
DPW CIP 2023

Departmental Review CIP 2023

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Introduction

The CIP book has been prepared utilizing a new format, as well as being delivered months in advance of the prior years calendar. The CIP is utilized by the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, as well as the Planning Board as you look to determine which warrant articles shall be placed on the 2023 warrant. This advance calendar will give the Board the opportunity to initially review departmental requests with each department head as they appear before the Board for their monthly reports. In addition to the CIP book I will present the Board with departmental reviews for every department to be reviewed by the Board. Along with the budget this document is some of the most important work performed by policy makers. The decisions made through the CIP and the 2023 budget process will determine the tax rate in 2023.



The DPW CIP

The 2023 DPW CIP has been provided through the main CIP book, and will be placed below. The DPW is the only department that I have broken out by separate departments, and we will look at that breakdown through this report. Let us start with the 2023 requests only.

DPW	2023	Source	Method	Article Requested
Replace Truck 56	\$110,000	General Fund	Pay-Go	Yes
Transfer Station Scale	\$85,000	General Fund	Pay-Go	Yes
Annual Road Program	\$410,000	Highway Block Grant/Other	Pay-Go	Yes
Drainage Design	\$35,000	Highway Block Grant/Other	Pay Go	No
Create Beach Walkways Capital Fund	\$25,000	General Fund	Pay Go	Yes
Transfer Station Paving	\$30,000	General Fund	Pay Go	Yes
Resurface Public Works Building Lot	\$100,000	Highway Block Grant/Other	Pay Go	No
Replace Truck 72	\$110,000	General Fund	Pay Go	Yes
Maintain Drainage Pump Stations	\$35,000	General Fund	Pay Go	Yes
Total	\$940,000			

We see that the departmental requests for 2023 total \$940,000. The Department requests seven warrant articles for 2023.

All of the requested warrant articles are pay/go, but funding is varied. The tax impact for 2023 would be \$545,000 (\$395,000 plus the estimated \$150,000 in tax revenue in the road program article.)

The departments, for the purpose of this CIP, are:

1. Highway
2. Transfer Station
3. Parks
4. Cemetery

The totals for each, for the full six year program are:

1. Highway \$5,919,500
2. Transfer Station \$920,000
3. Parks \$375,000
4. Cemetery. \$360,000

Some of the notable categories:

Vehicles.

Over the six year program the requested vehicle amount is \$1,755,000, with Highway at \$1,130,000 and the Transfer Station at \$625,000. For the transfer station the total includes two trash packers, one in 2024 and the second in 2027. A recycling truck is on the list, lease financed, in 2025. On the Highway side we have two one ton dump trucks requested in 2023. The current plan requests a beach tractor replacement in 2024 but we will amend that to 2023. Our sidewalk plow is scheduled for replacement in 2026 (we are legally responsible for sidewalks per multiple agreements with the State of New Hampshire on Route 1.) The highway vehicles are critical across the enterprise but especially on snow removal.

Machinery and Equipment.

The six year program requests \$265,000 in this category, all at the transfer station. The 2023 request for a new scale for \$85,000 is vital to the ongoing transfer station operation. A recycling baler in 2025, and a trash compacter in 2026 are also included in this category.

Facilities and Other Improvements.

Highway requests spending of \$150,000 in this category over the six years, including heating and AC renovations at the DPW building in 2024 worth \$70,000, and a dry sprinkler in 2025 for \$80,000.

Parks Improvements.

Six year total of \$295,000. There is a request for a Governor Weare park expansion in 2028 for \$45,000 and a lighting replacement at Veterans Park for \$250,000 in 2024. The lighting number is a placeholder as we work to get a hard number from potential vendors. We have also included a repaving at Governor Weare park that is listed under “paving improvements” and not this category. We have also listed some resurfacing at Veterans Park in the “paving improvements” category.

Paving Improvements.

Total six year request of \$395,000. The cemetery division seeks \$185,000 over six years, including repaving existing lanes at Hillside in 2024, and new lanes in 2027. Highway seeks \$100,000 for the reaving of the DPW facility in 2023, which we propose to take from the road program/highway block grant/other funding source. The parks requests are listed above, and the transfer station requests \$30,000 in 2023 for repaving at the at the recycle center.

Roads and Sidewalks

This category has a six year request of \$3,341,500. That number is inflated by the inclusion of the road program number of \$2,510,000. The number without the road program is \$831,500. That includes a six year request of \$150,000 for the creation of a capital fund, with an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for beach walkway maintenance. The requests include \$381,500 for maintenance of the Causeway Bridge in 2027 and 2028, and the creation of new sidewalks (two projects worth \$300,000 in 2026 and 2028.)

Land

A request is included for the lease of land adjacent to the DPW building that would be utilized for the construction of a salt shed. The salt shed itself is listed under the “buildings” category. This project would save the Town considerable money by increasing salt storage capacity, thereby increasing the flexibility to purchase road salt at times when market pricing is advantageous. The terms and pricing associated with a lease are still fluid. Discussions with the landowner have occurred, and will continue. A cemetery appropriation, for Columbarias, is requested for 2028 in the amount of \$175,000.