



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application
For the Town of Ashland
Application to Join the MWRA Waterworks System

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL c. 21 §§ 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that it will conduct public hearings in Belchertown and Ashland, for the donor and receiving basins, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

The Town, which has land area in the Concord River basin, will be applying for admission to the MWRA Waterworks System, which has sources in the Chicopee River basin and the Nashua River basin. Ashland is proposing to purchase up to 1.6 million gallons per day (mgd) from the MWRA to supplement its existing water supply sources.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, recreation and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin. To this end, the Commission has scheduled two (2) public hearings to receive comments on this proposed interbasin transfer of water:

1. August 21, 2018 at 1 PM at the DCR Quabbin Blue Meadow Conference Center, 370 Blue Meadow Road, Belchertown, MA 01007
2. August 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Board of Selectmen meeting room, Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland, MA 01721.

Copies of the application, in the form of the DEIR and FEIR, are available for review at the Ashland Public Library, the Clapp Memorial Library, the Bigelow Free Public Library and at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114. Further information can be obtained by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearing are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Written testimony, addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DCR, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02114, (email: michele.drury@state.ma.us) will be accepted until 5 PM, August 30, 2018.