



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 Drainage

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to be added to the Drainage Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.03. Recommended by Town Council (8 Yes - 0 No); Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes – 0 No).

2. Voters' Guide Explanation

This reserve was established in 2013. There is \$167,985.57 available as of December 31, 2023. The estimated year of purchase is as needed. Various areas throughout town have drainage that has significantly deteriorated and needs to be replaced. The deterioration is due to aging pipes that have outlived their expected lifespan. This fund is for replacing pipe as needed or updating the drainage to larger pipes, which will handle any increase in volume of water and anticipated growth.

The plan is to address drainage in the Lincoln Park Subdivision (Kay Avenue, Hale Avenue, and Elmer Avenue) in FY 2024-25.

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, there will not be sufficient funds to repair the failing drainage systems in the town, this could result in Notice of Violations under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS- 4) program.

4. Is any further information necessary for the deliberation? Drainage projects that these funds have been used for are as follows:

2015 Sherwood Drive
2016 Grant Drive
2018 Morgan Drive
2018 Smyth Road & Route 28
2019 Grant Drive
2020 Winter Drive
2021 Forest Hills
2022 Scott Ave, Lehoux Dr, Sherwood Dr, Corriveau Drive & Martins Ferry

March 2023 Ballot: Passed 513 to 335 or 60% approval.

March 2022 Ballot: Passed 829 to 319 or 72% approval.

March 2021 Ballot: Passed 499 to 222 or 69% approval.

March 2020 Ballot: Passed 1328 to 530 or 71% approval.

March 2019 Ballot: Passed 667 to 313 or 68% approval.

March 2018 Ballot: Failed 349 to 448 or 56% disapproved.

March 2017 Ballot: Passed 301 to 218 or 57% approval.

May 2016 Ballot: Passed 211 to 138 or 60% approval.