

Town Article 14 – Road Reconstruction Projects

This article raises and appropriates \$350,000 for road reconstruction projects, as determined by the Director of Public Works. This appropriation can be held for two years, or until the road reconstruction work has been completed, whichever comes sooner. (1)

In the summer of 2016, STREETSCAN scanned all 70+ miles of Town-owned paved roads to collect pavement condition data and it was determined that 16 miles (22%) of the paved roads have deteriorated and require reconstruction. (2) The Town's focus is to address the heavily traveled roads first and then attend to the lesser used adjacent side streets. (3)

The State will contribute \$253,702.41 this year towards the town's road maintenance as stated in Warrant Article 13. (4). Prior to 2016, the town provided \$149,000 each year for the previous ten years. Returning the road reconstruction fund to the \$149,000 level would not meet the requirements for making the most necessary repairs. (5) Estimated tax impact: \$0.369 per thousand of tax valuation, or \$73.80 for a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote allows the Town to continue some of the most needed road reconstruction projects.

A NO vote will not raise these funds to be used for road reconstruction.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To enable the Public Works Department to reconstruct some roads rather than continue to make more temporary repairs to those roads. (2)
- To try to decrease the percentage of road miles in need of reconstruction. (3)

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Disagree with using funds for road projects.
- Wish to fund road repairs with State money only.

References:

1. RSA 32:7: VI gives towns the authority to create non-lapsing funds.
2. Department of Public Works Director Steve Brewer, Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting 11/21/16.
3. Department of Public Works Director Steve Brewer, 01/17/2018.
4. Annual State-provided Highway Block Grant funds as stipulated by RSA 235:23
5. Department of Public Works Director Steve Brewer BOS Meeting 11/21/16.