

Town of Bolton

Narrative on November 2, 2021 Referendum Question 1

Q.1. Shall Town of Bolton appropriate \$810,000 for the acquisition of an engine tanker fire truck for the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department and authorize the issue of \$630,000 bonds and notes to finance, in part, the appropriation?

YES _____ No _____

Q1. It has been more than 5 years ago since the fire department requested a new fire apparatus to be added into the Capital Improvement Fund process. This new truck will be put in service to replace a 30 year old fire truck, ET334. This apparatus is the first truck to respond to all type of fires, alarms, hazardous material incidents, motor vehicle accidents, etc. The fire department is looking to duplicate the current truck as the age and the miles/hours show the town has got a lot of use out of this 1993 purchase. The new truck will have an updated Diesel engine with a better emission system, more computerized electronics, air bags, rollover protection, and many more safety features to protect our volunteers. It will be built with a 1,000 gallon water tank, and 1,500 gallons of water per minute fire pump. The hose carrying bed has been redesigned to make it ergonomically easier to pack hose and get the fire hose off the truck during an emergency, thereby reducing potential injuries to volunteer firemen. The new truck will also have more spacious compartments, a proposed aluminum body to resist corrosion, and a cab designed to duplicate the current ladder truck and rescue truck allowing a smooth mechanical transition by fire department operators, standardizing specific steps that need to be done in the cab, saving seconds to mitigate life and property preservation.

Holding off this purchase will likely add 2022 price increases and steel surcharge increases to the town's purchase price.

This narrative was approved by the Bolton Board of Selectmen