

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM

BALLOT QUESTION

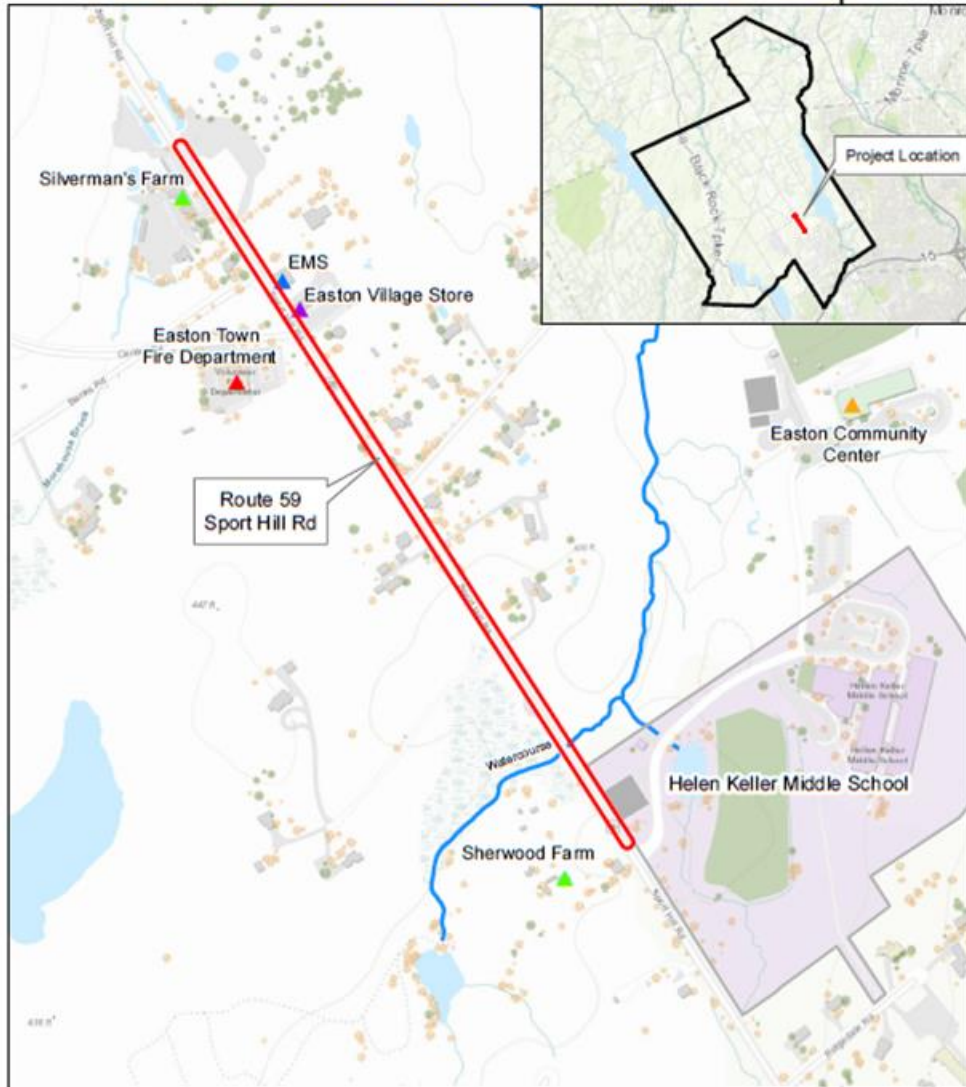
As an advisory question, should the Town of Easton appropriate \$249,400 for the local match requirement (20% of the total cost of \$1,247,000) for the costs associated with constructing a multi-use/pedestrian path along Sport Hill Road from the entrance of Helen Keller Middle School to the crosswalk at Silverman's Farm pursuant to the Town's "transportation alternatives set-aside" application submitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation on August 29, 2019?

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PROPOSAL

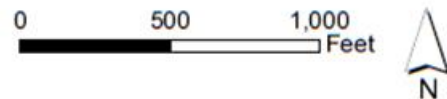
- Driveway of HKMS to Silverman's crosswalk
- Provide off-road use for pedestrians, cyclists, strollers, wheelchairs
- Purpose is to provide a safe thoroughfare for users and protection from high-speed traffic on the road
- Pathway would be 8-10 feet wide, constructed of asphalt with a 2-4 foot grass shoulder on both sides from the HKMS driveway to the Easton Village Store driveway
- Easton Village Store to the crosswalk at Silverman's Farm would be 6-ft wide concrete path
- Right-of-way provides sufficient space to construct the pathway without the need to take people's personal property

Route 59 Shared-Use Path Location Map



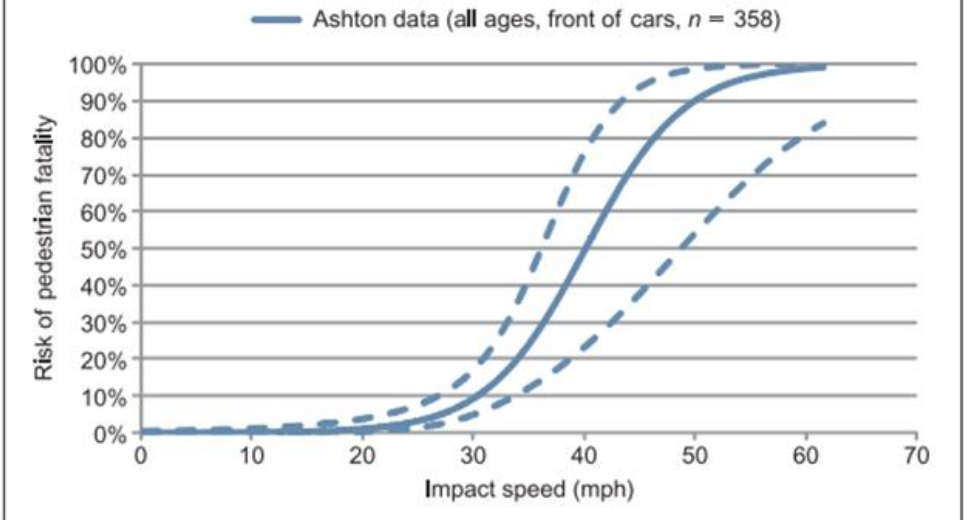
Legend

- Project Location
- Watercourse



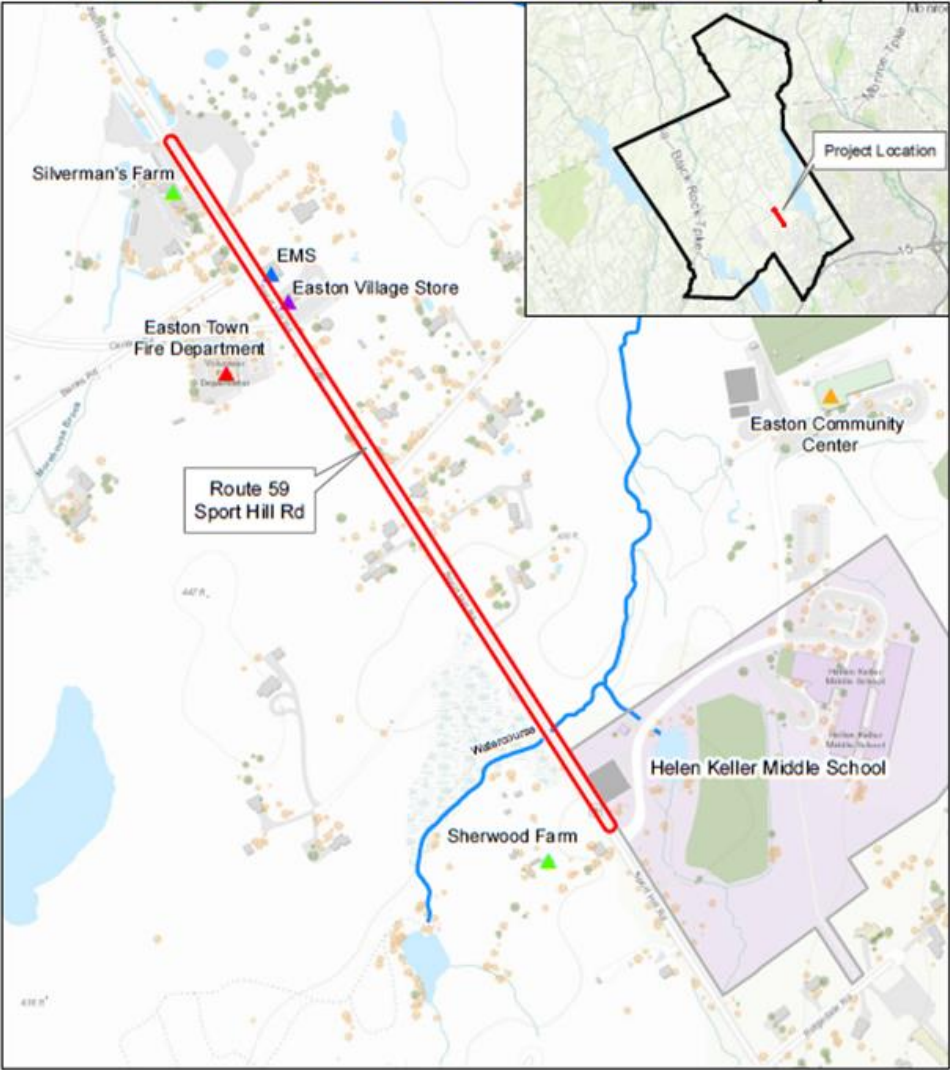
Relationship between Speed and Risk of Fatal Injury: Pedestrians and Car Occupants

Figure 2.1: Risk of pedestrian fatality calculated using logistic regression from Ashton and Mackay data

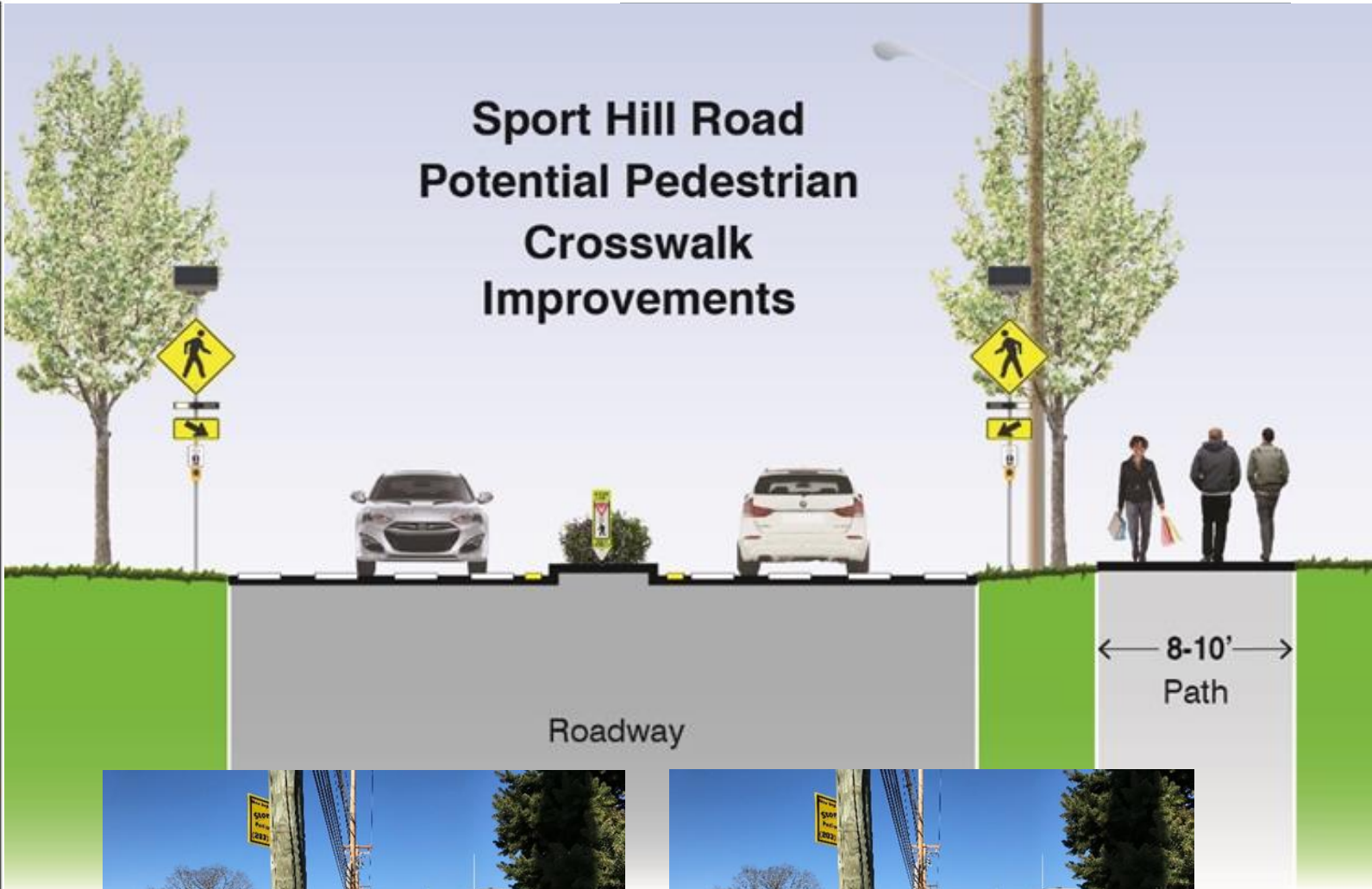
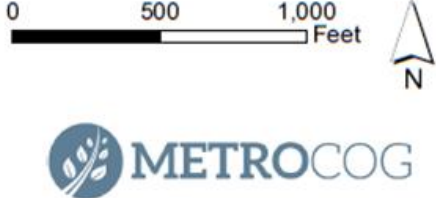


**Richards, D. C.; Relationship between Speed and Risk of Fatal Injury: Pedestrians and Car Occupants, September 2010.*

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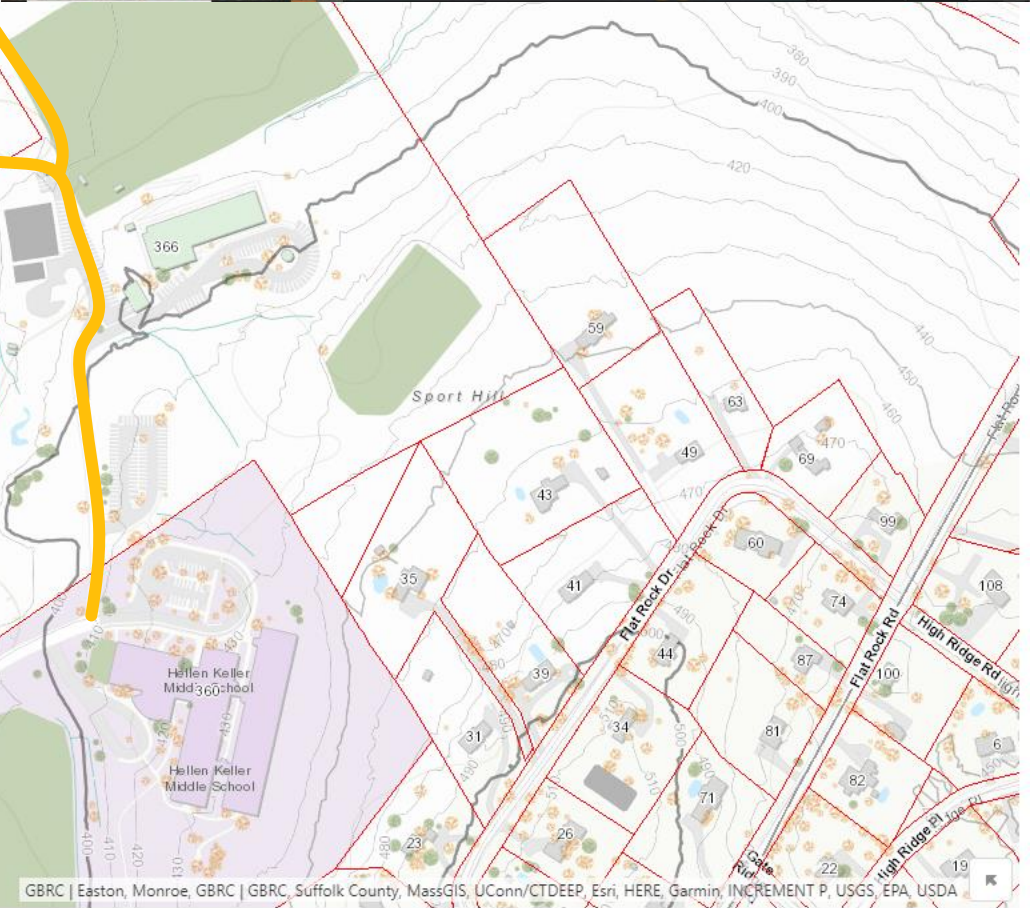
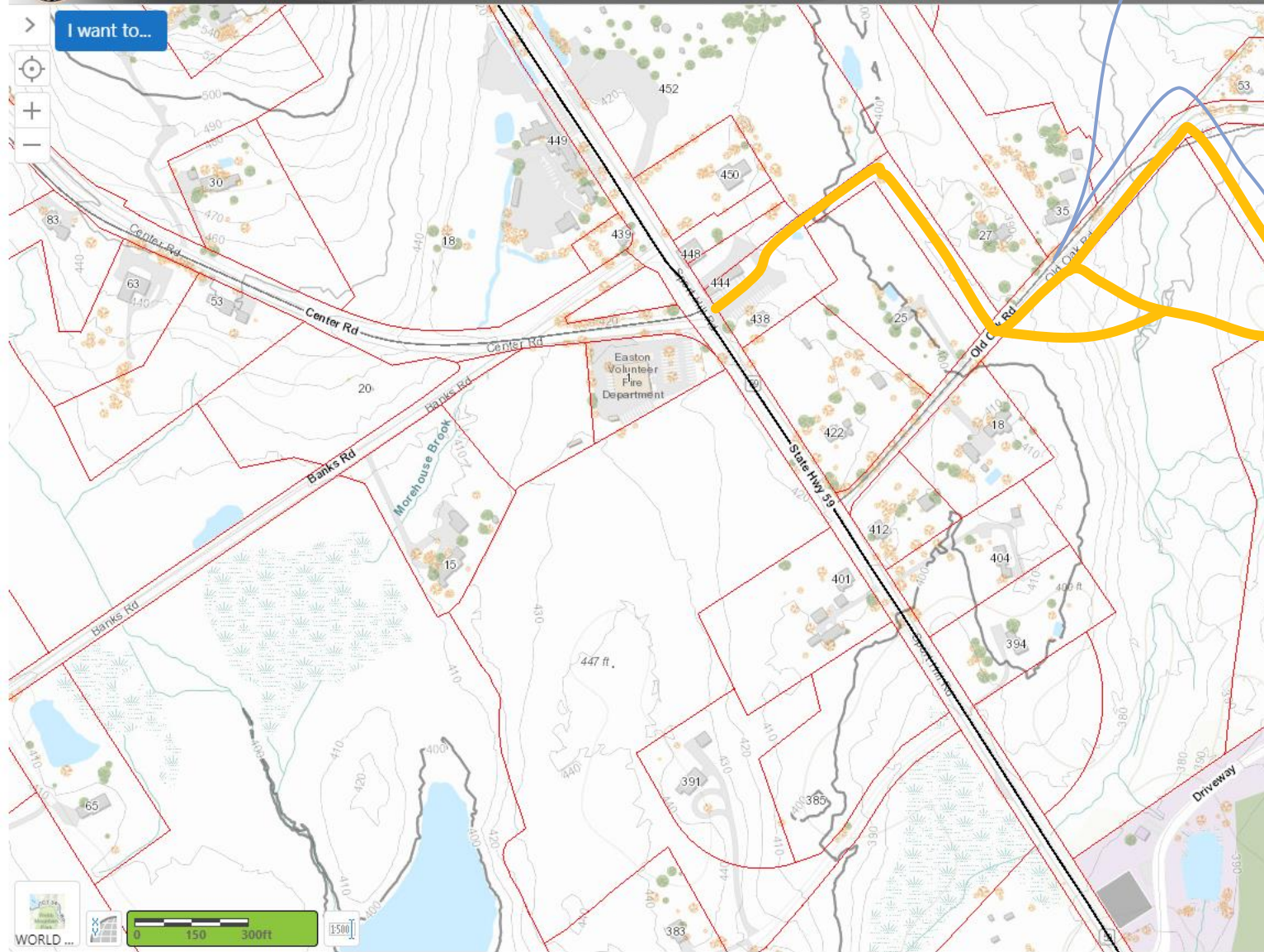
PROPOSAL

- Consideration of “back way” behind Vets Field
 - Crosses wetlands, water company property, private property, reduced shoulder on Old Oak Rd
 - Extensive construction needed
- Design process involved engineers, surveyors, consultants, community input
- Decided Sport Hill Rd path as preferred route



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FUNDING

- Town applied for and received a grant through the Transportation Alternatives Program
 - Project ranked first among applicants from Bridgeport-Stamford Transportation Management Area (consists of 17 municipalities)
- Program provides federal transportation funds for 80% of project design and construction costs, administered through the state
- Town responsible for 20% of cost
 - Total projected cost - \$1, 257,000
 - Easton portion - \$249,400

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PROCEDURE

- Question on the referendum is for advisory purposes
 - Placed on ballot by Board of Selectmen
 - Board of Finance voted 3-3 not to approve the special allocation of funds
- Approval does not guarantee execution
 - Board of Finance still needs to approve the special allocation of funds