

Article 4. (Selectmen) To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate for the various capital purposes listed below; to determine whether the money shall be included in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or provided by any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto:

1. Highway Department

(a) Utility Truck \$57,000

This request is to replace a model 2006 utility truck, which will be 15 years old at the time of replacement. This truck is used in difficult weather conditions, used part-time for plowing and based upon its age, mileage and condition should be replaced. It is driven by the Highway Department mechanic and services other Town equipment when there is a breakdown. It is equipped with a generator, welder, and power tools, all of which will be transferred to the new vehicle.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$57,000 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$57,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY TRUCK.

2. Police Department \$131,000

This request is to purchase and replace three police cars. All of these cars will be nearing the end of their estimated useful lives in FY 21, based upon their current mileage, time of use, and mechanical condition, including one car which had a serious crash in 2019 and required extensive repairs. The current cars, Ford SUVs will be replaced by heavier duty Chevrolet Tahoes estimated to be at no additional cost, which have a longer drivetrain warranty, enabling approximately 25% longer useful life and allowing replacement cycles to be considerably increased.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$131,000 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$131,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POLICE CARS.

3. Selectmen -Town House

(a) Window Replacement \$290,000

This request is to replace 71 original single glazed windows, installed in 1923, and are at the end of their useful life. There are a number of windows, including 30-year-old storm windows, which have deteriorated and suffered damage. The Town House windows were last painted in 1998 and are in need of immediate re-glazing and painting. Replacement windows will be double glazed, insulated glass, all wood with vinyl exterior, 10-year warranty, low maintenance, custom made to match the design of the existing windows. The heating and cooling savings resulting from these highly insulated windows is estimated to be in excess of \$25,000 per year plus the

immediate cost of necessary repairs of \$71,000 for a total savings in excess of \$300,000 over a 20-year period.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$290,000 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$290,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF TOWN HOUSE WINDOWS.

(b) Repair and refurbish lintels \$10,000.

This request is to repair the Town lintels which are the horizontal structural elements over the windows. Many lintels have deteriorated and need immediate repair.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$10,000 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$10,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR TO REPAIR AND REFURBISH TOWN HOUSE LINTELS.

#### 4. School Department

(a) Flooring \$55,000.

This request is to replace flooring, which has deteriorated in upstairs and downstairs lobbies of Chickering School.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$55,000 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$55,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR REPLACING LOBBY FLOORING AT CHICKERING SCHOOL.

(b) HP Core Switch \$25,500.

This request is for the purchase, replacement and installation of an HP Core Switch, which manages the computer network and has reached the end of its useful life of 5-9 years.

**The Capital Budget Committee recommends approval of \$25,500 for this request.**

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$25,500 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN HP CORE SWITCH.