

**LEGAL WARNING AND NOTICE  
TOWN OF WILLINGTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 2023  
REFERENDUM MARCH 28, 2023**

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Willington, Connecticut, will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Hall Memorial School, 111 River Road, Willington, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

**Item 1.** To discuss and consider a resolution authorizing:

(a) an appropriation of \$62,740,000 to fund the costs related to of the design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new approximately 76,680 square foot Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 school to be centrally located within the Town and related site improvements and work, including the acquisition of land and/or rights or interests in land on which to locate the new school (the "PK-8 School Project") and the issuance by the Town of its general obligation bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$62,740,000 to finance said appropriation or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Project;

(b) the First Selectman and the Treasurer to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the bonds or notes and temporary notes and to enter into agreements to bind the Town with respect to the financing of the Project;

(c) the Willington School Building Committee (i) to determine the scope and particulars of the PK-8 School Project and, in collaboration with the Willington Board of Education, to reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and spend the entire amount of the appropriation on the Project as so reduced or modified, and (ii) to approve design and construction expenditures for the PK-8 School Project pursuant to project contracts, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town to complete the Project, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project;

(d) the Board of Education to apply for and accept or reject state grants for the PK-8 School Project and to execute grant agreements, and to take any other action necessary to obtain such grants or implement the terms of any grant agreements; and

(e) the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Board of Education, the Willington School Building Committee and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the PK-8 School Project, to issue bonds or notes and temporary notes and obtain grants to finance the appropriation.

**Item 2.** To discuss and consider a resolution authorizing:

(a) an additional appropriation of \$5,935,000 if the new Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 school is approved by the Town to fund the costs related to the planning, design, construction, equipping and furnishing of an approximately 8,000 square foot auditorium at such new school (the "*Auditorium Project*") and the issuance by the Town of its general obligation bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,935,000 to finance said appropriation or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Project;

(b) the First Selectman and the Treasurer to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the bonds or notes and temporary notes and to enter into agreements to bind the Town with respect to the financing of the Project;

(c) the Willington School Building Committee (i) to determine the scope and particulars of the Auditorium Project and, in collaboration with the Willington Board of Education, to reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and spend the entire amount of the appropriation on the Project as so reduced or modified, and (ii) to approve design and construction expenditures for the Auditorium Project pursuant to project contracts, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town to complete the Project, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the Project;

(d) the Board of Education to apply for and accept or reject state grants for the Auditorium Project and to execute grant agreements, and to take any other action necessary to obtain such grants or implement the terms of any grant agreements; and

(e) the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Board of Education, the Willington School Building Committee and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Auditorium Project, to issue bonds or notes and temporary notes and obtain grants to finance the appropriation.

**Item 3.** Pursuant 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 resolutions contained in items 1 and 2 of the call of the meeting to a referendum vote on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The resolution under item 1 will be placed on the ballot under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WILLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$62,740,000 TO FUND COSTS RELATED TO THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 8 SCHOOL TO BE CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND/OR RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN LAND, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,740,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT?”

The resolution under item 2 will be placed on the ballot under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WILLINGTON APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$5,935,000 IF THE NEW PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 8 SCHOOL IS APPROVED TO FUND THE COSTS RELATED TO THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF AN AUDITORIUM AT SUCH NEW SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,935,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT?”

Voters approving a resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing a resolution will vote “No”.

Electors and other people qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the following polling places:

Willington Town Office Building  
40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, Connecticut 06279

Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

The complete text of each of the resolutions to be presented under Items 1 and 2 of this Notice is on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Willington, Connecticut, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

Willington Board of Selectmen:

Erika Wiecenski, Jim Bulick, Michael Makuch

Attest, Robin Campbell - Town Clerk