



Office of the Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2023
TO: Eric Helmuth, Select Board Chair
CC: Jim Feeney, Town Manager
Alex Magee, Deputy Town Manager/ Finance Director
Ida Cody, Comptroller
FROM: Julie Wayman, Treasurer/Collector
RE: \$18,090,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2023 Bonds

The Town received competitive bids from bond underwriters on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, for a \$18,090,000 30-year general obligation bond issue. The Town received a total of 11 bids on the bonds. Fidelity Capital Markets was the winning bidder on the bonds with an average interest rate of 3.7%. Bond proceeds of \$922,000 in cash were also received from the winning bidder, which will be used to finance various municipal purposes and reduce the cost of the bond sale to \$17,290,000.

Non-exempt items funded by the bond are \$4,607,401 million for the construction of the DPW Municipal facility and various projects town-wide for Capital Improvement as voted by the Town Meeting in 2023. The issuance also included \$10,000,000 million of exempt debt for the Arlington High School project to meet cashflow needs on that project over the next year.

The bids for the bonds were accepted at the offices of the Town's Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities Inc., at 54 Canal Street in Boston, Massachusetts.

Prior to the sale, S&P Global Ratings, a municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the Town's long-term rating of 'AAA', the highest rating attainable. The rating agency cited the Town's very strong economy, strong management with good financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, and very strong liquidity as positive credit factors.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and vote for sale of these bonds that will close on December 13, 2023.

Attachments