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Gobi Announces Charlton to be Awarded MassWorks Grant for Route 20 Water Extension

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Representative Paul Frost (R-Auburn), and Representative Peter Durant (R-Spencer) have announced that the Town of Charlton has been selected to be awarded a grant from the Baker-Polito Administration for the East Charlton Route 20 Water Extension. The award, in the amount of \$2,652,296, is part of the MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides funding for shovel-ready, high-impact projects supporting economic growth and job creation. The funding will permit the installation of a water main from Bay Path Road in Charlton eastward to a connection with Oxford’s existing water system, essentially unlocking a section of Route 20 long-planned for commercial and retail development.

"The Town of Charlton is well deserving of this competitive grant. Proper Infrastructure is necessary not just for economic development but for public safety and public health. I was glad to support this project and will continue to work on future projects," said Gobi.

Frost said, "I wish to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for awarding this grant to Charlton, which will allow the community to hook up water in a section of Route 20 ripe for development and economic expansion. The Town, under the leadership of Administrator Robin Craver, has been working hard and made a priority of expanding access to water throughout the community, with this state grant helping realize their goal."

"I am so pleased to see all the pieces of the water puzzle finally coming together for Charlton," Durant said. "So many people have been working on these projects that mean so much for both residents and businesses in Charlton. I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for working with us, and we look forward to these water infrastructure projects getting underway."

The MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The Town of Charlton was selected from among the 96 applications received in the highly competitive annual process open to municipalities across the Commonwealth.

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