

Town Article 32 – Establish a Town Vehicle and Equipment Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund

This article will create a new Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) to save money for the purchase of vehicles and equipment needed for Town operations (e.g. Fire, Police, and/or Public Works Departments). Currently, there are several CRFs for specific Town departments and these new funds could be combined with other municipal vehicle and equipment CRFs to expedite savings and purchases. This article will also place \$257,500 into the new CRF, using funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB). This amount was determined by the Town's 2020 Capital Investment 40-year Analysis of projected needs. (1) There is no new tax impact.

A YES vote would create a new CRF for any necessary Town vehicle or equipment and place \$257,500 from the UFB in it.

A NO vote would not create or fund the proposed CRF.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- Could decrease competition among Town departments in funding needed vehicles and equipment.
- Could expedite savings for prioritized purchases.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Consider the existing CRF satisfactory for funding Town vehicles and equipment.
- Disagree with using monies from the Unassigned Fund Balance for a new CRF.

References:

1. The Town analysis revealed an annual deficit of \$257,500 between needs and funding for town-wide vehicles and equipment through the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) causing delay in inability to make purchases. A 10-year projection revealed a potential \$2.8 million deficit. -Town Manager, Joe Ilsley in an email, 1/25/21.