

Town Article 22 – Establish Facility Revitalization Fund

The proposed Facility Revitalization Fund will provide funding to address infrastructure issues regarding town-owned properties. Some town properties currently do not have adequate access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (1), and others need to be brought up to code with respect to energy and safety requirements. Funding for this article will be derived from a two-year State Capital grant in the amount of \$290,000. The majority of this funding will be used to restore and refurbish the Torrent Hose Company building, which is the old fire house adjacent to the town's administrative offices. Upon completion of this restoration, the building will provide much needed office and storage space for town administrative purposes. The building will be designed to comply with ADA accessibility requirements and applicable safety and energy standards. (2) Because of grant funding, there is no tax impact.

A YES vote approves establishing and using grant monies to fund a Facility Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund, and approves proceeding with the proposed restoration of the old fire house, and potential other infrastructure renovation projects.

A NO vote means that the proposed Facility Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund will not be created, and that restoration of the old fire house, and potential other infrastructure renovation projects, will not proceed as described.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To provide needed office and administrative space at no cost to taxpayers.
- Belief that restoring the old fire house would be cheaper than buying land and erecting a new building.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- The funds from the State grant could be put to different use.
- Prefer to fund the restoration in a different way.

References:

1. "About the ADA Standards" <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards>
2. Conversation with Town Manager Joe Ilsley, January 9, 2020.