

Draft Minutes for the ABC meeting of November 29, 2022

Members present: Steve Saunders, Michael Houst, John Morris, Scott Shephard, Peter Royce

Alternate member present: Bill Irving

Others Present: Dannen Mannschreck (Select Board Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Concerns were raised concerning the incident fund. Should it now be lower by \$60,000? Also of concern is what a default budget would entail.

The warrant articles were then discussed. A majority of ABC members did not support the Richardson Pond Dam, Library Technology, the Police building funds, and the Energy Audit. Additionally, it was decided to suggest the Highway Equipment line be reduced to \$200,000, and the Library Capital Reserve be reduced to \$25,000.

The task then was to categorize the remaining ten warrant articles into three groups. Each article was rated on a one to three scale and the higher totals indicated more support. The results and tax impact of each are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

To summarize the top priorities were the Culvert and Bridge, the Highway (at the reduced amount), The Fire Truck, Swain's Dam, and Fire Equipment.

Next were Police Equipment, Paving, and Emergency Equipment.

Last in priority were the Library Capital Reserve (at the lower amount) and the Transfer Station.

These decisions will be reviewed at the next meeting on December 6.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by Peter Royce

2023 Warrant Article Prioritization Recommendations - Advisory Budget Committee

Warrant Article	Amount	Tax Impact	Tax Avg House	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Total	Priority
Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve	\$300,000.00	\$0.21	\$73.39	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	1
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$200,000.00	\$0.14	\$48.93	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	1
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$100,000.00	\$0.07	\$24.46	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	1
Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$0.01	\$2.45	3	3	3	3	3	2	17	1
Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve	\$150,000.00	\$0.10	\$36.69	2	2	3	3	2	3	15	1
Police Equipment Capital Reserve	\$11,000.00	\$0.01	\$2.69	2	2	3	3	2	2	14	2
Paving Non-Lapsing	\$100,000.00	\$0.07	\$24.46	1	2	2	2	1	2	10	2
Emergency Communication Capital Reserve	\$50,000.00	\$0.03	\$12.23	2	1	2	1	1	2	9	3
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	\$0.02	\$6.12	2	1	1	1	1	2	8	3
Library Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	\$0.02	\$6.12	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	3
Richardson Pond Dam Reconstruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Safety Building Design/Impact Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Energy Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Library Technology Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	\$971,000.00	\$0.68	\$237.53								

Average Home \$350,000
Tax Impact \$237.53

Must have this year
Highly recommended but can be deferred
Minimal support and ok with being deferred
Recommended to be removed

Row Labels	Sum of Tax Impact	Sum of Tax Avg House
1	\$0.53	\$185.92
2	\$0.08	\$27.15
3	\$0.07	\$24.46
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Grand Total	\$0.68	\$237.53

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