





## TOWN OF MERRIMACK INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** August 6, 2021

**AT (OFFICE):** Department of Public Works

**FROM:** Lori Barrett  
Operations Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request to Expend from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

**TO:** Paul Micali  
Town Manager

The Highway Division of Public Works is requesting permission from the Town Council to withdraw up to \$192,407.20 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund the purpose of replacing three highway vehicles; the replaced vehicles will be traded in to the vendor to lessen the cost of the purchase. The vehicles to be replaced are a 2008  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton pickup (H-4), a 2008 one-ton dump truck (H-10), and a 2005 one-ton dump truck (B&G 1).

The approved FY 21 Capital Improvements Program, Minor Projects, called for the replacement of H-4, H-10, and H-7, a 2011 one-ton dump truck. B&G 1 was scheduled for replacement in 2022/23 but was in a state of disrepair (the dump body hydraulics are inoperable) that it was not fiscally prudent to invest repair money into it; H-7 was transferred to Buildings and Grounds and B&G 1 was transferred to Highway. H-7 is now scheduled to be replaced in 2022/2023.

Bids for replacements for the vehicles were issued by the Finance Department in June, 2021. Bids were received on June 29 with Bessey Motor Sales Inc. responding as the low bidder- they were also the only bidder. The proposed cost for the three vehicles less trade-in is \$192,407.20. The estimated cost for the three vehicles in the approved CIP was \$160,000. The Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund currently has \$583,006.79 (as of August 10, 2021).

The vehicles that the Town proposes to purchase are a 2022 Ram 2500 Regular Cab, a 2022 Ram 3500 Chassis Cab with dump body, and a 2022 5500 Chassis Cab with "Switch n Go" hoist with both a flat bed and arbor body. These trucks come equipped with 9' fisher plows and controls as well.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

CC: Kyle Fox, Public Works Director

## Three Vehicles to be replaced:

1. H4 is a thirteen year old 2008 ¾ Ton pickup truck. It has 109,148 miles on it.



2. H10 is a thirteen year old 2008 one-ton dump body with 60,849 miles.



3. BG1 is a 2005 one-ton dump body. It is 16 years old with 56881 miles on it and the dump body is no longer operational.

