

Town Article 21 – Road Reconstruction Projects

This article raises and appropriates \$360,500 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) The goal of road repair is to bring the major roads on a maintenance cycle with scheduled repairs instead of major reconstruction. (2)

The state will contribute \$241,126 this year towards the town's road maintenance as stated in Warrant Article 20. 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. (3) Estimated tax impact: \$0.373 per \$1000 of tax valuation or about \$74.60 for a \$200,000 home.

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

A NO vote results in roads receiving temporary repairs and not reconstruction.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

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

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Disagreement 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. Town Manager Joe Ilsley to Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting 10/05/20.
3. Department of Public Works Director Steve Brewer, BOS Meeting 11/21/16.