

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BALLOT EXPLANATORY TEXT**

April 25, 2017 Referendum

Prepared in accordance with C.G.S. 9-369b

"Shall the \$850,000 appropriation bond authorization for the planning, design, engineering, replacement, and construction of a new roof at Hawley School be approved?"

Approval of this Resolution will allow the complete replacement of the 1948 and 1997 flat roof sections of the facility. The roof will be in its 20th year of service. Life span/warranty is 20 years.

"Shall the \$1,800,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of improvements at Newtown Middle School, be approved?"

Approval of this Resolution will allow the replacement of the original boiler that is currently 60 years old to a higher efficiency forced hot water system and upgrading all lighting fixtures to LED, similar to what was done at Middle Gate School this year. The building is also being heated through a hybrid system of steam and forced hot water. This project also will involve a conversion from oil to natural gas.

"Shall the \$3,000,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, engineering and construction of a new Senior Center, be approved?"

Approval of this resolution will allow for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to pay for the planning, design, engineering and construction of a new senior center.

"Shall \$300,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning and design of the Newtown Police facility and improvements, be approved?"

Approval of this Resolution will allow an expenditure of up to \$300,000 to prepare a schematic drawing and an artistic rendering of a new police facility. This will further allow a site selection process to proceed and will also allow for a determination of the actual cost of a new police facility.

"Shall the \$750,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of Newtown High School Auditorium Phase II Renovations and improvements, be approved?"

Approval of this Resolution will allow the replacement of all stage lighting, lighting controls, AV equipment, rigging components, stage draperies, electrical components, and catwalk enhancements for safety. Phase I of this project includes all of the hard construction but does not address any of the equipment listed in the above description. This request for Phase II is to cover necessary expenses that were not able to be covered in the original project authorization.

These resolutions were adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Legislative Council and submitted to a referendum vote of electors of the Town, and persons qualified to vote who are not electors, to be held at the **Newtown Middle School located at 11 Queen Street on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Applications for absentee ballot should be made to the Office of the Town Clerk at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.**

The full text of the resolution as prepared by Robinson & Cole and adopted by town government is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT.