

TOWN OF BLANDFORD

Special Town Meeting

March 13, 2023, 7 P.M.

Town Hall



Special Town Meeting Overview



Final payment for North Blandford Road improvements



Make needed transfers for departmental budgets and grant matching funds



Enable Town to explore bulk purchasing of electricity to lower residents' bills

Special Town Meeting Funding Sources



**\$170k from Capital
Projects Account**



**\$~25k in operating
budget internal transfers**



**\$12,500 in Free Cash for
Resilient Dirt Roads project
(\$5k to be reimbursed)**

North Blandford Road Improvements Article 1



North Blandford Road Improvements Timeline



Fall 2021 Town receives nearly \$1 million from state MassWorks grant program

Spring 2023 Final payment of \$180,000



Fall 2020 Road identified as top priority for rehab in Pavement Management Report

Fall 2022 Project completed for **\$1.8 million** and police detail covered by \$11k in Free Cash at Special Town Meeting

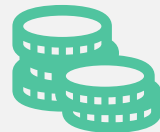
North Blandford Road Paving Article 1



90% of \$1.8 million
project paid for with state
grants and Chapter 90



Final payment: \$170k
from the Capital Projects
Account

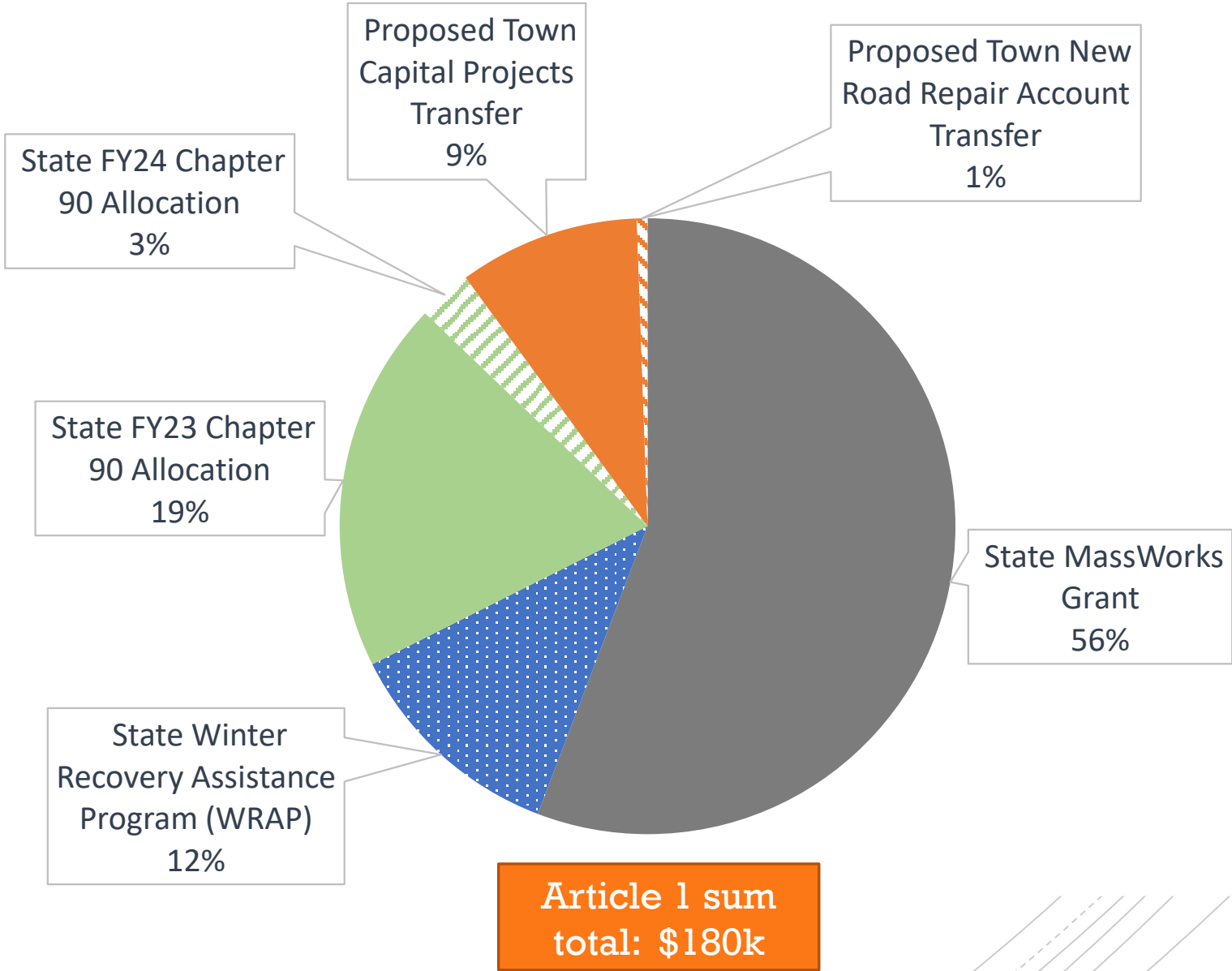


Final payment: \$10k from
the Highway New Road
Repair account

North Blandford Road Paving Article 1



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Departmental Transfers Articles 2 & 3



**\$2,000 internal transfer to
cover tree trimming
invoice**



**\$10k to shore up Fire
Dept. expense account
from unexpended
retirement line item**



**Year-end transfers
possible after May 1**

Resilient Dirt Roads Articles 4 & 5



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3 towns received \$350k+ grant to plan for climate impacts on dirt roads

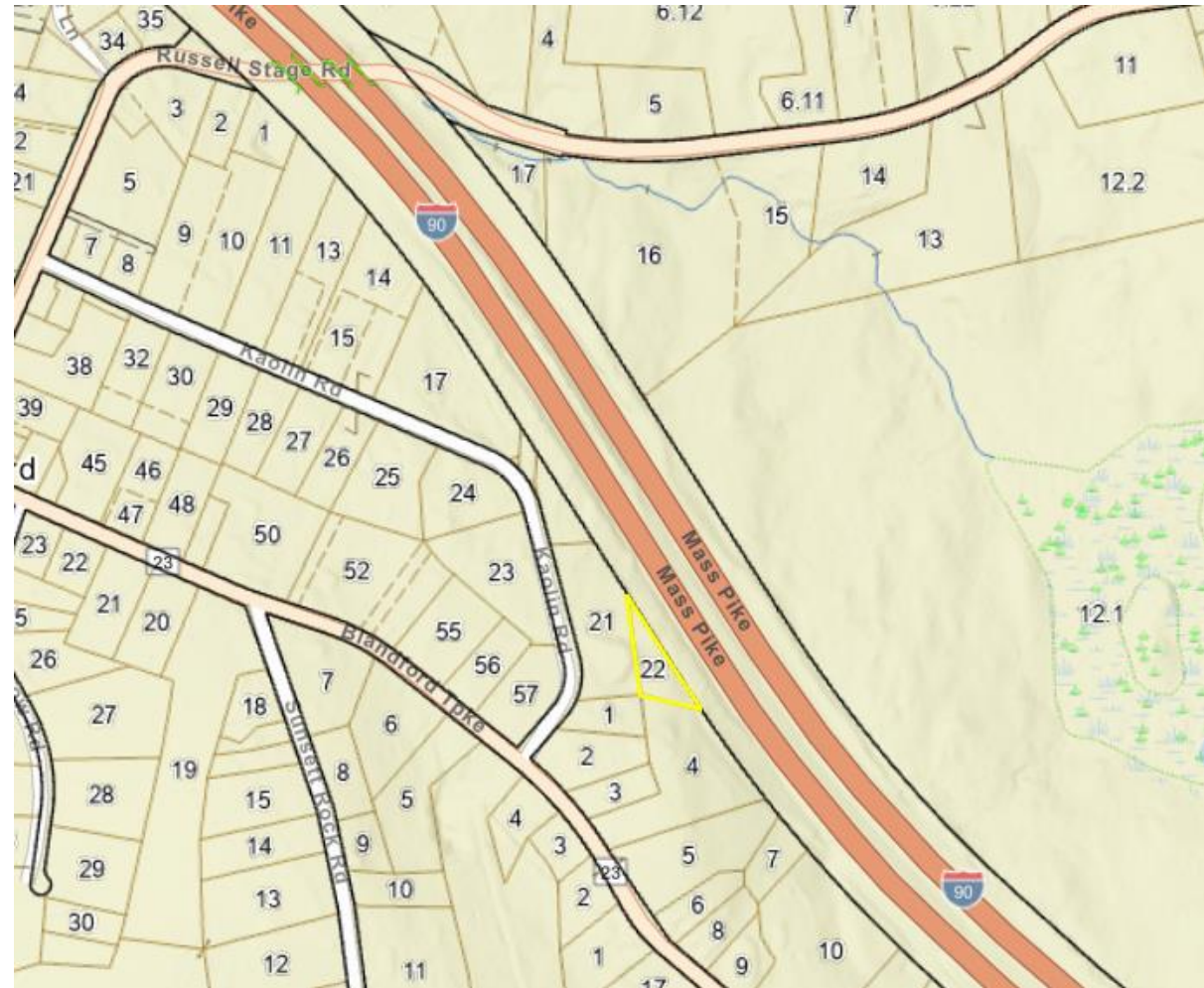


Article 4: \$7,500 from Free Cash for local cash match



Article 5: \$5,000 from Free Cash for Community Liaison position to be reimbursed by grant

Town Property Sale Article 6



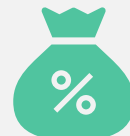
Town Property Sale Article 6



Half-acre parcel on
Kaolin landlocked by
private property and Pike

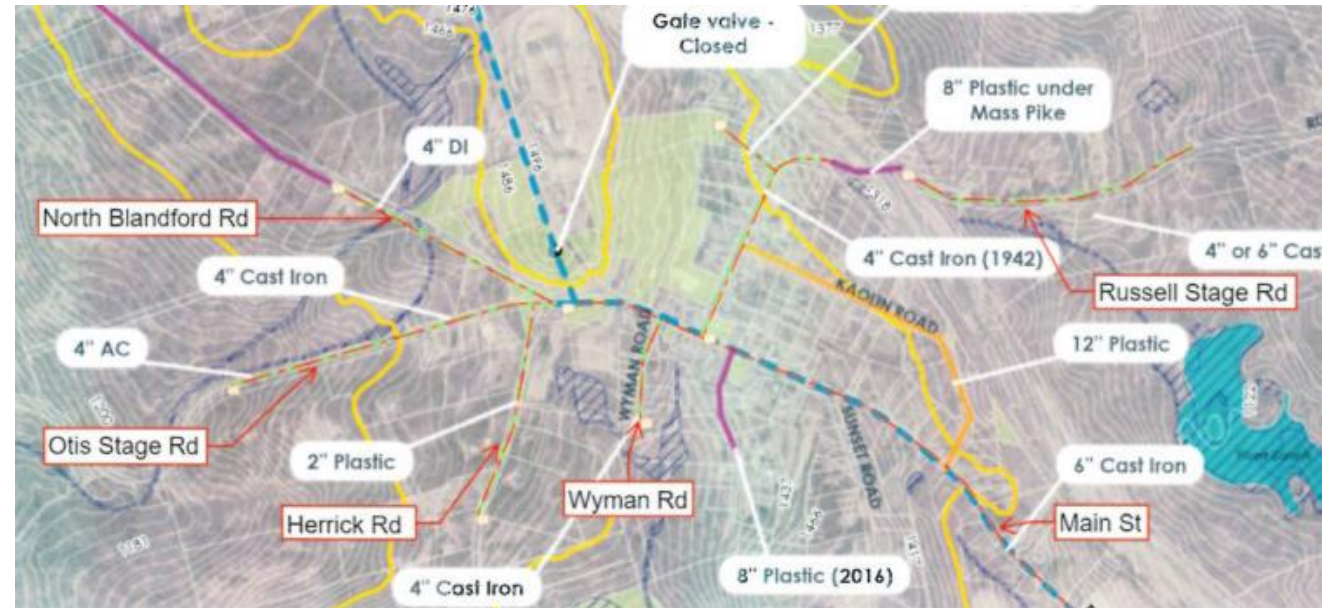


Article 6: Enables Select
Board to sell property



Property can be put back
on the tax rolls

Water Project Borrowing (PLACEHOLDER) Article 7



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\$75k main replacement and storage tank evaluation undertaken by Wright-Pierce

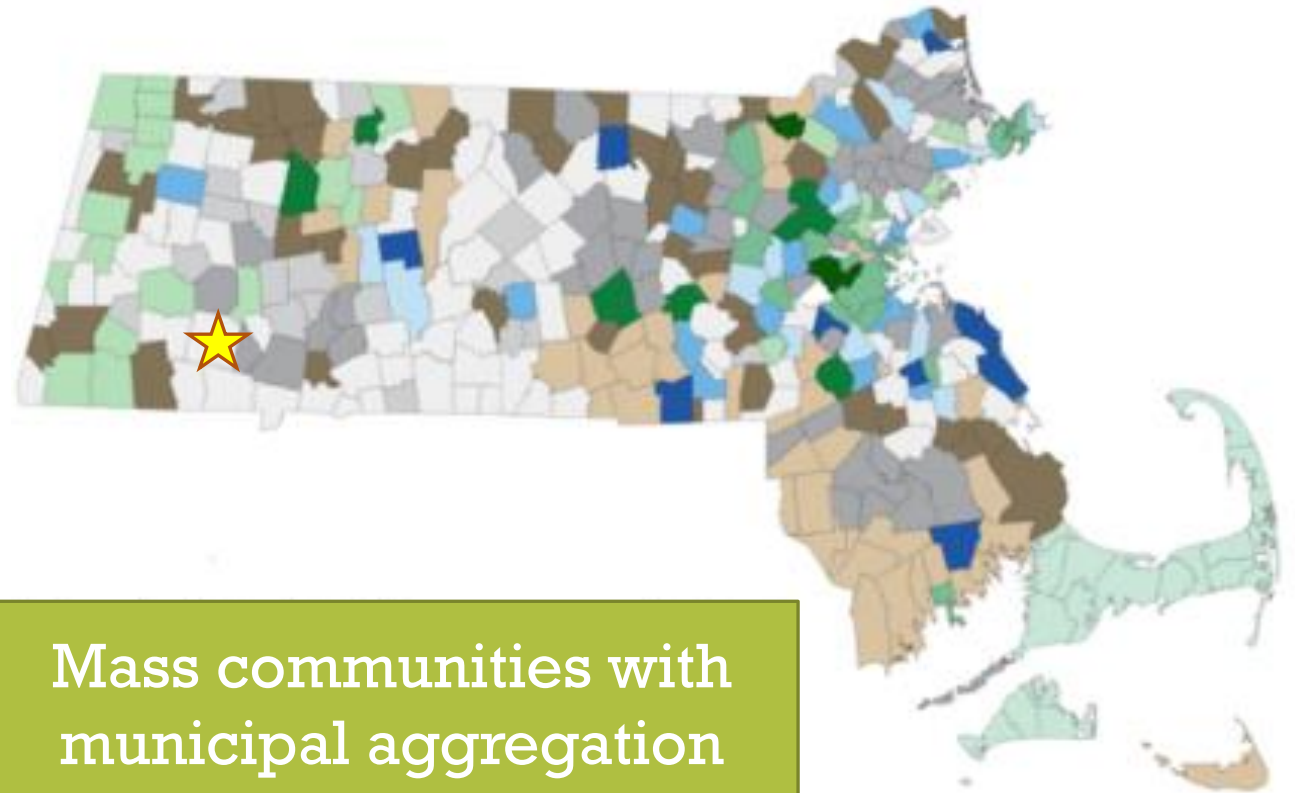


Article 7: Placeholder that enables Town to borrow for project



Article may be passed over pending discussions with Water Department given ARPA award for project

Community (Electrical) Aggregation Article 8



Mass communities with
municipal aggregation

Community (Electrical) Aggregation Article 8



Aggregation: Town buys electric supply on behalf of customers for potential savings



Article 8: Gives Town greenlight to research, create plan and get resident feedback



Participation voluntary and any plan would not go into effect until filed with Department of Public Utilities

Past Year Bill Article 9



- Hilltown Community Ambulance Association bill of ~\$3k for transport of volunteer firefighter
- Paid out of Workers' Comp line item
- Article may be passed over pending discussions with HCAA and Town's Injured on Duty insurer