
Highway Debt Exclusion Presentation

FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2018

Overview

- \$950,000 to replace 7 pieces of 18-30 year old Highway equipment
- Equipment has major safety, mechanical and physical deterioration
- Benefits include improved services for residents and reduced equipment maintenance costs (including labor)

Why a Debt Exclusion?

- Historic inability to fund large equipment replacement due to budgetary constraints
- Insufficient funding in annual operating budget for large capital purchases
- Annual Capital Plan (\$200,000-\$300,000 for all departments) can only cover small purchases

Impact on Tax Rate

- Adds \$0.24 per \$1000 valuation to the tax rate
- Impact on taxes for average single family home (\$218,000):
 - \$53 in Year 1
- Amount declines over the 5 year life of loan:
 - Ends at \$46 in Year 5

Service Improvement Areas

- Road repair and maintenance
- Snow removal operations
- Vegetative maintenance
- Street sweeping
- Drainage repair and maintenance

Approval Process

- Vote on Article 3 at the October 30th Town Meeting
- Vote on State Ballot Question 4 on November 6th
- Approval of both required for debt exclusion to pass

Current Vehicle:

- 1999 International
- Dump/Sander body
- Fixed plow; no wing plow



Replacement Vehicle:

- Mack 6 wheel dump/sander/plow
- Stainless sander combo body
- Power angle plow and wing



Current Vehicle:

- 1997 MT Trackless
- 4 cylinder, diesel
- Blower/sweeper/mower



Replacement Vehicle:

- MT 7 Trackless
- Sweeper/mower/plow sidewalk machine



Current Vehicle:

- 1988 Caterpillar Loader
- 6 cylinder diesel engine
- Solid tires



Replacement Vehicle:

- John Deere 544K
- Front end loader
- Power angle plow with wing
- Quick connect bucket



Current Compressor:

- 1986 Smith Co. Air Compressor
- Ford model 302, gas powered
- V-8, 4 cylinder engine
- Tow behind machine



Replacement Compressor:

- Doosan D24 Air Compressor
- Improved safety features
- Diesel



Current Vehicle:

- 1994 Tiger Tractor
- 4 cylinder, diesel, 2WD
- Boom and mower work intermittently



Replacement Vehicle:

- John Deere 5090M Tractor
- 22" roadside mower
- Boom attachment



Current Vehicle:

- 2000 Ford F-450
- 1 ton dump truck



Replacement Vehicle:

- Ford F-550
- Dump/sander body
- Wing & plow attachment



10' Power Angle Plow for Backhoe



Conclusion

- There are significant equipment issues at the Highway Department that will take many years to rectify
- This request provides the basic equipment the department needs to continue to provide and improve on critical town services
- We encourage you to attend Town Meeting on October 30th at 7pm in the Town Hall Gym and vote on State Ballot Question 4 on November 6th