Project Descriptions for November 2, 2022

Board of Trustees Meeting

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The Town of Amherst seeks to replace the Centennial Water Treatment facility. The Town has five groundwater production wells and four surface water reservoirs that supply an average of 3 million gallons per day (MGD) of safe drinking water to the residents and businesses, as well as Amherst and Hampshire Colleges, UMass, and parts of Pelham, Belchertown, and Hadley.

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