



Town of
North Stonington, Connecticut

TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 28, 2014
AND REFERENDUM - MAY 5, 2014

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TOWN CLERKS OFFICE
NORTH STONINGTON

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut, will be held in the North Stonington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 311 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$46,990,000 for costs with respect to the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of additions and renovations to Wheeler Middle and High School and North Stonington Elementary School. Improvements to the Wheeler Middle and High School are contemplated to include: (1) an approximately 30,050 square feet addition to accommodate the music program including: a band room and a chorus/orchestra room, storage; a gymnasium including storage, concession, locker rooms, public toilets, and a lobby/circulation space; a science addition with science laboratory classrooms, lab preparatory and storage rooms, a graphics, CADD and computer lab; and an addition for the Kitchen and cafeteria; (2) improvements within the existing building including: fully renovated classrooms and science laboratories; updating of language laboratory and classrooms; integration of the art and technology program in a fully renovated space; renovation of all classrooms; renovations, and improvements at the media center and special education programs; renovations associated with the nurse/health clinic, administrative and guidance offices; and expansion and renovation of the cafeteria and kitchen; (3) various building systems improvements including: replacement of all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protections systems and infrastructure; security and communication systems upgrades; energy conservation improvements including exterior wall, door, window, and roof replacement or updates; central air conditioning system installation throughout the building; and installation of an emergency generator and alternative energy systems; (4) various code and ADA compliance improvements and renovations; (5) various site improvements including: separation of the bus/parent/student/parking and circulation; and (6) related improvements and work. Improvements to the North Stonington Elementary School are contemplated to include: (1) an approximately 11,700 square feet addition to accommodate the music program including a band room that will be located on the stage, a gymnasium including storage, offices, public toilets, and a lobby/circulation space; (2) improvements within the existing building including: fully renovated classrooms and handicapped accessible toilets in the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms; relocation of the art, music and technology program in a fully renovated space; relocation renovations and improvements of the media center and special education programs; renovations associated with the nurse/health clinic, administrative and guidance offices; and expansion and renovation of the cafeteria and kitchen; (3) various building systems improvements including: replacement of all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protections systems and infrastructure; security and communication systems upgrades; energy conservation improvements including exterior wall, door, window, and roof replacement or updates; central air conditioning system installation throughout the building; and installation of an emergency generator and alternative energy systems; (4) various code and ADA compliance improvements and renovations; (5) various site improvements including separation of the bus/parent/student/parking and circulation; accessibility to all site facilities; pavement resurfacing; physical education and athletic fields; and building access improvements; updating the site utility and drainage infrastructure; and (6) related improvements and work. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, site improvements, infrastructure improvements, equipment, furnishings, materials, architectural, engineering, consultant, and other professional fees including legal fees, administrative costs, including costs related to the application for and acceptance of grants, the payment of net temporary interest and other financing costs and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Building Committee, for the School Project -- Wheeler Middle and High School and North Stonington Elementary School established by the Town Ordinances for the project shall determine the final scope and particulars of the project. Said Building Committee may reduce or modify the scope of the project if funds are not sufficient to complete the entire project, and the appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates

applying for and receiving a grant from the State Department of Education to defray in part eligible costs of the project.

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$46,990,000 to finance the appropriation; to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes;

(c) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education and other proper officers and officials of the Town, on behalf of the Town, to enter into contracts or agreements, apply for and accept grants for the project and take any other actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the project contemplated by this resolution; and

(d) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds and notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. 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 resolution to be presented under item 1 of this notice to vote upon voting machines or paper ballots between the hours of 12 NOON. and 8:00 P.M. on Monday, May 5, 2014. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote at the following polling place:

Town of North Stonington

New Town Hall

40 Main Street, North Stonington, Connecticut

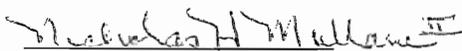
Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. The resolutions will be placed on the ballots under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON APPROPRIATE \$46,990,000 FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO WHEELER MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTH STONINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN SUCH AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes"

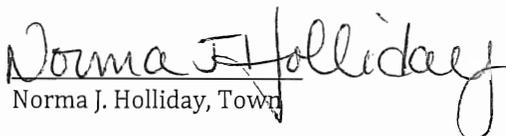
Voters opposing said resolution will vote "No."

Dated at North Stonington, Connecticut, this day of 15, 2014.


Nicholas H. Mullane, II, First Selectman

Robert L. Testa, Selectman


Mark S. Donahue, Selectman


Norma J. Holliday, Town