



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 – Parks and Recreation

1. Please provide the wording of the proposed article.

Capital Reserve Funding – DPW Parks & Rec Facilities Development

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.02. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 1 No); Recommended by Budget Committee (8 Yes – 2 No).

2. Voters' Guide Explanation:

There is \$154,049.43 in the account as of December 31, 2023. Estimated year of purchases is as needed. The town continues to grow, and we are forced to deal with aging structures, building updates, and additional recreation areas that will need to be addressed. We have put together a listing of items that will need to be addressed within the next five years. There are field lighting projects for Peters Brook Field, field lighting upgrades at Donati Park and facility updates for the Parks & Rec building.

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 upgrade of the parks and recreation facilities would be delayed and reduce the level of services provided.

4. Is any further information necessary for the deliberation?

This reserve was established in 1998 and has paid for the following projects:

2004/05 Lights at Petersbrook \$50,000

2010/11 Tennis Courts \$62,957

2019/20 Donati Park Concession Stand pump station \$26,800

2021/22 Lambert Park Pavilion \$43,390 and Donati Park Restrooms \$38,059

2023/24 Repairs to the track & tennis courts \$24,342

March 2023 Ballot: Passed 518 to 311 or 62% approval.

March 2022 Ballot: Passed 868 to 298 or 74% approval.

March 2021 Ballot: Passed 518 to 213 or 71% approval.

March 2020 Ballot: Passed 1,171 to 704 or 62% approval.

March 2019 Ballot: Passed 543 to 444 or 55% approval.

March 2018 Ballot: Passed 540 to 272 or 67% approval.

March 2017 Ballot: Passed 307 to 206 or 59% approval (grouped with Town Building Maintenance)