



To: Mayor and Town Council Members

From: Mark C. Meyers, Town Manager

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Subject: Questions Regarding Equipment Requests in the Proposed FY 2027 Budget

During the May 6 special work meeting related to presentation of the proposed FY 2027 budget, council members had questions regarding some of the equipment requests. I met with staff and offer the following responses.

Question: Can an aerator be rented as opposed to purchased?

Answer: An aerator has been rented in the past. However, the largest size available was 18" and it took a long time to perform the work. The unit being requested is 36" wide. Also, the cost is \$145/day or \$500/week. At that rate, an aerator could pay for itself within less than four years, assuming it's used four times/year.

Question: Could an aerator attachment for the mower be purchased at less cost?

Answer: We, in fact, have an aerator attachment, and it performs very poorly. Plus, an attachment on a mower cannot perform in tight spots or on grades as well as a self-propelled unit.

Question: Why is a box grader attachment needed when we do not have many gravel roads?

Answer: A grader attachment has several uses in addition to roads including grading park areas, spreading sand and on saw cuts on asphalt roads.

Question: Why would we need fork attachment to the skid steer when we already have them for the backhoe?

Answer: The forks for the backhoe are low to the ground and hard to see by the operator. When used, it's necessary to have a spotter, which wastes time.