

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump test • Surveys • 21E • Project coordination & management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 5 STM • MA DOT Salt Remediation Pgm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75,000 free cash • \$50,000 expected
Land acquisition & appraisals – May ATM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA article May 2022 ATM • WRC article 11 May 2020 ATM • Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$275,000 • \$20,000 • TBD
Potential western public water system – future ONLY IF SOURCE LAND IS ACQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARPA – for partial design • Betterments • Low interest loans from DWRF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 • TBD • TBD