

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$660,000.00 to be expended, under the direction of Select Board to purchase and equip a replacement fire truck pumper tanker vehicle, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; and to authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate the execution of said Project; provided further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount received prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes under the authority of this vote; or take any other action thereon.

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Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

MOTION: I move to borrow and appropriate \$660,000.00 to be expended, under the direction of Select Board to purchase and equip a replacement fire truck pumper tanker vehicle, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, as described in and in accordance with Article #13 of this warrant.

COMMENTS: This is for the replacement of a 20-year-old fire truck that the Town had scheduled to replace last year. Due to COVID, that purchase was delayed. If this article is approved, competitive bids will be solicited through a purchasing collaborative. Fire Trucks take over a year to be custom built, so we do not expect to receive the new vehicle until Fall 2022 at the earliest.