

TOWN OF NEWTOWN BALLOT EXPLANATORY TEXT

April 27, 2021 Referendum

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

Shall the \$5,041,933 appropriation and \$5,041,933 bond authorization for the emergency radio system upgrades, be approved?

Approval of this Resolution will allow upgrades to the current Public Safety communication system which is at “End of Life” for our First Responders. The entire system replacement is needed to ensure critical response and support while providing emergency services to the residents of Newtown. The present system is 18 years old and key components could fail during normal daily use, which can result in temporary and major costly repairs. This is not an expansion of the town’s existing First Responder communications system, it replaces the current aging system, greatly reducing the risk of catastrophic system failure.

The upgrade replaces outdated infrastructures and base stations from circuits to IP based networked systems, new control sites and enhanced coverage for responders. This will provide improved reliability and survivability of the system.

Shall the \$3,700,000 appropriation and \$3,700,000 bond authorization for the engineering, planning, design, and construction of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial, be approved?

Approval of this Resolution will allow the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial to be designed and constructed at the former Social and Athletic Club of Sandy Hook (a.k.a. SAC Field) property located at 28 Riverside Road in Sandy Hook. The Permanent Memorial is intended to remember, honor and celebrate those 26 who died as a result of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and serve to provide comfort to those who loved and were touched by them.

Shall the \$1,539,894 appropriation and \$1,539,894 bond authorization for the acquisition and installation of a gas boiler and LED lighting at Reed Intermediate School, be approved?

Approval of this Resolution will allow the replacement of existing boilers and heating plant equipment to include new boilers, new hot water heating equipment, new pumps and motors, variable frequency drives, venting and combustion air, and BMS controls. All existing light fixtures throughout the interior and exterior of the building. For the interior, this includes classrooms, corridors, restrooms, offices, gym, media center, etc. For the exterior, this includes parking lots, wall packs, and site lighting.

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 27, 2021, 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.