

## **Town Article 19 – Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund (Fund 18)**

This article asks voters to spend \$849,000.00 from a Special Revenue Fund (SRF) (1)(2) to pay for residential curbside trash and recycling removal (Pay As You Throw/PAYT). The funds in that SRF accumulated through sales of yellow bags and recycling bins, and through transfer station fees. This fund was created by voters in 2006 with Warrant Article 33 and requires annual voter approval to gain access to these funds. Approval by a majority of the voters is required for passage. There is no tax impact.

**A YES vote** gives the Town permission to use the funds already in the Waste Disposal SRF (Fund 18) to pay for curbside trash & recycling removal, so those services could continue.

**A NO vote** means the Town would have no legal way to access them; they would be unable to be used and would remain in the SRF. Residential curbside trash & recycling removal could be significantly impacted.

### **Reasons why some voters might vote yes:**

- To continue residential curbside trash & recycling removal.
- To allow officials to access the funds already set aside for the purpose of paying for residential curbside trash & recycling removal.
- To avoid having to siphon funding from other Town departments or programs.

### **Reasons why some voters might vote no:**

- To eliminate the residential curbside trash & recycling removal program (PAYT).
- To prevent officials from using the money in the Special Revenue Fund.

### **References:**

1. RSA 31:95-c Special Revenue Funds. Towns may vote to restrict revenues, or any portion of revenues, from a specific source to expenditures for specific purposes...and be separate from the general fund.
2. The funds in this SRF are usually completely expended each year for the costs of the program.