

Ashfield Street – Eminent Domain Motion

The Buckland Select Board met on March 30, 2021 and reviewed the documentation for the taking of six easements on Ashfield Street as they relate to the successful completion of a sidewalk replacement project funded by MassDOT's Complete Street grant program.

The following motion was moved, seconded, and approved.

I moved, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 1 of the February 13, 2021 Special Town Meeting, to take by eminent domain, for the public way purposes and for the purpose of undertaking the Ashfield Street Reconstruct Project, permanent and temporary easements on the parcels of land located on Ashfield Street and identified more particularly in the Order of Taking, to execute said Order of Taking, and, further, to award damages in the amounts set forth in Schedule B of said Order of Taking. No betterments are assessed for the taking.

Signed

Dena Willmore
Chair

Witnessed

Mary Bolduc
Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
TOWN OF BUCKLAND
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, FRANKLIN SS.**

There were twenty-one (21) registered voters, quorum being seven (7) in attendance at the beginning of the Special Town Meeting held at the Mohawk Trail Regional School. Phoebe Walker served as Moderator working from a warrant dated January 28, 2021, and posted by Constable, Arthur Henry Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ARTICLE 1: ASHFIELD STREET ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT _
PROPERTY EASEMENT AUTHORIZATION**

The Town **voted and passed unanimously** to (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, the fee to and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over the parcels of land located on Ashfield Street and approximately shown on plans entitled “Ashfield Street Buckland, MA” (Sheets 1-6), prepared by GCG Associates, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining walls, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other structures and/or appurtenances, to enable the Town to undertake the Ashfield Street Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto, which Project, and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys, are funded by grants under the Complete Streets Program and/or Chapter 90 funds and/or available funds appropriate in the FY21 budget Grant Match or Road Repair line items, and, further, (b) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes.

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support this article.

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

The Town **voted and passed unanimously** to authorize to pay an unpaid FY20 invoice to Morton Salt in the amount of \$1,716.49 to be paid from FY21 Winter Roads.

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support this article.

The meeting dissolved at 11:04 a.m.