 2021 – Budgeted Revenues

**Taxes
(Levy Limit)**

**Local
Receipts**

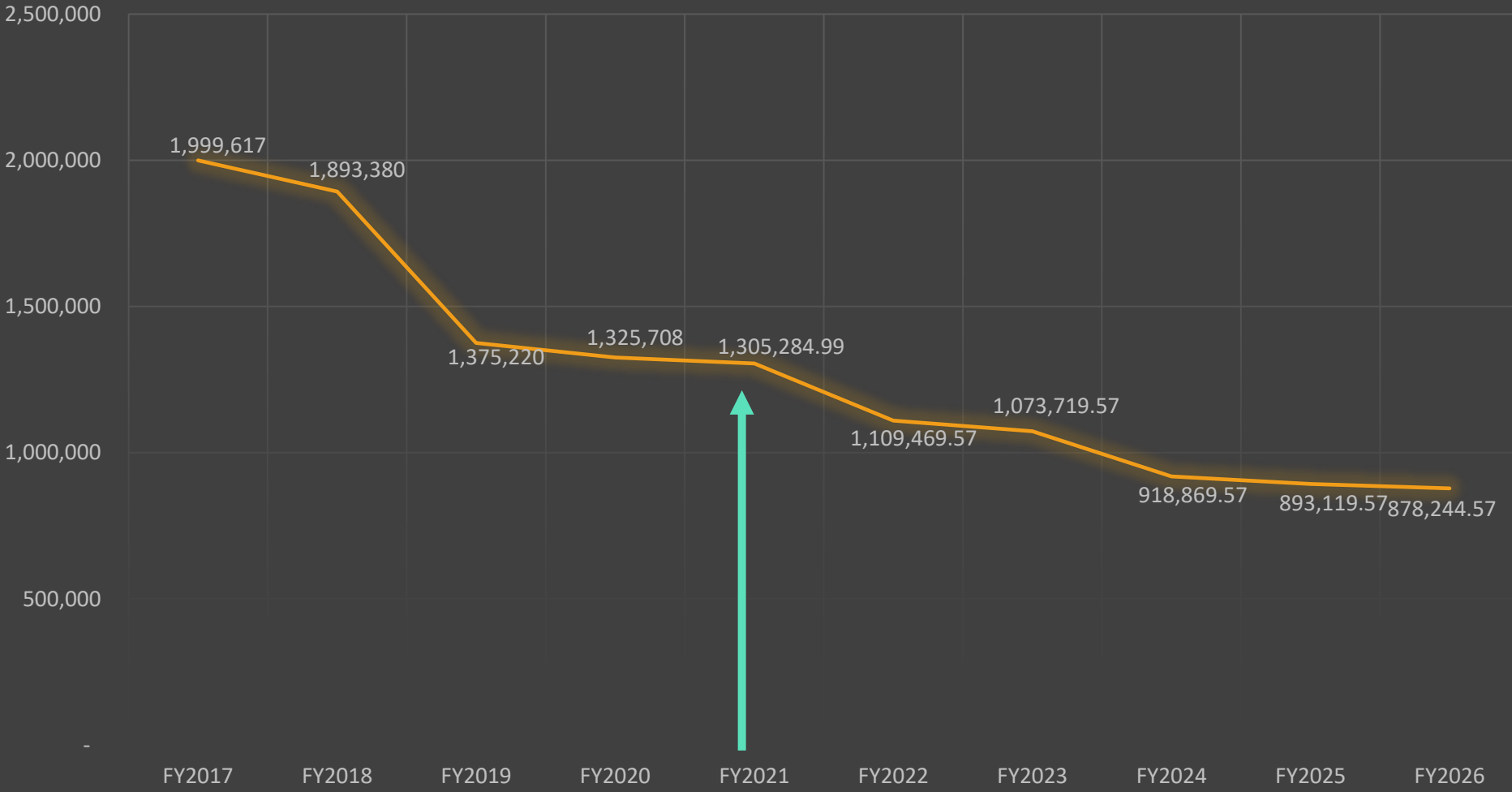
**Other
Avail.
Funds**

Borrowing

**Free
Cash**

**State
Rev.**

Debt Expenditures (Principle & Interest)



Article 4: New Revolving Funds

To see if the town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to establish new revolving funds as follows, or do or act relating thereto:

By amending Section 24-3. E of the Code of the Town of Bolton to include:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund</u>	<u>Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund</u>
<u>Senior Van</u>	<u>Council on Aging Director</u>	<u>Fares and reimbursement from Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART)</u>
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	<u>Parks and Recreation Commission</u>	<u>Field and Park Usage and Program Fees</u>
<u>Advanced Life Support</u>	<u>Fire Chief</u>	<u>Fees and reimbursements for the Town's Advanced Life Support service</u>

Article 4 – New Revolving Funds - Continued

By setting the limits on the total amounts that may be expended from the new revolving funds established under Section 24-3 of the Code of the Town of Bolton for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Fund:	Maximum Amount Expendable:
Senior Van	\$16,000
Parks and Recreation	\$8,000
Advanced Life Support	\$250,000

Article 5: Spending Limits of Revolving Fund Accounts

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to set the limits on the total amounts that may be expended from each of the Town's existing revolving funds established by Section 24-3 of the Code of the Town of Bolton for Fiscal Year 2021; or do or act relating thereto.

Fund:	Maximum Amount Expendable:
Web-based Municipal Software Svcs	\$30,000
Nashoba Cadet EMT Program	\$ 5,000
Tax Title	\$ 5,000

Article 5: Spending Limits of Revolving Fund Accounts – Continued

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen

Summary: Under the amended M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the Town must vote each year to set the total amounts that may be expended from each of the Town's revolving funds, established by a bylaw adopted last year.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 6: Transfer to Advanced Life Support Program

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation the sum of \$177,000 to the Advanced Life Support program budget for Fiscal Year 2021; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor:

Fire Department

Summary: This transfer is necessary to fund the first year of Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to the Town of Bolton. This is a new service which is projected to be self-funding after the first year. Revenues from the first year of this service will also be used to replenish the \$177,000 being appropriated from the Ambulance Receipts.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 7: Culvert Replacement Long Hill Rd. at West Pond

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available sums, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000 to replace the failed culvert at Long Hill Road at the discharge from West Pond; and to meet this appropriation transfer:

Article 7: Culvert Replacement Long Hill Rd. at West Pond - Continued

- Transfer \$36,000 from unexpended funds from the Fyfreshire Dam Repair project authorized at the 5/15 ATM
- Transfer \$24,530 from unexpended funds from the Still River Lights project authorized at the 6/15 STM
- Transfer \$36,850 from unexpended funds from the Wilder Road Culvert Repair project authorized at 5/16 ATM
- Authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$152,620 with any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20, of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount;
- And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 7 – Continued

Sponsor:

Treasurer

Summary: This article was originally approved at the May 7, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. On the advice of our new Bond Counsel, due to the fact that the specific amount of money to be borrowed wasn't stated in the original article, we have been advised to revote it. This action will allow us to roll over any remaining debt from the original article if we have an opportunity to refinance as part of any future new borrowing. This article DOES NOT create any new debt. It is merely a housekeeping article which will afford us greater flexibility in the future.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

2/3 Majority

Article 8: Drainage/Flood Control Improvements – S. Bolton Rd. & Spectacle Hill Rd.

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000 for drainage & flood control improvements at South Bolton & Spectacle Hill Roads; and to meet this appropriation transfer:

Article 8: Drainage/Flood Control Improvements – S. Bolton Rd. & Spectacle Hill Rd.

- \$3,421.65 from unexpended funds from the Replacement of Fire Apparatus project authorized at 5/14 ATM.
- \$2.68 from unexpended funds from the New Tractor/Loader Backhoe project authorized at 5/16 STM
- And to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$246,576 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other enabling authority, with any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20, of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking any interests in real property necessary to complete the project authorized under this article; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 8: Drainage/Flood Control Improvements – S. Bolton Rd. & Spectacle Hill Rd.

Sponsor:

Treasurer

Summary: This article was originally approved at the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting. On the advice of our new Bond Counsel, due to the fact that the specific amount of money to be borrowed wasn't stated in the original article, we have been advised to revote it. This action will allow us to roll over any remaining debt from the original article if we have an opportunity to refinance as part of any future new borrowing. This article **DOES NOT** create any new debt. It is merely a housekeeping article which will afford us greater flexibility in the future.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

2/3 Majority

Article 9: OPEB Trust Revision

To see if the Town will vote to accept or reaccept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; to authorize the Board of Selectmen & Treasurer to execute a declaration of trust creating an expendable trust for the purpose of holding monies appropriated to such fund; to designate the Treasurer as the trustee of such trust; to authorize the transfer of any & all monies currently held for the purpose of paying retiree health & life benefits to such trust; and to authorize the trustee to invest & reinvest the monies in such fund in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 203C; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 9 – OPEB Trust Revision - Continued

Sponsor:

Treasurer

Summary: The Act amended local acceptance M.G.L. c. 32B, § 20 to address a number of issues about the nature of the fund. These included whether the statute authorized local governmental units to create a trust fund for monies reserved for retiree health insurance & other post-employment benefits that comply with legal requirements for trusts & with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. Under the amendments, the statute:

- 1. Establishes the OPEB Fund as a trust fund with a trustee & declaration of trust;**
- 2. Requires that assets of the OPEB Fund be held solely to meet the current & future liabilities of the governmental unit for group health insurance benefits for retirees & their dependents;**
- 3. Establishes procedures for the appointment of a trustee, adoption of a declaration of trust & appropriations of funds into & out of the OPEB Fund;**
- 4. Defines housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, regional councils of government, regional school districts & educational collaboratives as political subdivisions & governmental entities able to establish OPEB trust funds; and**
- 5. Allows a governmental unit to participate in the OPEB fund of another governmental unit.**

Article 9 – OPEB Trust Revision - Continued

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Vote Required:

Treasurer

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Majority

Article 10: Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton,
Division I, Part III. Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250. Zoning, to
Section 250-21.F. Bed and Breakfast Establishments and
Homes as well as Add Bed and Breakfast Establishments
and Homes to Section 250.12. Schedule of Permitted
Uses, Section 250-28. Terms defined, and Section 250-
17.C (7) (c) Schedule of Minimum Parking

Sponsor:

Planning Board

Summary: This bylaw amendment adds Bed and Breakfast as an allowed use in the Residential Zoning District by Special Permit granted by the Planning Board. Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Homes are to appear incidental to the primary residence and not to be offensive or detrimental to the neighborhood. The allowance of Bed and Breakfast Establishments provides opportunity for the Town to receive local room tax of up to 6% while maintaining the rural and residential character of Bolton.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

2/3 Majority



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

Definitions

Similar to M.G.L. c.64G, § 1

- **Bed & Breakfast Establishment**
 - A private owner-occupied dwelling where four (4) to 10 rooms are let
- **Bed & Breakfast Home**
 - A private owner-occupied dwelling where not more than three (3) rooms are let



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

General Requirements

- Location – Residential Zone
- Special Permit Required
- Use is incidental to the primary residence
- Breakfast limited to permanent residents and paying overnight guests
- One (1) parking space per room rented



Article 10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments & Homes Bylaw

Benefits

- 6% excise tax on Bed & Breakfast Establishments
 - M.G.L. c. 64G, § 3A
- Provides residents opportunity to earn supplemental income
- Bed & Breakfasts have a residential appearance
 - Fit within the rural character of Bolton



Article 10: Bed & Breakfast Establishments and Homes Bylaw

Bed & Breakfasts Allowed In Abutting Towns

Berlin

Clinton

Harvard

Hudson

Stow

Article 11: Fees-In-Lieu-Of-Units Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Section of the Zoning Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 58, to impose a municipal charges lien on real property for the following unpaid charges & fees: Fees-In-Lieu-Of-Units pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing section of the Zoning Bylaw; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor:

Planning Board

Summary: This General Bylaw allows the town to impose a municipal charges lien on real property for Fees-In-Lieu-Of-Units required under the Inclusionary Housing Bylaw, Section 250-27, of the Zoning Bylaw.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 12: Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton, Division I, Part III. Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250. Zoning, Article V. Special Regulations, Section 250-27. Inclusionary Housing - to Amend Subsection L. (1)(a)

Sponsor:

Planning Board

Summary: This article provides a level of surety that Fees-In-Lieu-Of-Units will be paid to the Town in the event that an applicant sells off all of the lots within a development or chooses to walk away from a project under construction.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 13: Replace Failed Culvert at Wattaquadock & Main

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$363,000.00 to replace the failed culvert on Wattaquadock Hill Road at Manor Road & implement drainage & flood control improvements along Wattaquadock Hill Road; & to meet this appropriation transfer the sums of:

Article 13: Replace Failed Culvert at Wattaquadock & Main - Continued

...And to meet this appropriation transfer the sums of:

- \$18,950.00 of unexpended funds from Wattaquadock Culvert Engineering as previously appropriated under Article 19 at the May 5, 2019 Annual Town Meeting (ATM) ,
- \$20,000.00 of unexpended funds from Wattaquadock Culvert Emergency as previously appropriated under Article 20 at the May 5, 2019 ATM,
- \$53,650.00 of unexpended funds from Long Hill Road Culvert Replacement as previously appropriated under Article 25 at the May 7, 2018 ATM,
- \$13,156.40 of unexpended funds from the Culvert Replacement, Meadow Road, Long Hill Road, Randall as previously appropriated under Article 24 at the May 5, 2014 ATM
- \$75,900.23 from the premium of bond sales,
- Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$161,343.37,
- Appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Earmark from the General Appropriations Act, per MassDOT Agreement No. 110773; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 13 Continued

Sponsor:

Department of Public Works

Summary: A capital request for \$500,000 was made for FY2020. However, \$420,000 in construction funding was deferred to FY2021 to allow further investigation, exploration, engineering, design, & bidding to be completed. The structural integrity of the culvert, & the flow through it, are highly compromised. Water levels in the culvert at Wattaquaddock Hill Road (between Manor Road & Berlin Road) have continually risen over the past few years. The rate of rising greatly accelerated last fall. DPW & BFD have made several attempts to lower flooding levels. These include localized dredging & pumping with fire apparatus. Both have been only marginally effective & temporary. Daily dredging was necessary for most of last winter & spring. Dry summer weather allowed the DPW to install several stop-gap measures. These measures have hastened water flow during minor storm events. Water still backs up during larger storm events but does not flood the abutting property.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 14: Diesel Exhaust Particulate Filter on Public Safety Building Generator

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$57,000.00 to install a diesel exhaust particulate filter on the Public Safety Building generator; and to meet this appropriation transfer the sums of:

- \$11,143.46 of unexpended funds from Recoat on Roof of Public Safety Building as previously appropriated under Article 15 at the May 6, 2019 ATM,
- \$721.97 of unexpended funds from Retroactive Pay - Fire Union Contract as previously appropriated under Article 19 at the May 7, 2018 ATM,
- \$1,502.59 of unexpended funds from New Ambulance as previously appropriated under Article 27 at the May 5, 2014 ATM

Article 14 - Continued

Sponsor:

Department of Public Works

Summary: Air Quality on the interior of the PSB has been an ongoing problem. The HVAC air intakes are within close proximity to the exhaust stack of the generator. As a result, whenever the generator is running, diesel exhaust is sucked into the HVAC system & distributed throughout the building.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 15: Turf Management Mower/Tractors

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$39,600.00 new turf management mower/tractors; and to meet this appropriation transfer the sum of \$1,594.71 of unexpended funds from Purchase of New 4WD 19,500 Gross Vehicle Weight Truck as previously appropriated under Article 26 at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, and transfer the sum of \$352.40 of unexpended funds from Replacement of DPW Maintenance SUV with a ½ Ton Van as previously appropriated under Article 17 at the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 15: Turf Management Mower/Tractors Continued

Sponsor:

Department of Public Works

Summary: The four (4) machines to be replaced are far beyond their useful life. These pieces of equipment are necessary for maintaining the town fields & the grounds of town buildings. The current tractors lack roll-over-protection (ROPS), & are not compliant with new OSHA requirements.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 16: Painting the Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000.00 to prepare & paint exterior trim on the Library building; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor:

Library Trustees

Summary: Paint on the wood trim of the entire library building has deteriorated. Where paint has flaked and fallen off, unfinished wood is exposed. If paint continues to deteriorate, the unprotected wood will continue to be exposed to the elements & in time will rot, necessitating the further expense of both replacement & painting.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

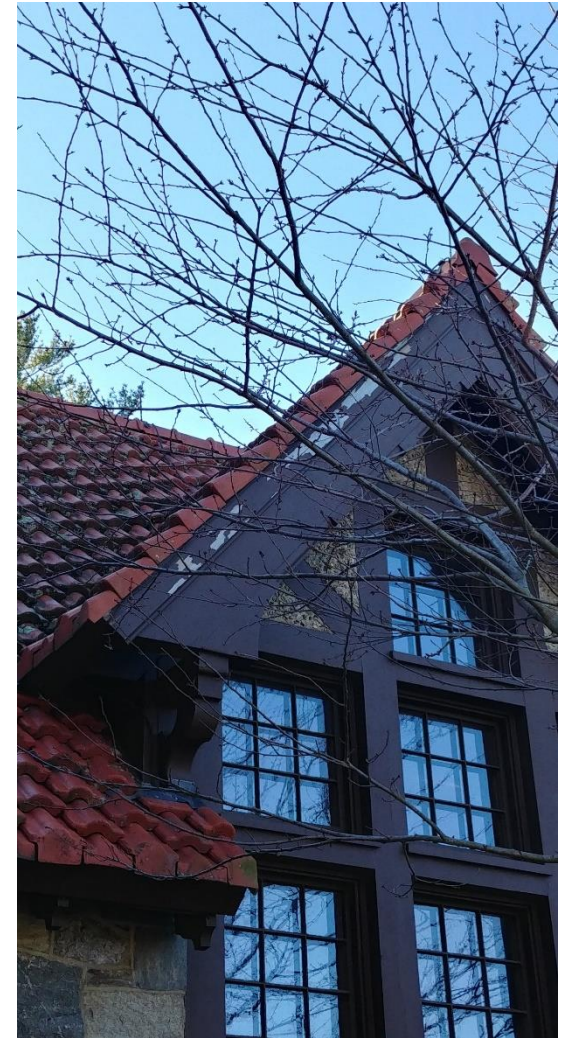
Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 16: Painting the Library



Article 17: DPW Garage Overhead Doors

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$28,000.00 to replace all four (4) overhead doors at the Department of Public Works Garage; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The door panels to all four (4) overhead doors are deteriorated by corrosion. The spring lifting mechanisms & tracks are in poor condition & need frequent repair.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 18: Sawyer School Domestic Water Booster Pump & Controls

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$40,287.00 to replace the domestic water booster pump and controls at the Sawyer School; and to meet this appropriation transfer the sums of \$2,325.00 of unexpended funds from Carpet Replacement as previously appropriated under Article 31 May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, and transfer the sum of \$2,770.00 from Interior Painting as previously appropriated under Article 32 at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Nashoba Regional School District

Summary: The Sawyer domestic water booster pump & controls pressurize the water for the Sawyer & Emerson buildings, along with the waste water treatment plant. The pumps & controls are at the end of their useful life expectancy & need replacement.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 19: Sawyer School Window Repair

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$14,335.00 for the replacement & repair of window balances at the Sawyer School; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor:

Nashoba Regional School District

Summary: The window balances at the Sawyer School Building have failed & are in need of replacement or repair for proper operation. This presents a safety issue due to the weight of the windows, along with the need for the ability to provide additional ventilation in the warmer months.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 20: Persons Park Land Easement

To see if the Town will vote to:

- (i) authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a utility & access easement in, on, & under a portion of Town property abutting Little Pond, known as Persons Park, which is described in a deed from Duncan W. Persons to the Town of Bolton dated June 3, 1996 recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds at Book 18103, Page 212, said easement being shown on a sketch plan dated February 7, 2019 filed with the office of the Town Clerk entitled “Easement Sketch Plan Bolton, Massachusetts Prepared For Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America by Ducharme & Dillis, Civil Design Group, Inc.,” &

Article 20: Persons Park Land Easement

To see if the Town will vote to:

(ii) authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court for enactment of special legislation to authorize said easement notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 30B of the General Laws & in accordance with Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purposes of said petition; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 20: Persons Park Land Easement

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: The Boy Scouts of America have requested an easement from the Town of Bolton to run a utility line across Persons Park. This utility line would allow the Boy Scouts to install a sewer treatment system on their property so that they can upgrade from their current latrines. This article would grant the Bolton Board of Selectmen the authority to negotiate the terms & conditions of this easement.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Sponsor: Planning Board

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (6 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 21: School District Feasibility Study – 1 of 2

To see if the Town will approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a design & feasibility study for the purpose of a building/modernization project of Nashoba Regional High School, & for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional High School Building Committee.

Article 21 - Continued

Sponsor:

Nashoba Regional School District

Summary: The district submitted a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MSBA requesting state funds to address building conditions at Nashoba Regional High School, outlining conditions at the school which needed to be corrected: an aged facility & infrastructure, & inadequate classroom space for current, required educational programming were itemized in detail. In December 2019, the NRSD was notified that the SOI was invited into a 270-day Eligibility Period. During this Eligibility Period, the district must meet deadlines for submitting additional documentation & obtain funding for a feasibility study, in order to qualify for the next step – project funding for design & construction. It is anticipated that the towns will ultimately be eligible for reimbursement for partial costs of the feasibility study & the design & construction. The feasibility study will review in detail the conditions of Nashoba Regional High School, explore in detail the feasibility & cost of renovation or combined new/renovation, or new construction at the present location or another location, & present options & plans for the communities to review & discuss, before moving into the design/construction phase. The school district is asking for funding for the feasibility study not to exceed 2 million dollars.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 22: Community Choice Aggregation

To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §134, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, to research, develop, and participate in a contract or contracts to aggregate the electricity load of the residents & businesses in the Town, independently or in joint action with other municipalities, & to enter into agreements with consultants, experts, & attorneys in connection with the establishment & operation of an electricity aggregation plan, & to reestablish such plan if its operation is suspended, retaining the right of individual residents & businesses to opt out of the aggregation; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 22: Community Choice Aggregation

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen

Summary: This article would authorize the Town to bulk-purchase electricity on behalf of its citizens & small businesses. A Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program allows local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents to achieve savings on electricity costs. In doing so, it creates competition among competitive suppliers which helps ensure aggressive rates. Consumers are no longer “stuck” with the cost & fluctuation of basic service rates because the Program offers another option, but consumers can opt-out if they choose. Many communities in the area have implemented the CCA program which has produced individual savings to their citizens & has also allowed them to green-up their energy choices. If approved, the Town will need to work with a local broker to develop the program conditions. There is no cost to the Town nor does the program affect the Town’s capacity to purchase electricity.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

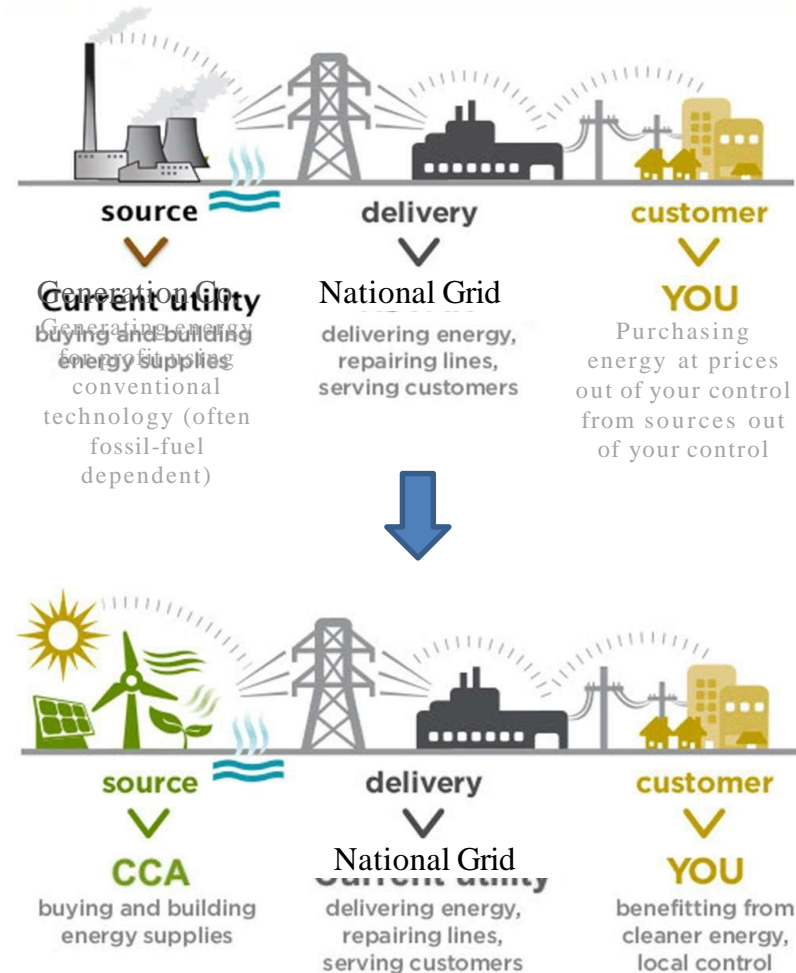
Vote Required:

Majority

What is Community Choice Aggregation?

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) allows local governments to seek proposals for cleaner and cheaper sources of power on behalf of their residents and businesses.

By consolidating residential & business electricity demand and negotiating with suppliers, CCA can result in savings for residents & businesses while reducing emissions.



The CCA Process

1. Select a broker/consultant
2. Develop a plan for Bolton with public comment
4. Plan is reviewed by state government entities
5. Town & broker issues RFP for competitive supplier
6. Town chooses competitive supplier
7. Launch plan – includes community outreach

Key Takeaways

- All Bolton businesses and residents can choose to participate or not
- The process can be ended at any time
- Our aim is better pricing for significantly greener energy sources

Article 23: Taggart Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the 43+/- acres located off of Forbush Mill Road & identified on Assessor's Map 5.A as Parcel 14; & further to raise & appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$550,000.00, for the acquisition of said parcel, including the payment of all costs incidental & related thereto; & to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said amount under & pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20, of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; & further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town any & all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or any other entities to carry out the purposes of this article; & further to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Conservation Commission to enter into any agreements & execute any & all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said acquisition; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2½) the amounts required to pay the principal of & interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or do any act relating thereto.

Article 23: Taggart Property

Sponsor:

Conservation Commission

Summary: This 43-acre parcel located along Forbush Mill Road (Assessor's Map 5.A, Parcel 14) is a key parcel to conserve in a 114-acre wildlife corridor (consisting of Chapter 61, conservation, Forbush soccer fields & state owned properties) & meets the goals established by the community & listed in the Open Space & Recreation Plan; Preserve Rural & Historic Character of Bolton, Protect Water Resources, Preserve & Encourage Agriculture, Responsibly Protect Wildlife Habitat & Natural Resources, Conserve open Space Areas For Public Use, & Provide Active Recreation Opportunities to Bolton Citizens. This property contains a 1,000' segment of the Lancaster Railbed, two vernal pools, three bordering vegetated wetlands, & borders Still River (perennial stream). The goal of this acquisition would be to acquire the property for municipal purposes & to conserve much of the property for the above goals & resources while continuing the forest management through a community forest opportunity in addition to allowing passive recreation. This property is currently not protected & privately owned at this time.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (2 in favor, 1 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

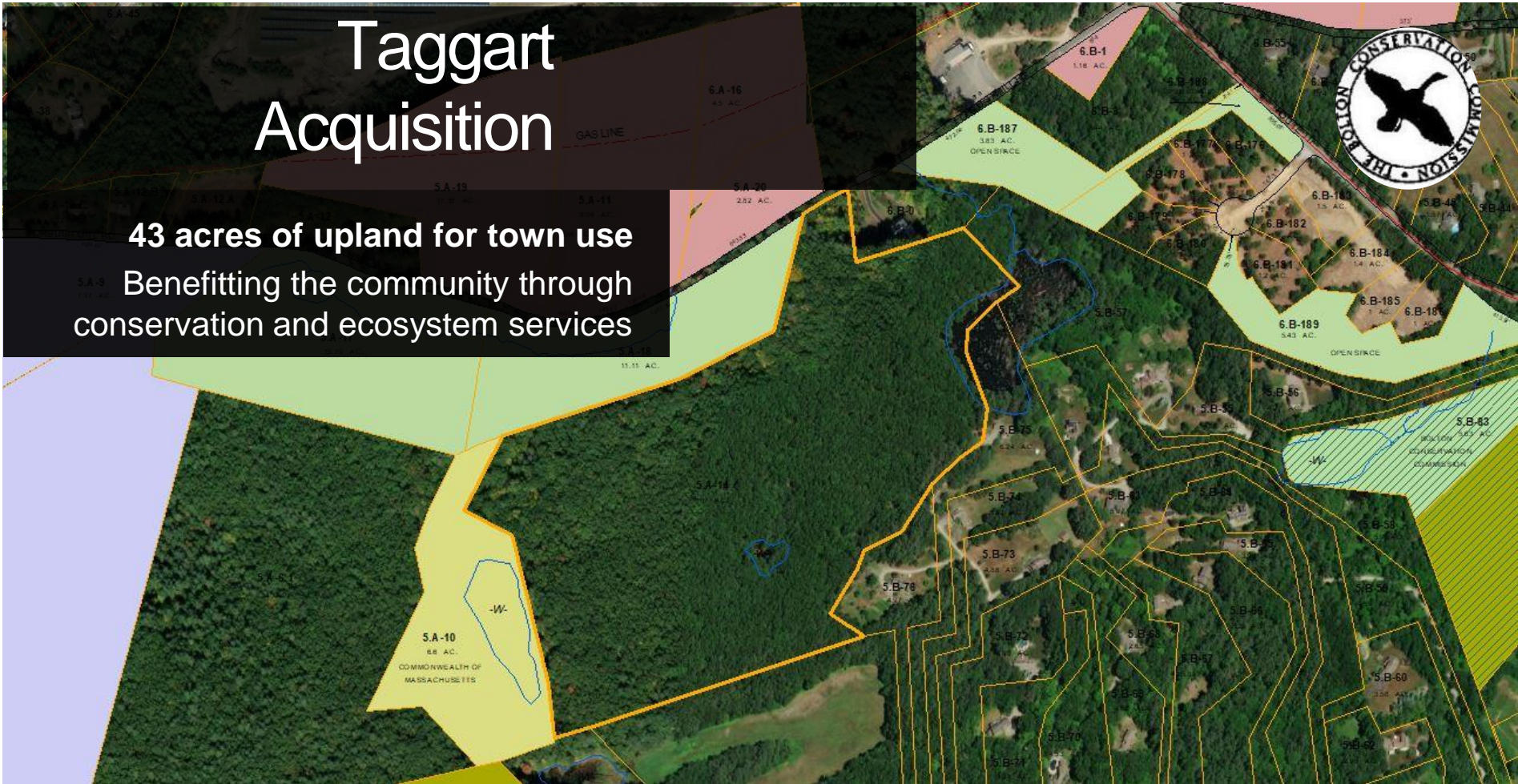
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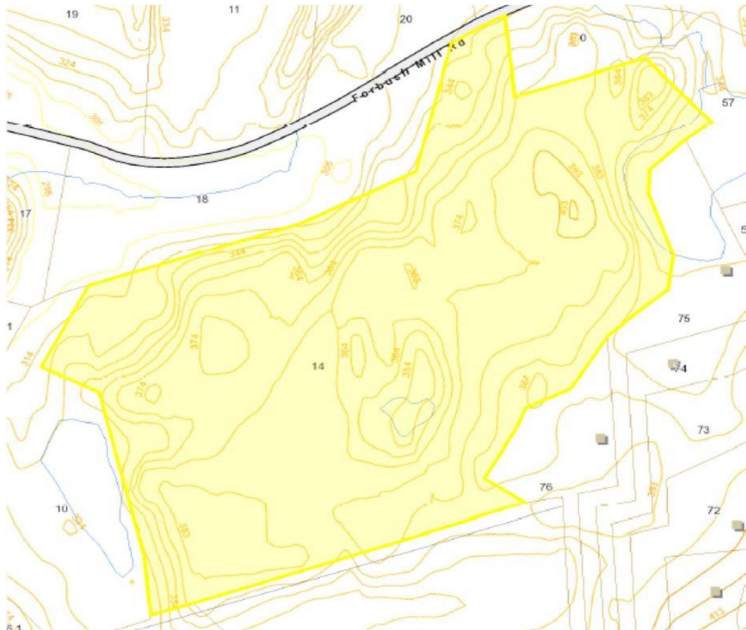
Vote Required:

2/3 Majority

Taggart Acquisition

43 acres of upland for town use
Benefitting the community through conservation and ecosystem services

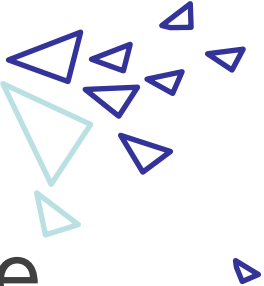




Town Support

Board of Selectmen Voted **2-1**
Advisory Voted **3-1**

**Other letters of support from: Nashua
River Watershed Association, Sudbury
Valley Trustees, reps?**



Benefits to the
Community of this
acquisition long
term may outweigh
short term expense

Tax Implications

Can the town afford it? Where is money coming from? Grants to reimburse cost?

\$550,000.00

Purchase Price for Town

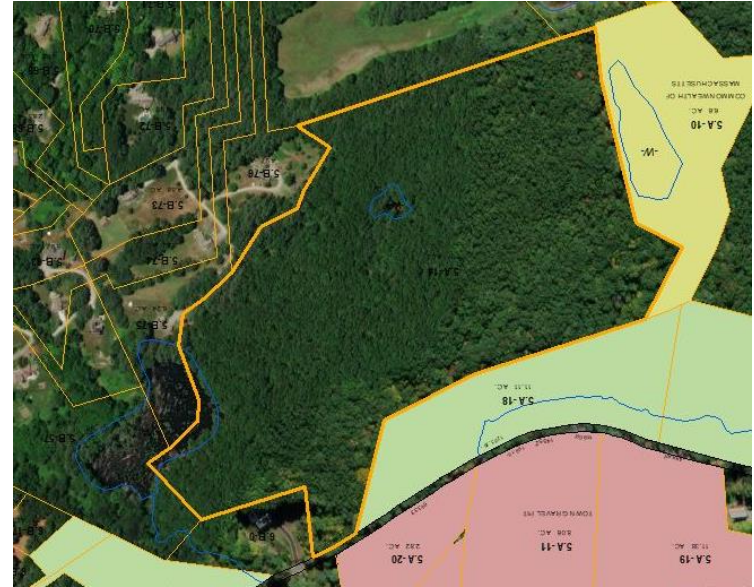
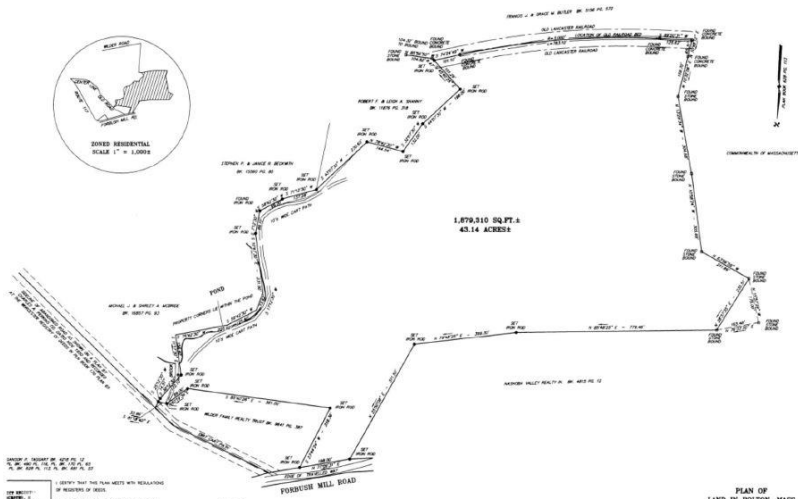
In tax revenue
**Loss of
~\$28.00**

20 years

Long term cost

\$3-4 per
\$100,000
of value
per year

Recorded Plan



Taggart Acquisition

Assessor's Map and Parcel 5.A – 14

Thank you!

- \$550,000.00 for 43 acres of mixed upland forest
- Reduce cost of community services on the town compared if it were developed
- Continue stormwater infiltration on site protecting Forbush Mill road
- Passive recreation opportunities
- Protection of a significant carbon sink

Article 24: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 5A, to become a member of the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, & to raise & appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$58,000 for the annual expense associated with the program; or do or act relating thereto.

Article 24: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project Continued

Sponsor:

Board of Selectmen

Summary: The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) is a state agency that operates under a voluntary assessment & provides a year-round program of mosquito control in 43 cities & towns in both Middlesex & Worcester counties. Services offered include larval & adult mosquito surveillance, larval & adult mosquito control, public education, ditch cleaning & maintenance & research/efficacy. CMMCP also conducts a tire recycling program to reduce mosquito larval habitat. Their goal is to reduce mosquito exposure to the public, & the potential for disease transmission by mosquitoes, utilizing proven, sound mosquito control techniques.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Approved (2 in favor, 1 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Conservation Commission Recommendation:

Approved (6 in favor, 0 opposed)

Board of Health Recommendation:

Approved (2 in favor, 0 opposed)

Parks & Recreation Recommendation:

Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required:

Majority

Article 24 – Proposal to Join
the Central Massachusetts
Mosquito Control Project

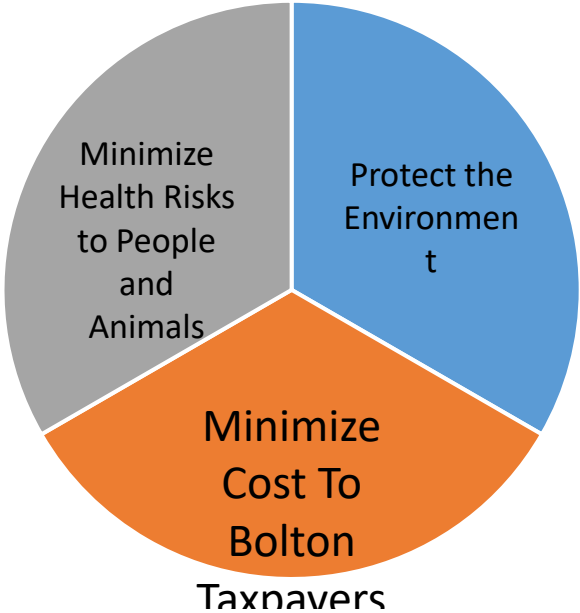
Committee Members

Name	Affiliation
Amy Clark, DVM	Citizen Volunteer
Brooke Clenchy	NRSD Superintendent
Robert Frieswick	NRSD Facilities Manager
Rebecca Longvall	Bolton Conservation
Don Lowe	Bolton Town Administrator
Joseph Lynch	Bolton DPW
Warren Nelson	Bolton Police Chief
Scott Powell	Bolton Board of Health
Jonathan Schwartz, Esq	Citizen Volunteer
Ali Webb	Bolton Parks and Recreation

Committee Objectives

Identify and propose a proactive and reactive approach to reducing the health risk to humans and animals caused by disease-carrying mosquitos within the town of Bolton.

Major Considerations



Bolton Mosquito Response Plan

Committee Recommendations

- Surveillance for disease-carrying mosquitos
- Reduce mosquito breeding grounds
- Effective response to public health threats
 - Professional advice regarding alternatives
 - Timely communication strategy
 - Development of Response plans



Services Offered By The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Project

1. Surveillance
2. Public Education
3. Ditch Maintenance
4. Larval Control
5. Source Reduction
6. Beaver Mitigation (new)

PROACTIVE

7. Adult Control

REACTIVE

8. Research & Efficacy

CHECKS & BALANCES

Support for the Committee's Recommendation

- Unanimous recommendation of our entire committee
- Reviewed and approved by:
 - Board of Selectmen
 - Board of Health
 - Conservation Commission
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Advisory Committee

Article 25: Authorize Town Election

To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, on Monday, June 29, 2020, between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. to elect by ballot the following officers and to vote on the following questions, said election having been postponed by vote of the Board of Selectmen from the original date of May 11, 2020 in accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020; or do or act relating thereto.

ONE YEAR: One Moderator, One Town Clerk, One member - Parks/Recreation Commission

THREE YEARS: One member of the Board of Assessors, One member of the Cemetery Committee, Five Constables, One member of the Board of Health, One Library Trustee, One member of the Nashoba Regional School District Committee, Two members of the Parks/Recreation Commission, One member of the Board of Selectmen

FIVE YEARS: One member of the Housing Authority Trustees, One member of the Planning Board

Vote Required: Majority

Ballot Question:

Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the 43+/- acres located off of Forbush Mill Road & identified on Assessor's Map 5.A as Parcel 14, including the payment of all costs incidental & related thereto?



Thank you for participating!