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August 10, 2023

Mitchell Ruscitti
Town Administrator
78 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Via email: mruscitti@hopedale-ma.gov

Dear Mitchell Ruscitti:

Thank you for your Tier 3 submission to the Compete Streets Funding Program during Round 1 of the Fiscal Year 2024 application solicitation. We received many applications and had a very competitive application pool from which to select. I am pleased to notify you that Hopedale's application has been approved for \$500,000.00.

Awarded municipalities will enter into a contract with MassDOT for the completion of approved work. A member of the Community Grants Group will reach out shortly to gather all necessary information to begin the contracting process. It is anticipated that the Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued by November 1, 2023, and the deadline for construction will be December 31, 2025. MassDOT-funded work may not proceed until the NTP is issued.

Please note that as detailed in the Program Guidance, design is not an eligible grant cost. Design work for this project may begin at any time and must be completed by a MassDOT Prequalified Contractor. Construction funds awarded through this program are paid via the reimbursement of approved costs. Reimbursement requests are processed by your District State Aid Engineer in the same manner as Chapter 90 projects.

Please email CompleteStreetsProgram@dot.state.ma.us with questions related to this award. Thank you for your commitment to improving safety, access, and mobility for all roadway users in your community and for your participation in the Complete Streets Funding Program. MassDOT looks forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Gulliver
Highway Administrator

cc: Kristen Pennucci, MassDOT Community Grants Program Administrator
Barry Lorion, MassDOT District 3 Highway Director

Hopedale ARPA Funding 9/11/23 - As Voted by Select Board 26-123-5153-5700

Non-Entitlement Community Allocation	\$622,883	\$	311,441	\$	311,441
Non-functional County Redistribution Amount	\$1,155,912	\$	577,956	\$	577,956
Total:	\$1,778,795	\$	889,397	\$	889,397

Expended thru 3/31/23**

<u>Item/Project</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Committed by SB</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date of SB Vote</u>
Water Sourcing	Water	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	-	\$ -	
Water Tank	Water	\$ 165,000	\$ 149,865	\$ 15,135	\$ 15,135	
COVID Tests	Police	\$ 122	\$ 122	-	\$ -	
COVID Test Kits for Distribution	Town	\$ 4,408	\$ 4,408	-	\$ -	
COA Pandemic-related services	COA	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,456	\$ 2,304	\$ 40	STOP SPENDING
Hopedale Pond/Dam/Culverts (Match)	Parks/Con Com	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	SB rescinded 3/31/23
Emergency Tree Work - Town Trees	Tree Warden	\$ 17,500	\$ 15,275	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,225	
Lucas Auto Pulse	Fire	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
2024 Freightliner 108SD Plow Truck	Highway	\$ 279,757	\$ -	\$ 279,757	\$ 279,757	
Statue of Hope	Library	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,450	\$ 19,550	\$ 19,550	
Town Park Renovations & Cost Determinations	Parks	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,125	\$ 375	\$ 375	STOP SPENDING
Cruiser (Chevy Tahoe)	Police	\$ 56,770	\$ -	\$ 56,770	\$ 56,770	
JSHS Boiler	Schools	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	STOP SPENDING
Security System/Cameras	Town Hall	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,940	\$ 60	\$ 60	STOP SPENDING
Fuel Dispensing Equipment Upgrade	Various Depts	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,700	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	
Generators @ Schools (for sheltering)	Town	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	
Hire Recruiter for TA search	Town	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
MS4 Stormwater Permitting	Highway	\$ 120,000	\$ 4,140	\$ 115,860	\$ 115,860	
Dam Inspection	Fire	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,875	\$ 10,625	\$ 10,625	3/13/2023
Design of Adin Street	Town	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
Fire Dept Hose (was \$56,000)	Fire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	4/10/2023 rescinded 9/11/23
Police Motorcycle	Police	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	4/10/2023
Hardware and Software	TA	\$ 29,000	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	4/10/2023
Tax Title	Collector	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	4/10/2023
Tree Funds	Tree Warden	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	6/12/2023
Office security measures	Treasurer	\$ 6,784	\$ -	\$ 6,784	\$ 6,784	8/14/2023
GIS Staff Site	Assessor	\$ 950	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ 950	8/14/2023
Total Expended to Date			\$ 205,986	\$ 316,674		
Bancroft Library HVAC engineering		\$ 52,200	\$ -	\$ 52,200	\$ 52,200	9/11/2023
Total Allocated		\$ 1,686,291				
Balance Available/Uncommitted:		\$ 92,504			\$ 998,696	

**Note: expenditures are not up-to-date

ORDER OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopedale, a municipal corporation, *acting by and through its Select Board*, with an address of 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747 (the "Town") hereby certifies that the Town did vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in the land known as a portion of 364 West Street, Hopedale, Worcester County, Massachusetts, containing 130.18 acres, more or less, which is classified as Forest Land under Chapter 61 of the General Laws, and shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan") as "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Chapter 61 Forest Land Parcel-130.18 Acres" (the "Property"), which Property excludes the areas shown on the Plan as "Railroad Right of Way" and "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Excluded Wetlands – 25.06 Acres";

WHEREAS, the Select Board has deemed that public necessity and convenience require that it should take charge of and take by eminent domain a fee interest in the Property to maintain and preserve the Property and the forest, water, air, and other natural resources thereon for the use of the public and for conservation and recreation purposes to be managed under the control of the Hopedale Parks Commission;

WHEREAS, the taking was authorized by a two-thirds vote at the 2022 Special Town Meeting held on July 11, 2022, pursuant to Article 1, a certified copy of which vote is recorded herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently owned by Michael R. Milanoski and Jon Delli Priscoli, Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, u/d/t dated September 16, 1981 and recorded in the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 7322, Page 177, by virtue of a deed recorded with the Registry on June 11, 2021 in Book 65363, Page 65.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Select Board of the Town of Hopedale, acting herein under the authority conferred on us by Chapters 40 and 79 of the General Laws, do hereby adopt this Order of Taking to take, on behalf of the Town, a fee simple interest in all of the Property.

Property: 364 West Street, Hopedale, MA

AND FURTHER ORDERED that included in this taking and without limiting the provisions of the foregoing, said taking includes all trees, bushes, vegetation, roadway improvements and all structures located thereon, including but not limited to structures for the collection of storm drainage and sewerage, but not including wires, cables, poles, towers, pipes, conduits and other appurtenances for the conveyance of gas, electricity, cable television or telephone communication located in or upon the Property, and not including railroad tracks or appurtenant loading structures currently in place on the Property.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that no betterments are to be assessed under this Taking.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 79, as amended, an award of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) is made.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that a representative of the Town shall record this Order of Taking in the Registry within thirty (30) days from its final passage, shall notify the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes in the Town of Hopedale of this taking in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 79, and shall cause notice of the taking to be given to all persons entitled thereto and do all things necessary for the validity of this Order of Taking.

[Signatures to appear on next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Select Board, have executed this Order of Taking this 11th day of September, 2023.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SELECT BOARD

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

Scott M. Savage

Bernard J. Stock

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF WORCESTER

On this 12th day of September, 2023, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared _____, members of the Select Board for the Town of Hopedale, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was personal knowledge, to be the persons whose names are signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: