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MEMO

Date: September 8, 2015

To: Advisory & Finance Committee

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From: Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works

Re: Fall 2015 ATM, DPW Capital Requests
Articles 4E, 4F, 4G, 4H

These four items were submitted during last year's budget process as Article 8's. They were reviewed and approved by the Town Manager, Finance Director, and Board of Selectmen. They were recommended by the Advisory and Finance DPW Sub-Committee and approved by the full Committee. However, they were inadvertently missed on the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant and therefore could not be considered. Below is a recap of the descriptions, costs and needs for each item.

Article 4E-Pressure Washer $5,300**:** Currently, the DPW is without a hot-water pressure washer. The current unit failed a year ago. Due to its age, it is incapable of being repaired. It is imperative that the DPW maintain a hot-water pressure washer for correctly washing our equipment especially after snow & ice events. Approval at the FATM will give us enough time to replace the failed unit prior to this up-coming winter season.

Article 4F/4G-Tire Changer $14,000 / Tire Balancer $11,000**:** The current tire changer and balancer are utilized daily by the Fleet Maintenance Division. These units are still in operation but at the end of their life cycle. In addition, neither of these units is capable of handling rims larger than 18 inches. All of our heavy duty fleet trucks purchased during past several years, come standard with 19.5 inch rims. The requested replacement equipment above is capable of handling up to 24 inch rims. Therefore, we will no longer need to outsource these repairs.

Article 4H-Stick Welder $6,000**:** This request is to replace a portable welder/generator currently on the only service truck in Fleet Maintenance. The current unit is old, and requires the use of Ether to start it. Due to its age, parts are no longer available for this unit. The current unit was designed to be portable and used frequently for repairing equipment in the field. The proposed replacement unit is designed to do the same. The helmets for operating this equipment have already been purchased through a grant offered by MIIA, our insurance carrier.