

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

July 13, 2021

Town Hall

Town Hall has been open since June 22 and we have had a very positive response from those residents who have come in for services. Although many of us are here earlier and later we have posted hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday to ensue that most of the offices are open at the same time. We are looking into the option of providing evening hours once or twice a month and welcome feedback from this board as well as the public.

Special Election

We will bring back to you at your next meeting a warrant for the Special Election on Aug. 31st to affirm the school borrowing. All of the District Towns approved the spending through their Town Meetings but Buckland is likely the only town with an outstanding debt exclusion vote. Ashfield had its debt exclusion vote (passed) on the same day as its ATM and it seems as though no other town had a debt exclusion contingency.

The District is working with their finance team on a borrowing package that best fits the district communities budgets. There will be a joint meeting with finance committee, selectboard and school committee members to discuss the options. It will be helpful to have some of the information before the election so voters understand the impact it will have on their property tax bills.

ARPA Disbursement

We received our first American Rescue Plan allocation of \$92,000. It is in an account with a big do-not touch sign on it. As a non-entitlement and non-county community we are scheduled to receive \$552,978.

Some of the prescribed uses are:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The guidance from the state has been that if the Town determines what project it would like to do they should bring it forward for review by local services.

Alternative Mosquito Plan approved

The Town of Buckland received word from the Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Opt-Out Team that the Town's request to opt of the state's spraying program was successful. Thank you to Marti Taft Ferguson and Peggy Hart for the hours spent completing the application and creating the alternate plan.

Ashfield Street & Charlemont Road

Work will be starting on the Lower Ashfield Street Improvements and Downtown Sidewalks replacement project **the week of July 19**. The Town would like to meet with the impacted residents, businesses, and property owners to bring you up to date on the construction plans.

TRAFFIC and PARKING -- Detours around Lower Ashfield Street are likely during the water main installation. Police details will be used to control traffic, as directed by the Police Chief. Paving will require that traffic be detoured.

A pre-construction meeting for Charlemont Road will be Monday morning. Notices will be distributed to residents once a date for the construction is set and a traffic plan is formed.

And in related news we have been invited to a grant announcement event tomorrow. The grant is the Department of Environmental Restoration program which we applied to for \$88,700 to engineer the replacement of the Charlemont Road culvert with a suitably sized bridge or a three-sided precast box culvert. I don't want to count our chickens but typically you don't get invited to the party unless you are guaranteed a goody bag.

Shared Streets – Conway Street

We did find out that we will – for sure – receive \$50,000 to complete a small cycle-themed pocket park on Conway Street on the property owned by Mike McCusker. The Town will work with attorneys to convey the land through a donation and then use the funds to do some much needed landscaping to create an area suitable for benches, bike racks, a water bottle filling station and a bike mechanics tool stand.

FY22 CAPITAL DEBT SCHEDULE

MTRSD FY 22 DEBT SERVICE - CAPITAL PROJECTS														PUBLISHED: 7.1.21	
OUTSTANDING TOTALS BY BOND ISSUE:															
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	Total		
BOND ISSUED FEBRUARY 2013:															
	\$300,000	\$9,000	(\$867)	\$308,133	\$29,351	\$70,106	\$31,398	\$86,643	\$5,851	\$14,598	\$9,944	\$60,242	\$308,133		
BOND ISSUED DECEMBER 2016:															
	\$167,410	\$3,646	\$0	\$171,056	\$41,603	\$37,217	\$7,827	\$27,991	\$1,371	\$3,891	\$13,534	\$37,623	\$171,056		
BOND ISSUED JULY 2019															
	\$184,000	\$10,902	\$0	\$194,902	\$0	\$104,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,474	\$194,902		
	\$651,410	\$23,548	(\$867)	\$674,091	\$70,954	\$211,752	\$39,224	\$114,634	\$7,222	\$18,489	\$23,478	\$188,339	\$674,091		
OUTSTANDING TOTALS BY FISCAL YEAR:															
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	Total		
2022	\$347,110	\$13,121	(\$578)	\$359,653	\$56,407	\$99,739	\$23,664	\$54,176	\$4,322	\$11,255	\$18,550	\$91,540	\$359,653		
2023	\$199,260	\$6,889	(\$289)	\$205,860	\$14,546	\$61,240	\$15,561	\$46,638	\$2,900	\$7,235	\$4,928	\$52,811	\$205,860		
2024	\$49,260	\$2,411	\$0	\$51,671	\$0	\$25,756	\$0	\$3,601	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,314	\$51,671		
2025	\$49,260	\$934	\$0	\$50,194	\$0	\$25,017	\$0	\$3,504	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,673	\$50,194		
2026	\$3,260	\$146	\$0	\$3,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,406		
2027	\$3,260	\$48	\$0	\$3,308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,308		
TOTAL	\$651,410	\$23,548	(\$867)	\$674,091	\$70,954	\$211,752	\$39,224	\$114,634	\$7,222	\$18,489	\$23,478	\$188,339	\$674,091		
OUTSTANDING TOTALS BY BOND:															
BOND ISSUED FEB 2013: HIGH SCHOOL ROOF & WINDOWS															
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	Excess Premium	DEBT SERVICE	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	Total		
2022	\$94,000	\$3,760	(\$362)	\$97,398	\$15,200	\$18,233	\$16,266	\$17,211	\$3,033	\$7,569	\$5,155	\$17,366	\$97,398		
2023	\$94,000	\$1,880	(\$181)	\$95,699	\$14,804	\$17,756	\$15,837	\$16,762	\$2,951	\$7,363	\$5,016	\$16,908	\$95,699		
TOTAL	\$188,000	\$5,640	(\$543)	\$193,097	\$29,351	\$35,202	\$31,398	\$33,232	\$5,981	\$14,598	\$9,944	\$33,522	\$193,097		
BOND ISSUED DEC 2016: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS/DISTRICT WIDE PROJECTS															
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE OFFSET	DEBT SERVICE	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	TOTAL		
2022	\$43,660	\$559	\$0	\$44,219	\$17,100	\$19,300	\$17,700	\$15,100	\$3,100	\$8,800	\$4,200	\$14,700	\$100,000		
TOTAL	\$43,660	\$559	\$0	\$44,219	\$17,561	\$8,534	\$7,827	\$6,677	\$1,371	\$3,891	\$1,857	\$6,500	\$44,219		
BOND ISSUED FEB 2013: BUCKLAND AND SHELburne ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF															
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	Excess Premium	DEBT SERVICE	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	TOTAL		
2022	\$30,000	\$1,200	(\$117)	\$31,083	\$0	\$6,644	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,366	\$31,083		
2023	\$30,000	\$600	(\$58)	\$30,542	\$0	\$17,605	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,478	\$30,542		
TOTAL	\$60,000	\$1,800	(\$175)	\$61,625	\$0	\$34,904	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,721	\$61,625		
BOND ISSUED DEC 2016: BUCKLAND SHELburne ELEMENTARY SCHOOL															
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE OFFSET	DEBT SERVICE	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Shelburne	TOTAL		
2022	\$59,050	\$756	\$0	\$59,806	\$0	\$47,966	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,040	\$59,806		

FY22 CAPITAL DEBT SCHEDULE

TOTAL	\$59,050	\$756		\$59,806	\$0	\$28,683	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,123	\$59,806
BOND ISSUED DEC 2016: SANDERSON ACADEMY														
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT										
		2.56%	OFFSET	SERVICE	ASHFIELD	BUCKLAND	CHARLEMONT	COLRAIN	HAWLEY	HEATH	PLAINFIELD	SHELburne	TOTAL	
2022	\$45,140	\$578		\$45,718	74.46%						25.54%		100.00%	
TOTAL	\$45,140	\$578		\$45,718	\$34,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,676	\$0	\$45,718	
BOND ISSUED FEB 2013: COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL ROOF & WINDOWS														
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	ASHFIELD	BUCKLAND	CHARLEMONT	COLRAIN	HAWLEY	HEATH	PLAINFIELD	SHELburne	TOTAL	
		2.99%	OFFSET	SERVICE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	
2022	\$26,000	\$1,040	(\$99)	\$26,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,941	
2023	\$26,000	\$520	(\$50)	\$26,470	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,470	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,470	
TOTAL	\$52,000	\$1,560	(\$149)	\$53,411	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,411	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,411	
BOND ISSUED DEC 2016: COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL														
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	ASHFIELD	BUCKLAND	CHARLEMONT	COLRAIN	HAWLEY	HEATH	PLAINFIELD	SHELburne	TOTAL	
		2.99%	OFFSET	SERVICE				100.00%					100.00%	
2022	\$3,260	\$536		\$3,796				\$3,796					\$3,796	
2023	\$3,260	\$439		\$3,699				\$3,699					\$3,699	
2024	\$3,260	\$341		\$3,601				\$3,601					\$3,601	
2025	\$3,260	\$244		\$3,504				\$3,504					\$3,504	
2026	\$3,260	\$146		\$3,406				\$3,406					\$3,406	
2027	\$3,260	\$48		\$3,308				\$3,308					\$3,308	
TOTAL	\$19,560	\$1,754		\$21,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,314	
BOND ISSUED DEC 2016: HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL														
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	ASHFIELD	BUCKLAND	CHARLEMONT	COLRAIN	HAWLEY	HEATH	PLAINFIELD	SHELburne	TOTAL	
		2.56%	OFFSET	SERVICE						100.00%			100.00%	
2022	\$0	\$0		\$0						\$0			\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
BOND ISSUED JULY 2020: BUCKLAND SHELburne ELEMENTARY FLOORING PROJECT														
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	REVENUE	DEBT	ASHFIELD	BUCKLAND	CHARLEMONT	COLRAIN	HAWLEY	HEATH	PLAINFIELD	SHELburne	TOTAL	
		2.05%	OFFSET	SERVICE									100.00%	
2022	\$46,000	\$4,692		\$50,692		\$3,58%						46.42%	\$50,692	
2023	\$46,000	\$3,450		\$49,450		\$27,161							\$23,331	
2024	\$46,000	\$2,070		\$48,070		\$26,495							\$22,955	
2025	\$46,000	\$690		\$46,690		\$25,756							\$22,314	
TOTAL	\$184,000	\$10,902		\$194,902	\$0	\$104,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,673	\$46,690	
TOTAL	\$651,410	\$23,548	(\$867)	\$674,091	\$70,954	\$211,752	\$39,224	\$114,634	\$7,222	\$18,489	\$23,478	\$188,339	\$674,091	

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations by Municipality
County Reallocation amounts are under further review

ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations by Municipality

Municipality	Population	County	CD1	CD2	US Treasury Classification	QCTs	Municipal Allocation	Municipal Per Capita Amount	County Reallocation	County Per Capita	Total Amount	Total Per Capita Amount	County Amount	County per Capita	Implied Total Amount with County	Implied Total Amount Per Capita
Braintree	37,190	Norfolk	8th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	3,892,624	105	0	0	3,892,624	105	7,223,722	194	11,116,345	299
Brewster	9,775	Barnstable	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	1,023,135	105	0	0	1,023,135	105	1,898,679	194	2,921,814	299
Bridgewater	27,619	Plymouth	8th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	2,890,841	105	0	0	2,890,841	105	5,364,667	194	8,255,508	299
Brimfield	3,680	Hampden	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	385,180	105	714,797	194	1,099,977	299	0	0	1,099,977	299
Brocton	95,708	Plymouth	8th		Metropolitan City	10	34,590,793	361	0	0	34,590,793	361	18,590,157	194	53,180,950	556
Brookfield	3,452	Worcester	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	361,316	105	670,511	194	1,031,826	299	0	0	1,031,826	299
Brookline	59,121	Norfolk	4th		Metropolitan City	1	32,406,450	548	0	0	32,406,450	548	11,483,561	194	43,890,011	742
Buckland	1,850	Franklin	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	193,637	105	359,341	194	552,978	299	0	0	552,978	299
Burlington	28,627	Middlesex	6th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	2,996,347	105	5,560,459	194	8,556,806	299	0	0	8,556,806	299
Cambridge	118,927	Middlesex	5th	7th	Metropolitan City	3	65,019,211	547	23,100,176	194	88,119,387	741	0	0	88,119,387	741
Canton	23,805	Norfolk	8th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	2,491,635	105	0	0	2,491,635	105	4,623,842	194	7,115,477	299
Carlisle	5,252	Middlesex	3rd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	549,719	105	1,020,139	194	1,569,859	299	0	0	1,569,859	299
Carver	11,767	Plymouth	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	1	1,231,635	105	0	0	1,231,635	105	2,285,602	194	3,517,237	299
Charlmont	1,233	Franklin	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	129,056	105	239,496	194	368,552	299	0	0	368,552	299
Charlton	13,713	Worcester	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	1,435,320	105	2,663,589	194	4,098,909	299	0	0	4,098,909	299
Chatham	5,982	Barnstable	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	626,127	105	0	0	626,127	105	1,161,933	194	1,788,061	299
Chatham	35,391	Middlesex	3rd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	3,704,325	105	6,874,287	194	10,578,612	299	0	0	10,578,612	299
Chelmsford	39,690	Suffolk	7th		Nonentitlement Unit	7	4,154,295	105	7,709,317	194	11,863,612	299	0	0	11,863,612	299
Cheshire	3,129	Berkshire	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	327,508	105	607,772	194	935,279	299	0	0	935,279	299
Chester	1,369	Hampden	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	143,291	105	265,912	194	409,203	299	0	0	409,203	299
Chesterfield	1,249	Hampshire	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	130,731	105	242,604	194	373,335	299	0	0	373,335	299
Chicopee	55,126	Hampden	1st		Metropolitan City	1	28,828,571	523	10,707,579	194	39,536,150	717	0	0	39,536,150	717
Chilmark	922	Dukes	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	96,504	105	0	0	96,504	105	179,088	194	275,592	299
Clarksburg	1,638	Berkshire	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	171,447	105	318,162	194	489,609	299	0	0	489,609	299
Clinton	14,000	Worcester	3rd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	1,465,360	105	2,719,336	194	4,184,696	299	0	0	4,184,696	299
Cohasset	8,548	Norfolk	8th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	894,707	105	0	0	894,707	105	1,660,349	194	2,555,056	299
Colrain	1,661	Franklin	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	173,854	105	322,630	194	496,484	299	0	0	496,484	299
Concord	18,918	Middlesex	3rd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	1,980,120	105	3,674,600	194	5,654,719	299	0	0	5,654,719	299
Conway	1,873	Franklin	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	196,044	105	363,808	194	559,852	299	0	0	559,852	299
Cummington	874	Hampshire	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	91,480	105	169,764	194	261,245	299	0	0	261,245	299
Dalton	6,525	Berkshire	1st		Nonentitlement Unit	0	682,962	105	1,267,405	194	1,950,367	299	0	0	1,950,367	299
Danvers	27,549	Essex	6th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	2,883,514	105	5,351,070	194	8,234,584	299	0	0	8,234,584	299
Dartmouth	34,188	Bristol	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	3,578,409	105	0	0	3,578,409	105	6,640,618	194	10,219,027	299
Dedham	25,219	Norfolk	8th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	2,639,636	105	0	0	2,639,636	105	4,898,495	194	7,538,131	299
Deerfield	4,991	Franklin	2nd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	522,401	105	969,443	194	1,491,844	299	0	0	1,491,844	299
Dennis	13,871	Barnstable	9th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	1,451,858	105	0	0	1,451,858	105	2,694,279	194	4,146,137	299
Dighton	7,967	Bristol	4th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	833,894	105	0	0	833,894	105	1,547,496	194	2,381,391	299
Douglas	9,038	Worcester	2nd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	945,994	105	1,755,526	194	2,701,520	299	0	0	2,701,520	299
Dover	6,127	Norfolk	4th		Nonentitlement Unit	0	641,304	105	0	0	641,304	105	1,190,098	194	1,831,402	299
Dracut	31,634	Middlesex	3rd		Nonentitlement Unit	0	3,311,085	105	6,144,534	194	9,455,619	299	0	0	9,455,619	299



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To Whom it May Concern,

M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A(b)(2) requires EEA to establish a process to allow a municipality to request to opt out of mosquito control spraying, either aerial or ground-based, conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board ("SRMCB") under M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A(a). For the SRMCB to recognize a municipal opt out, the municipality must first have an alternative management plan ("plan") approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ("EEA").

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A(b)(2), EEA has reviewed your municipality's plan. EEA assessed the impact of your municipality's alternative plan on regional mosquito control should your request to opt-out be approved, with consideration for historical arbovirus risk and with consideration for strength of plan submission. The impact of your plan as compared to mosquito control conducted by the SRMCB is rated as *minimal or low regional risk*. As a result, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A(b)(2), EEA has made a determination to approve your plan for 2021. This determination will be shared with the SRMCB so that it can take the necessary steps to recognize the opt out under the statute.

When executing your plan, please be aware that approval of this plan does not relieve an applicant of the necessity of complying with all applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws or regulations, including but not limited to those administered by your local Conservation Commission, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Further, your municipality's opt out does not extend to state-owned land within your municipality's boundaries.

Despite approval, there remain substantial opportunities for improvement in all plan submissions this year. This includes the existence of and quality of alternative mosquito control management



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MOSQUITO CONTROL RESOURCES

The following document aggregates informational resources for use in municipal mosquito control.

Arbovirus Resources

- [Mosquitoes in Massachusetts](#) - Frequently asked questions about mosquitoes and information about common kinds of mosquitoes that are most likely to spread disease in Massachusetts
- [Guide to EEE in Massachusetts](#) - Information about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and mosquito control
- [Fact Sheet About EEE \(Eastern Equine Encephalitis\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Arbovirus Update](#) - Current Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) information in Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health's [Arbovirus Surveillance Plan and Historical Data](#)

Structural Resources

- [Session Law - Acts of 2020 Chapter 120](#) - An Act To Mitigate Arbovirus In The Commonwealth
- [State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board \(SRMCB\) web page](#)
- [Mosquito Control Projects and Districts web page](#)
- [How to Withdraw or Become a Member of a Mosquito Control District](#)

Spraying-related Resources

- [Mosquito Control and Spraying](#) - Fact sheet about aerial spraying of mosquitoes for EEE
- [How to Request an Exclusion or Opt out from Wide Area Pesticide Applications](#)
- [Notification of Aerial Spraying or other Wide Area Emergency Operations](#)

Finally, the Massachusetts webpage on the application for municipal opt-out of SRMCB spraying will continue to be updated as EEA develops the 2022 municipal opt-out program.

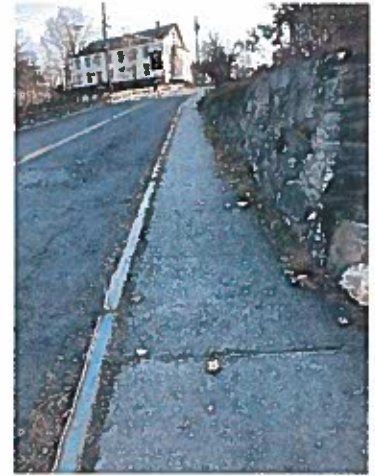
- [Application for Municipal Opt-Out of SRMCB Spraying](#)

Ashfield Street & Downtown Sidewalks CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021

9:00 AM

Salmon Falls Parking Lot



Work will be starting on the Lower Ashfield Street Improvements and Downtown Sidewalks replacement project **the week of July 19**. The Town would like to meet with the impacted residents, business and property owners to bring you up to date on the construction plans.

The project engineer and representatives from the Town and Shelburne Falls Fire and Sewer Districts will be present at the meeting to answer your questions. If you cannot make the meeting and have questions or concerns, please forward them to Heather Butler, Town Administrator, (413-625-6330, ext. 5), townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us.

The Town of Buckland has received a Community Development Block Grant to repair a section of Ashfield Street, **from the Clement Street intersection to the Green Street Intersection**. The Town also received a Complete Streets Grant to replace the sidewalks on Ashfield Street from the Green Street intersection to Spring Street as well as several sections on State Street, north of the Ashfield Street intersection. A. Martins Construction of Ludlow has been contracted to complete the repairs, which will include sidewalk and curb replacement and repair, new road pavement, new water lines and hydrants, and sewer repair.

THE SCOPE OF WORK:

Sidewalks - Sidewalks in the project areas will be replaced to eliminate uneven, unsafe surfaces and to provide a consistent slope and width. Sidewalk ramp transitions will be made ADA compliant and curbs will be reset to better align with sidewalk.

Water system – Grant funds will install a new water main from Green Street, under the railroad tracks, down the length of Ashfield Street to tie into the existing main on State Street. In addition, new water services will be brought from the new main to the property line and connected to the existing building service.

Water System Installation – Tentative Start Date, week of July 19. Duration: Approximately 3 weeks. Work will begin with the installation of a new water main and services to buildings in the project area. While this work is underway, the contractor will install a temporary water line to provide safe, potable water to all buildings in the project. Cutover from the old water system to the temporary water supply will result in a short interruption of service; the contractor will provide a minimum 72 hours of notice when the cutover will occur. Once all buildings are on the temporary water service, the contractor will begin installing the new main.

Ashfield Street Sewer Repair – A 30 LF section of Lower Ashfield Street will be repaired and a new sewer manhole installed.

Paving and sidewalks – *Lower Ashfield Street:* The road surface will be reclaimed, graded and a new layer of pavement laid after the water and sewer system repairs are completed. Final road surface paving will occur after Labor Day. *Upper Ashfield and State Streets:* Sidewalks will be removed and replaced.

TRAFFIC and PARKING

Detours around Lower Ashfield Street are likely during the water main installation. Police details will be used to control traffic, as directed by the Police Chief. Paving will require that traffic be detoured.

PROPERTY OWNERS: Please pass this information along to your business and apartment tenants.



You're Invited

please join

**Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides,
Department of Fish & Game Commissioner Ron Amidon,
and
State & Local Officials**

*for an announcement of the twenty-six award recipients of the
Department of Fish and Game's Division of Ecological Restoration (DER)
Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program*

&

six award recipients of DER's Priority Projects Program Grants

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

1:30 – 2:30 pm

**at the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary
127 Combs Road, Easthampton**

An optional visit to a project site in nearby Hadley will be held after the speaking program.





Charles D. Baker, Governor
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor
Jamey Tesler, Acting MassDOT Secretary & CEO



July 1, 2021

Heather Butler
17 State Street
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Dear Heather Butler:

Thank you for submitting a project application to the MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program. Your project application has been reviewed, and we are pleased to notify you that your Hybrid: Main Streets and Safe Streets and Paths project has been approved for funding. We received many applications and had a competitive applicant pool from which to select, and your application stood out. Buckland's Hybrid: Main Streets and Safe Streets and Paths project will be funded at \$50,000.00 under Chapter 90 Contract Number/ MMARS #50751. Ongoing maintenance, operational, and enforcement costs associated with a project are not eligible uses of this funding.

The Shared Streets and Spaces Program is intended to support projects that promote public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce by providing new or repurposed space for socially-distanced walking, bicycling, dining, retail, civic activities, and bus travel. Because of the urgency of this effort, the Buckland project will need to be fully implemented by December 31, 2021. Please note that any pavement markings or signage included in your project that are not compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices should be used with caution, and only on a temporary basis. Please feel free to contact the Shared Streets Team to discuss this issue in more detail, if needed.

Upon project completion, award recipients are required to submit a post-construction report, which will be provided to the municipality by MassDOT. We also ask that you document the project's progress by taking before, during and after photos of your Shared Streets and Spaces installation.

We are excited to work with you and the full Buckland team as this project advances.

Sincerely,

Jamey Tesler

Acting Secretary and CEO