

Town of Winchester
Spring Annual Town Meeting – April 27, 2026



ARTICLE 24. CONSENT AGENDA

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer Free Cash or other available funds, a sum of money for extending the useful life of Town assets including but not limited to equipment, vehicles, building systems or any other Town infrastructure, and further, to authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Capital Planning Committee, to administer and expend funds from said account effective July 1, 2026, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board/Town Manager/Capital Planning Committee)

MOTION:

MOVED AND SECONDED that the Town appropriate \$200,000 from Free Cash to a Strategic Capital Maintenance Fund for extending the useful life of Town assets including but not limited to equipment, vehicles, building systems or any other Town infrastructure, and further, to authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Capital Planning Committee, to administer and expend funds from said account effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Starting in Spring 2015, Town Meeting has each year approved \$100,000 from Free Cash to be used towards the implementation of a strategic capital maintenance program. The goal of this program is to fill the gap between routine maintenance and major capital replacement projects, and allow staff to react quickly to capital needs outside of the normal capital/Town Meeting funding cycle and fiscal year constraints. The primary objective is to make strategic repairs and improvements that extend the useful life of the Town's buildings, vehicles, and other infrastructure as cost-effectively as possible. For FY26, the Town Manager is recommending that funding be increased to \$200,000, with use of the funds to be authorized by the Manager in consultation with the Capital Planning Committee.

2/3 Vote Required