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October 21, 2024 Special Town Meeting Article 1 – Appropriate for Roadway Improvements (Eversource)

Why is Eversource providing funds to the Town to resurface roads?

Beginning in FY2024, the Department of Public Works began a new initiative with Eversource with respect to its work in the Town's right of way. Under the new program, Eversource has been granted permission to work during the off season (typically November 30 – April 1), or has been granted permission to perform work on roads that are on the Town's short-term list for surface treatments. The work that Eversource performs disturbs the condition of the road. Eversource and the Town mutually agreed that it would be advantageous for the Town to oversee the repaving work using its contractors and staff.

How will the Town expend the funds?

Funds appropriated in this article will be used to supplement the Town's infrastructure funds to either perform the work on the actual roads disturbed, or to reimburse the funding for roads that were disturbed and have already been paved using infrastructure funds. Funds will then be available for additional work.

What Roads will be impacted?

The roads subject to payment from Eversource in this article include: Tanglewood Road, Damon Road, Tillotson Road, Hollow Ridge Road, Pythias Circle, Sunnyside Road, and Nichols Street. The Town has already paved Nichols Street, and is preparing to pave Sunnyside Road. Funds collected as part of this program for roads already repaved will be used to offset other roads in the infrastructure program.

What funds has Eversource provided under this initiative?

The October 30, 2023 Special Town Meeting appropriated \$205,000 provided by Eversource based on its natural gas main repairs and capacity improvements on Webster Street between West Street and Parkinson Street. Eversource completed the work outside the Town's normal street opening permit period of April to November, and in return, Eversource provided funding to the Town to repave the road.

Why is Town Meeting action required?

These funds are considered general fund receipts – as a result, Town Meeting action is required to ensure that they will be used for their intended purpose.

