

# STM Article 5

Water Resources Committee

# Goal: acquire and protect new water source

- Acquire and protect a unique resource no matter what
- Public benefit: Enable delivery of drinking water to current residents and businesses west of I-495.
  - Water quality issues in existing public wells
  - Septic system proximity issues

# Steps to acquire

- First step prior to acquisition:
  - Re-test the HSC large water source
  - Due diligence 21E evaluation
  - Funds: This STM article 5
  - Reserve maximum CPA funds for land acquisition.
- Acquire the land
  - CPA funds to be requested at May ATM
  - Goal to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement
  - Recourse to eminent domain if necessary
  - WRC investigating grants (e.g., MVP Action Grants, and others)

# After acquisition

- Town may consider development of a rate payer funded public water system
- Potential for partnering with Littleton Water Dept
- ARPA funds may be used for design studies
- Long-term financing options:
  - Betterments (rate-payers of served properties)
  - Low-interest loans via state drinking water revolving fund

# Summary

Activity	Funding source	Amount
Due diligence testing – Feb 28 STM • Pump test • Surveys • 21E • Project coordination & management	• Article 5 STM • MA DOT Salt Remediation Pgm	• \$75,000 free cash • \$50,000 expected
Land acquisition & appraisals – May ATM	• CPA article May 2022 ATM • WRC article 11 May 2020 ATM • Grants	• \$275,000 • \$20,000 • TBD
Potential western public water system – future <b>ONLY IF SOURCE LAND IS ACQUIRED</b>	• ARPA – for partial design • Betterments • Low interest loans from DWRF	• \$500,000 • TBD • TBD