

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to establish a municipal water supply and water distributing system shown on a plan entitled Water Distribution System Development Backbone and Landfill Area, March 2014, pursuant to Section 39A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws; and

to appropriate the sum of **\$45.8 million** for establishing such a system for the Town, including, without limitation, the taking or purchase of water sources or water or flowage rights, the taking or purchase of land or easements for the water system or for the protection of the water system, the construction and development of wells, the construction of water towers, the construction of buildings for water treatment and pumping stations, the laying and relaying of water mains, the purchase and installation of water meters, fire hydrants and other water department equipment, and design and engineering and other costs incidental thereto, and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and

that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$45.8 million and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and

that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project; and

provided further that, pursuant to G.L. c.40, Section 39A, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to act as Water Commissioners and to exercise all of the powers of Water Commissioners pursuant to General Laws Chapter 41, Section 69A and G.L. 40, Section 38-39I and 39L thru 42; and

provided further that the Town hereby accepts the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Sections 42A through 42F, and Section 42J to authorize the collection of water rates and to permit the deferral of payment of water use charges by certain homeowner/occupants; or take any action relative thereto.

By Board of Selectmen

Summary:

This Article will provide a system that includes all the basic elements to allow for expansion to all parts of town in the future. That is what is known as the “backbone with landfill study area service” and further included in this proposal are, a single water tower (two will be needed at system build out), hydrants, and service connections along all the ways shown on the map. This plan will provide service to the affected areas within the landfill study area as soon as possible. It will also provide hydrants within 1000’ of 80% of the Eastham structures. This enhances the potential for fire insurance savings.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATION: 5-0

(2/3rds Majority vote required)