

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE EXPLANATORY TEXT**  
**November 7, 2023 Referendum**

The Cheshire Town Council, at a special meeting on August 10, 2023 pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter, adopted appropriations and borrowing resolutions in connection with the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget and further voted to submit certain appropriations in accordance with the Town Charter to the voters of Cheshire for approval or disapproval at a referendum to be held in conjunction with the November 7, 2023 election between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., at the polling places listed below.

Pursuant to Sec. 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Council has authorized the Town Clerk to prepare, with the approval of the Town Attorney, an explanatory text with respect to each question on the ballot. The applicable text is set forth under each of the two questions below. These explanatory texts will be furnished to each applicant for an absentee ballot and will be made available for public distribution and at the polling places. The full texts of the resolutions, as approved by the Town Council, are available on the Town website at [www.cheshirect.org](http://www.cheshirect.org) and on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410, during the Town's regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The appropriations and bond note authorizations to be voted on shall be placed on the ballots under the following ballot headings:

**1. "Shall Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$2,500,000 For The Acquisition And Replacement Of Two Fire Trucks And Authorize The Issue Of \$2,500,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

This appropriation is for the replacement of fire apparatus, Pumping Engine #7, purchased in 2000, and Heavy-Duty Rescue #1, purchased in 2003, and for related administrative, printing, legal and financing costs. The appropriation will be inclusive of all State and Federal grants-in-aid. The apparatus have a life expectancy of 20-25 years. Replacing the apparatus will reduce costly repairs to the existing apparatus, allow adequate fire protection for the residents of Cheshire and provide the safest equipment for our firefighters. Delivery time is estimated to be 36 to 48 months.

**2. "Shall Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$1,600,000 For The Road Improvement Program And Authorize The Issue Of \$1,600,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

This appropriation is for the Town's ongoing road improvement program, including but not limited to road treatments such as reconstruction, milling and paving, chip seal, microseal, crack seal and other surface treatments. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, equipment and materials, engineering, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The goal of this program is to maintain all Town roads at an acceptable level of service.

**3. "Shall Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$460,000 For The Industrial Avenue Culvert Bridge Replacement And Authorize The Issue Of \$460,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

This appropriation may be spent for design, construction, equipment and materials, engineering, consultant and legal costs, related improvements, repairs or renovations, and other expenses related to the project. Said appropriation shall be in addition to prior aggregate appropriations in the amount of \$450,000, thereby making the total project cost equal to \$910,000. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

**4. "Shall Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$600,000 For Acquisition And Replacement Of Boilers At Dodd Middle School And Authorize The Issue Of \$600,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

This appropriation is to replace the two 20+ year old boilers at Dodd Middle School with high efficiency gas-fired condensing boilers. Existing boilers have been deteriorating due to years of moisture exposure. This project includes new gas trains, VFD-controlled recirculating pumps, in-direct domestic hot water heating and full DDC upgrade. The appropriation may be spent for design, engineering, acquisition, abatement, demolition, installation, related equipment and materials, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

**5. “Shall Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$750,000 For Window Replacement At Cheshire High School And Authorize The Issue Of \$750,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?”**

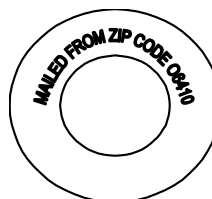
This appropriation is for window replacements at Cheshire High School. The non-functioning windows being replaced are the original single pane windows with metal frames and are not energy efficient. Energy Star estimates up to a 31% savings in energy costs by replacing single pane with double-pane insulated glass and frames. The appropriation may be spent for design, engineering, acquisition, construction, related equipment and materials, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

**POLLING LOCATIONS**

<u>District 1</u> Cheshire High School 525 South Main Street	<u>District 2</u> Chapman School Gym 38 Country Club Road	<u>District 3-1, 3-2</u> Artsplace 1220 Waterbury Road	<u>District 4</u> Norton School Gym 414 North Brooksvale Road
<u>District 5</u> Doolittle School Gym 735 Cornwall Avenue	<u>District 6-1, 6-2</u> Highland School Gym 490 Highland Avenue	<u>District 7</u> Dodd Middle School 100 Park Place	

***Central counting of absentee ballots will take place at the Town Hall, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT.***

**Town of Cheshire  
84 South Main Street  
Cheshire, CT 06410**



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**Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
All polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**