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To: Tim McInerney, Town Administrator

From: Brian Griffin, Chief of Police

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Re: Capital FY25 Information

For Article 15 in the upcoming town meeting warrant, the Northborough Police Department is seeking approval for the replacement of (2) Police Cruisers. We are requesting \$140,000 to acquire and outfit (2) 2024 Ford Police Interceptors. This cost encompasses the conversion of these vehicles into emergency units, including the installation of lights, sirens, detainee transport protection, graphics, and more. Additionally, the budget includes the purchase of a 5-year 100,000-mile extended warranty.

Our department operates on a ten-year vehicle replacement schedule, which has proven effective in managing our fleet efficiently. Each year, depending on the schedule, we request funding for the replacement of either two or three vehicles. Typically, patrol vehicles are traded in after four years of service or 100,000 miles, while administrative vehicles are replaced every 6-8 years or 100,000 miles. It is crucial to adhere to this schedule to ensure that our fleet remains reliable and adequately equipped for the demands of police work.

While we initially intended to request two additional hybrid vehicles for FY25, we have encountered challenges due to backorders reported by our vendors. We have been informed that it could take up to a year and a half before hybrid models become available. As such, we are adjusting our request to prioritize the acquisition of available vehicles to maintain our replacement schedule and the operational readiness of our fleet.

Brian T. Griffin, Chief of Police