



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 Vehicles

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250,000.00** to be added to the Public Works' Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.08. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 1 No); Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes – 1 No).

2. Voters' Guide Explanation: This reserve is used to purchase vehicles for plowing and road maintenance, including equipment to replace an aging fleet and to reduce the cost of vehicle maintenance. There is \$30,849.79 available as of December 31, 2023, in this reserve. The reserve fund allows for the Town to replace and add vehicles when needed. This fund evens the burden on taxpayers by planning for future purchases. The town is continuing to grow, and we will need to address that growth. The DPW currently has a fleet valued at \$15 million and has developed a projected replacement plan for this fleet. For this replacement plan to become operational, it would require \$250,000.00 to be added to this capital reserve fund annually. The last plow truck purchased in FY 2022-23 cost a total of \$208,700.00.

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 fleet will cost more for vehicles maintenance, for a temporary fix. It may, if vehicles are deemed not inspectable, this would result in delays in plowing of Town roads and reduce the level of services provided.

4. Is any further information necessary for the deliberation?

The following purchases have been made from this reserve.

2015 Bobcat S570	2019 International	2021 International 740
2015 Ford F550	2019 Volvo Excavator	2022 International
2016 Mack Truck	2020 International	2022 Ford F-350
2016 Bobcat 18" Planer	2020 Ford F350	2023 International
2016 Ford F550	2020 Ford F320	2024 Freightliner
2017 International 7400	2020 Backhoe	
2017 Ford F350	2021 Ford F350	
2018 International 7400	2021 Volvo Loader	

This reserve was established in 2014 and has been supported by the taxpayers every year.

March 2023 Ballot: Passed 475 to 364 or 56% approval.

March 2022 Ballot: Passed 727 to 442 or 62% approval.

March 2021 Ballot: Passed 471 to 264 or 64% approval.

March 2020 Ballot: Passed 1,097 to 757 or 59% approval.

March 2019 Ballot: Passed 614 to 375 or 62% approval.