



Town of Southborough Capital Requests FY2015

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Department of Public Works (1)

► **Heavy Duty Truck Lifts - \$30,000 Tax Levy**

This item is a portable heavy duty truck lift that will allow the mechanic to lift heavy and medium weight trucks (i.e. dump trucks and sanders) for ease of maintenance. It also allows the mechanic to have a light or medium weight truck on the existing hydraulic lift and also work on a medium or heavy weight truck on the portable lift.

► **Large Truck Body Work - \$10,000 Tax Levy**

This will strip, prime and paint the body and undercarriage of the DPW's 1990 International truck and 2002 Freightliner. The DPW is working to prolong the life of our larger, low mileage, vehicles by removing corrosion from the frame and body partway through its expected life cycle. The DPW intends to keep these vehicles as part of the fleet for another 8 years.

► **Road Maintenance - \$300,000 Tax Levy**

Money from this item is used to fund the DPW paving contract which repaves or reclaims public roads in the Town of Southborough.

► **Safety Zone Beacons - \$45,000 Tax Levy**

This money is to purchase 9 replacement school zone signs for Deerfoot Road, Parkerville Road, Richards Road and Cordaville Road. These school zone signs are solar powered with LED flashing beacons and driver feedback abilities. (The driver feedback feature is an LED part of the sign that flashes a vehicle's speed as it approaches the sign, in order to make the driver aware of their speed.)

► **Pavement/Improvements Transfer Station - \$110,000 Tax Levy**

This will fund overlaying the refuse portion of the transfer station and reclaiming and paving the recycling area of the transfer station. (When the recycling area opened the town had only installed a binder course of pavement, final paving was never installed. Now the binder needs to be reclaimed and new pavement installed.) The current condition of the area is poor.

Department of Public Works (2)

► Transfer Station Gate - \$70,000 Tax Levy

This item is an automated entrance gate for the transfer station. Instead of stickers the town will sell transponders that will open the gate. The transponders will break if removed from the vehicle. The transponders will be purchased once and will be remotely activated when residents pay their annual permit fee. Transponders will be deactivated on September 15th if a new permit is not purchased. A new transponder will have to be purchased for a new vehicle in the household. There is an additional (recovered) cost for the transponders.

► GVW Cab and chassis with Sander - \$200,000 Tax Levy

This is to replace a 2004 Sterling dump/sander. The Sterling brand was discontinued in 2008. Parts are becoming difficult if not impossible to obtain. This is part of a plan to switch the fleet out of the Sterling brand by FY2017.

► DPW Director Vehicle - \$48,000 Split Tax levy/Water Funds 60-40

This will replace a 2002 Ford Explorer with 118,000+ miles with a new 4 wheel drive diesel pick-up truck. The Explorer has severe frame corrosion and has been plagued with repairs, with body work in gross poor condition. The new pick-up truck will be used for plowing as well as administrative uses.

Department of Public Works (3)

► Diesel Pick Up - \$48,000 Water Funds

This is replacing a 2008, front line, gasoline, water pick-up. This pick-up will be used for water operations as well as plowing. The gasoline pick-up it is replacing will become the universal pick-up and the current universal pick-up will replace the 2003 Crown Victoria administrative vehicle.

► Route 9 Water Main Replacement - \$3,600,000 Water Funds (Bond)

This item is part of the town's Water System Master Plan. Southborough's water system consultant is currently developing the specifications for replacement of the 1931, unlined cast iron water main that generally runs along the east bound, high speed lane on Route 9 from Breakneck Hill Road to its end near Brook Lane. This pipe ranges in size from 6 to 8 inches. Breaks in this main, near Oak Hill Road, in January 2013 and in January 2014 caused significant back-ups on Route 9 and hours of overtime. This main is prone to breaking due to its age and its material. Water services in this area run across Route 9, breaks in these services are also expensive and problematic for traffic. The replacement project will replace the main by installing 12 inch cement lined ductile iron pipe in the breakdown and shoulder of Route 9 eastbound. There will also be new 8 inch main installed on the westbound side of Route 9 from Pleasant Street to the reservoir. Main replacement on the westbound side has been completed by the DPW and also through a contract from Willow Street to Pleasant Street. The DPW has brought this project forward this year due to MassDOT plans to pave Route 9 from Breakneck Hill Road to the Framingham Town Line starting in spring 2016, and this should provide the Town with some cost savings on roadway rehabilitation.

Facilities Department

► **Generator at the Dept of Public Works - \$140,000 Tax Levy**

This article will provide the funds needed in order to replace the aging Emergency Generator located at the D.P.W. The current emergency generator was purchased used; and it is over 20 years old. Since the town's fuel distribution center is located at the D.P.W., having a reliable emergency power source available during emergency situations is crucial in ensuring that emergency first responders and D.P.W. work crews are able to operate unimpeded.

► **Senior Center Renovations - \$50,000 Tax Levy**

This article will provide funds needed for the renovation of one outdated bathroom, the installation of 8 new large energy efficient windows in the big meeting room, a walkway canopy or other device to aid in the reduction of cold air infiltrating the kitchen, the replacement of the aging flooring located in the main entrance and kitchen, and anything that will help the senior center to better serve the needs of Southborough's senior population.

► **Maintenance Article - \$70,000 Tax Levy**

This is to fund an article that was created several years ago per agreement between the BOS and the Advisory Committee. The fund begins each fiscal year with approximately \$100,000, and the funds are expended on maintenance items that occur during the year that are of a significant and unplanned nature. The Facilities Manager as well as the Town Administrator must approve any expenses to this fund.

Fire & Police Departments

► **Fire Rescue Truck - \$212,500 Fire Ambulance Fund**

Replacement of two vehicles – the brush 24 (1978) and the rescue 25 (1988). Both vehicles being replaced have significant issues that support the replacement of them (safety, usefulness, ability to hold storage, etc). New truck will be a “fast attack/brush unit” that is space saving, has less maintenance and overhead, and is more efficient and safe. The equipment will also free up the larger vehicles, and will be able to access more challenging areas.

► **Police Cruisers (2) - \$97,400 Tax Levy**

Annual request for two patrol vehicles. These vehicles are a standard request based on the fleet maintenance schedule used by the Police Department. These are turnkey requests that include computer upgrades within the vehicles, resulting in better, faster technology available to the officers.