

TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT
November 3, 2020
LOCAL QUESTION AND EXPLANATORY TEXT

QUESTION: “Shall the Town of Newtown consider commercial proposals at the Fairfield Hills campus that include a housing component, provided that a housing component would be limited to no more than two of the existing buildings and that the renovation is consistent with the architectural vision for the property?”

EXPLANATORY TEXT: A ‘yes’ vote on the question is for advisory purposes only and does not automatically approve housing at Fairfield Hills. Updating the Fairfield Hills Adaptive Reuse Zone’s regulations to include residential use would need to be formally requested by the Board of Selectmen and added to the regulations through a zoning amendment, which would be at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Any proposed residential development would have to be limited to renovating up to two existing buildings, while maintaining the historic exterior façade of the structures.

Any specific proposal for housing on the campus would require public meetings and/or hearings and approvals by the Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning Commission.