

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — September 18, 2013
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM — OCTOBER 1, 2013

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, will be held at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, in the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, on the 18th day of September, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. To consider a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$57,260,000 for costs related to the William J. Johnston Middle School, Community Center and Senior Center Project at the site of the existing William J. Johnston Middle School at 360 Norwich Avenue, including renovations and additions to the middle school and relocation of the Senior Center, the Youth Center, Social Services facilities, and Parks and Recreation facilities, substantially as shown on the plans titled "Conceptual Study for the WJJ Middle School, Community Center and Senior Center" prepared by Tecton Architects, Inc. dated 8/9/12, revised to 6/26/13, and substantially as described in the detailed estimate prepared by Tecton Architects, Inc. dated 4/3/13, as modified 6/19/13. The building committee established for the project shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so modified or reduced. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, testing and permitting costs, relocation costs, demolition and installation costs, equipment, furnishings and fixtures, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, utilities, engineering fees, management costs and fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$57,260,000; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other particulars of the bonds or notes;

(c) to declare under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 the Town's official intent that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;

(d) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes;

(e) to authorize the First Selectman to execute all contracts and change orders with respect to the project; and to authorize any building committee as may be established from time-to-time for the project to act as a school building committee for the project, and to exercise such powers and duties consistent with its charge as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project;

(f) to authorize the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee, the Chairman of any building committee as may be established from time-to-time for the project, and other proper officers and officials of the Board of Education to apply for and accept state grants for the school portion of the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, any building committee as may be established from time-to-time for the project and other proper officers of the Town to apply for and accept state grants and other grants for the project; and

(g) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer, the Board of Education, any building committee as may be established from time-to-time for the project and other proper officers of the Town to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. Pursuant to the Town Charter and to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the aforesaid resolution to vote upon voting machines on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the following polling place: Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, Connecticut. The aforesaid resolution will be placed on the voting machines under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$57,260,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY CENTER AND SENIOR CENTER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAIDED FROM GRANTS?”

Voters approving said resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.” Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

Dated at Colchester, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2013.

Nancy A. Bray, Town Clerk

Gregg B. Schuster, 1st Selectman

Gregory J. Cardova, Selectman

Rosemary Covley, Selectman

Stan Soby, Selectman

James W. Ford, Selectman

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