



Town of Hooksett

WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST FORM

Revised 1/31/2024

Date of Request: 7/10/2023

Date of Town Meeting: March 2024

Name of Department Submitting Request: DPW – Highway Division

1. Please provide the wording of the proposed article.

Capital Reserve Funding - DPW

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000.00** to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.06. Recommended by Town Council (8 Yes - 0 No); Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes – 1 No).

2. Voters' Guide Explanation:

There is \$969,808.22 in the account as of December 31, 2023. This fund addresses the needs of town buildings. The Town has over \$26 million worth of buildings to maintain using this reserve. The safety center parking lot is due for replacement in FY 2029-30 at an estimated cost of \$600,000.00.

In FY 2022-23, \$75,000.00 was spent to replace the Court House's 30-year-old flat rubber roof with an EPDM roof and \$58,500.00 was spent for the Safety Center's roof & drainage review & design.

In FY 2024-25, the plan is to replace the flat roof at the library. The existing 1992 GenFlex Company roof membrane is at its end of life, and replace/update existing drains, metal flashing and new thermal insulation between roof drains following code requirements. The library roof is in fair condition.

3. If this article is not passed at Town Meeting or approved by the Town Council, what affect would this have on your department goals and programs?

If this article is not passed at the Town Meeting, the aging facilities will cost more for facility maintenance as well as cost more for any temporary fixes. As the HVAC or roofs fail the offices may not have adequate heating or air conditioning or internal roof leaks. This may result in reduced levels of services and unhealthy work environments.

4. Is any further information necessary for the deliberation?

March 2023 Ballot: Passed 483 to 366 or 57% approval.

March 2022 Ballot: Passed 705 to 463 or 60% approval.

March 2021 Ballot: Passed 464 to 257 or 64% approval.

March 2020 Ballot: Passed 1,164 to 664 or 64% approval.

March 2019 Ballot: Passed 650 to 375 or 63% approval.

March 2018 Ballot: Passed 436 to 368 or 54% approval.

March 2017 Ballot: Passed 307 to 206 or 59% approval (grouped with P&R Facilities Development)