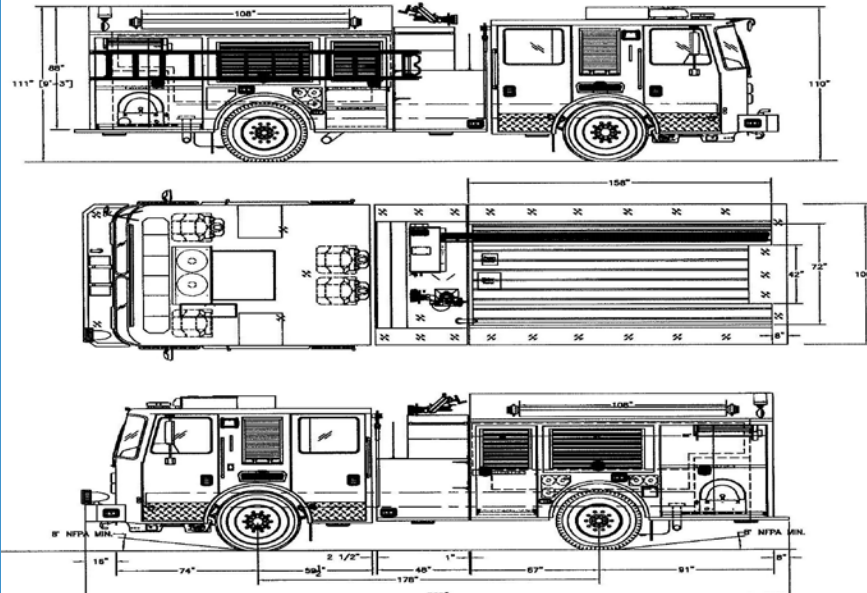


Ballot Question #2

FIRE ENGINE/PUMPER REPLACEMENT



ENGINE 1

HISTORY

Engine 1 is a 2005 E-One Pumper / Engine with 126,631 Miles, a 1,250 GPM Pump and a 1,000 Gallon Water Tank.

Engine 1 has been in frontline service for the past 17 years, Engine 1 will be 20 plus years old when replaced.

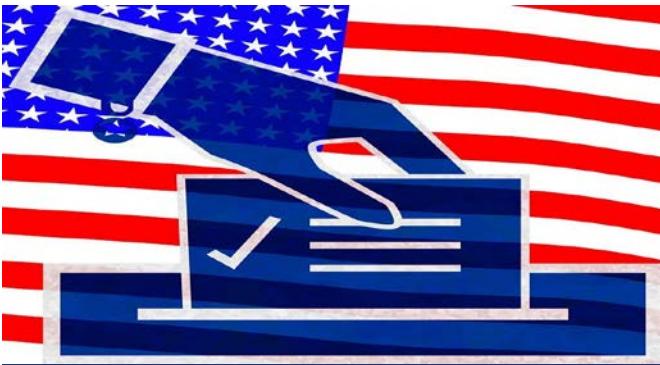
NEW ENGINE

SPECIFICATIONS

The New Engine will be equipped with a 1,500 GPM Pump, a 1,000 Gallon Water Tank, and a new set of Electric Auto Extrication Tools. This Engine will also have a shorter wheelbase to allow for better maneuverability.

STATION ASSIGNMENTS

The New Engine will be housed at Station #2 located in on Rt. 20, Boston Post Road. This is the Department's busiest Fire Station. The current Engine 2 will be reassigned to Station 1.



BALLOT QUESTION

Question 2

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$1,020,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing and equipping one Fire Engine for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?

SUMMARY: The 2023 Annual Town Meeting will act on an article proposing the purchase and equipping of a Fire Engine/Pumper pertinent to the operations of the Fire Department. This question proposes a one-year increase for FY2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) in the amount to be raised by taxation under the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, with such funds to be used specifically for the purchase. The estimated impact of increasing the FY24 taxes an additional \$1,020,000 is \$.12 per \$1,000 assessed value. The tax impact on the 2023 average home value of \$956,957 is estimated at \$155.

A “yes” vote on this question, and an appropriation by the May 1, 2023 Town Meeting, would authorize an increase in the amounts that can be raised by taxation for one year only, FY2024, to pay for the purchase and equipping of a Fire Engine/Pumper.

A “no” vote on this question will mean the purchase of a Fire Engine/Pumper cannot go forward at this time.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested Fire Engine/Pumper will replace the Fire Department’s current Engine 1, a 2005 E-One Engine/Pumper with 126,631 miles.

Engine 1 was a front line piece of apparatus, responding from Station #2, from 2006 to 2017 (11 Years) and has served at Station #1 for the past six years.

Currently, design and build times for new apparatus is between 24 and 36 months, Engine 1 will be approaching 20 years old at that time. The typical service life of our apparatus is 10 years front-line service and 10 years secondary service. The Fire Department depends on reliable and well-equipped fire apparatus to provide emergency medical services and fire suppression throughout the Town, and to assist other towns when called upon. These funds will allow the Department to replace the 2005 Engine/Pumper with an updated piece of apparatus with additional safety features that benefit both fire personnel and the citizens of Sudbury.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Approval of the ballot question will allow the Town to impose additional taxes on residents to purchase an expensive piece of equipment for the fire department. Conservative fiscal policy dictates that the Town raise taxes within the statutory limit imposed by Proposition 2 ½, and approval of the ballot question will allow the Town to exceed that limit. If the equipment is needed, the Town should pay for it by reducing current fiscal year expenses, or transferring funds from available funding sources such as previous appropriations, reserve, or stabilization funds, and not by increasing the real estate and personal property taxes of the residents of the Town.