

## TA REPORT

### **GRANTS**

The town has applied for and received \$23,500 grant for enhancement to our Information Technology infrastructure. We received the following email:

*I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS's) Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is awarding almost \$7 million to local communities and state agencies under the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program and State Share Cybersecurity Grant Program. These programs, funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Administration (CISA), will invest in priority cybersecurity initiatives at state agencies and local governments, including school districts, public utility departments, and other local agencies. These grants allow the Commonwealth to help communities meet their most pressing cybersecurity needs. The success of these grant programs is the result of the Commonwealth's collaborative approach to addressing these complex issues.*

### **ELECTRIC AGGRIGATION**

Today, the DPU approved their new municipal aggregation Guidelines. The press release is [here](#). This is good news. We anticipated these Guidelines when preparing the town's plan. We should have a clear path to approval.

The Guidelines establish a 4-month review period for DPU review of new aggregation plans. Strictly speaking, that 4-month limit does not apply to plans like yours that were filed before today. We think that the DPU will try hard to meet the 4 months guidance.

### **PROJECTS**

- Melican tennis courts- Repairs are scheduled to begin on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 13 Church Street - WCD Garage easement is complete

### **2024 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

- Payment of Prior Year Bills – Marlborough Sewer
- Northborough and Marlborough have entered into a settlement agreement for Northborough's sewer use payments to the City. This agreement provides for past payments through Fiscal Year 2023 (FY). The methodology established to derive the City's annual charge to Northborough is as follows:

- The Town provides the City with four quarterly payments, each being the Town's proportionate share of the operating budget for the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Plant operation, maintenance, and debt expenses.
- The City's will determine the actual cost for operations, maintenance, and debt expenses after the end of the fiscal year. The City will then send a final reconciliation invoice to the Town for the final fiscal year end payment. This will be based upon the actual proportionate share of flow.
- In FY2024 Northborough paid Marlborough four \$100,000 payments, which followed prior year practices while in litigation. The FY2024 final reconciliation invoice will be provided to the Town in the coming weeks. This will constitute a prior year bill which requires Town Meeting action to pay. The settlement agreement as well as the Intermunicipal Agreement both memorialize the requirement for this payment.