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July 12, 1937

Mr. Henry A. Moulton
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Bradley, Maine

Dear Mr. Moulton:

The question raised in your letter of July 10, is exactly similar to one which we were discussing last week with the selectmen of a town in this county, and we assume that a similar situation must exist in many of the towns in the state.

We feel very definitely and so advised the officials of the other town involved that inasmuch as money was appropriated in the case of both units with the understanding that it would be matched by state funds, when the state is unable to pay its part to be used with either of the units, the money appropriated for the unit which is not matched cannot be used for any other purpose without a vote of the town taken in a town meeting called for that purpose.

If you have a town meeting you can undoubtedly vote to use the money appropriated for the unmatched unit for some other lawful town purpose, but the Article in the Warrant calling the special town meeting would need to set out plainly the reason for which the meeting was called. Unless this is done the money so raised would have to be carried over as unexpended appropriations into next year's account.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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