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Several Months ago, before the COVID19 Pandemic, Town Administor Maclver met with the Deputy Chief and me to discuss our budgeting strategy for the immediate future in fiscal year 2020, as well as our preparation for the 2021 budget cycle, and beyond. He asked us to do several things but two really stood out. One, look for ways to reduce the tax impact to the townspeople and two, think of new innovative ways to provide the best services while maintaining a smart budget.

Leaving that meeting, the Deputy Chief and I discussed several different aspects of our budget and choose to focus on cruiser replacement as the best place to start. We were successful in this initiative with the purchase of two used cruirs versus purchasing one new cruiser. We will continue to look at cruiser replacement strategies for the future.

As we move into preparing our 2021 budget, we have turned our focus to a comprehensive equipment replacement plan. After discussing several ideas we are looking at proposing a Capitol Reserve Fund for Police Equipment. Traditionally Capitol Reserve Funds have been utilized for Fire, Emergency Medical Service, and Highway department purchases but rarely the Police department. We believe that a Capitol Reserve Fund would allow us to acquire needed equipment like radios, tasers, and weapons, to name only a few, without dramatic fluctuations in our budget from year to year. Implementing a new purchasing strategy like this in the Police department is fiscally responsible.

We look froward to presenting a more indepth propasal in the near future.

Sincerely,

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## **WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST FORM**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Barrington Police Department

PURPOSE: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase, repair, maintenance, and replacement of police equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend monies from said fund.

TOTAL COST OF ITEM: (i.e., purchase price estimate) \$N/A

AMOUNT REQUESTED IN THIS ARTICLE: Is this request to create a new Capital Reserve Fund?  YES  NO

If YES, specify the requested fund name: Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Will this request involve a withdrawal of monies from the existing Capital Reserve Fund during the budget year?  YES  NO

If YES, indicate how much money from the existing fund will be withdrawn and for what purpose? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Current Fund balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is the withdrawal of monies from the existing fund for the purpose of equipment replacement?  YES  NO

If YES, please indicate the proposed usage or destiny of surplus equipment being replaced: (trade-in, disposal, advertise for bid, etc.)

Current inventory # of surplus equipment # \_\_\_\_\_

Current value of surplus equipment \$ \_\_\_\_\_