



**Town of Montague**  
**SPECIAL ARTICLE REQUEST**  
**NON-CAPITAL EXPENSE**

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*This form is intended for use with capital article submissions < \$25,000 with a lifespan of less than 5 years.*

***Please complete this form in its entirety!***

Department:	Parks & Recreation	Submitted by:	Jon Dobosz
Item/Project Cost:	\$12,500	Date Prepared:	10/25/22
Item/Project Title:	Unity Park Parking Lot Improvements		

**Proposed Article Wording:**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000 or any other amount for the purpose of crack sealing, line painting, and purchasing concrete parking stops/blocks at the Unity Park Parking Lots or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Description:** (*Provide a full description of the item or service to be purchased. This will be used for background information. Use attachments as needed.*)

Preliminary estimates suggest approximately seven hundred and twenty (720) linear feet of cracks between the two parking lots. There are approximately eighty-eight (88) standard parking spots, six (6) ADA spaces, and five (5) "no parking" zones between the main parking lot and the lot adjacent to the basketball court. We are also looking to purchase thirty-eight (38) concrete parking blocks that will be placed in the parking spots that border the tree belt located in the center of the main parking lot. They are single faced, six feet (L) by seven inches (H).

***Enter response***

**Have you received an estimate as a basis for cost? (yes/no)**

**Yes**

- *If yes, please attach estimate*

**Are grants or other funds available to offset costs? (yes/no)**

**No**

Please specify grant program/source of funds

Value of the offset

\$

Probability of availability

%

**Will this be a lease or a recurring expense? (yes/no)**

No

If yes, over how many years:

If yes, will payment vary (yes/no; attach payment plan):

**Will this item or project replace old equipment? (yes/no)**

No

If replacement, estimate surplus value:

\$

**Is this expected to require other investments? (yes/no)**

No

Increased(+) /decreased(-) operational cost (if no, "0")

\$ + / -

Increased(+) /decreased(-) equipment or material cost (if no, "0")

\$

#### **Why is it essential that the Town makes this purchase in the coming fiscal year?**

The parking lots were constructed back in 2012 as part of the park's multi-phased improvement project, and there has not been any maintenance performed on these lots since. Cracks have formed in the asphalt with grass growing out of a few, and the parking spot lines have faded considerably. The parking blocks are needed to prevent patrons from driving through the tree belt located in the middle of the main parking lot. Patrons have been driving through the tree belt for several years and ruts have developed in the turf. Continued "drive-throughs" may also endanger the life of the trees that are planted in the belt. We are also hoping to plant native grasses or pollinator plants in the tree belt but cannot do so until stops are installed.

#### **Relative Priority**

Overall priority of this item or project to the Town

Critical	High	Moderate	Low
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you are submitting more than one project, how does this rate relative to the others

First	Second	Third	Fourth or Lower
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments on relative priority:

There are other items submitted that are of higher priority, but that should certainly not discount the importance of addressing this issue before conditions worsen.

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Final recommendation of Finance Committee:       Support       Not Support

Comments on Recommendation:

Final recommendation of Board of Selectmen:       Support       Not Support

Comments on Recommendation: