

QUESTION AND ANSWERS MAY 2021 STM Article 41

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Appropriate for Water Service Connections

Question: The Warrant information indicates that there are about 800 services containing lead that the town would like to replace, and that the town is appropriating about \$200,000 per year to address these. Can you give us a rough ballpark idea of how many services are being replaced per year at this annual funding level?

Answer: The Town used to appropriate \$200,000 per year and now we are requesting a lump sum of \$1 million that will be spent over several years. There isn't a current bid for the replacement of these services. The price for replacement in the contract through December 2019 had a price for replacement between \$2,750 to \$3,990 for most services depending if the service needed to be replaced at the property line or all the way to the house. That would mean that the Town can replace about 350 services with the funding requested. Based on the capacity to do this work, it is anticipated that the funding will take us 3-4 years to fully expend the funds.