

AMENDED

**TOWN OF PRESTON
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 and
REFERENDUM, Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors & citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Preston will be held at Preston Plains Middle School on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM for the following purposes:

- 1.** To act on and to adopt the expenditure budget of the Board of Education for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$13,459,495 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- 2.** To act on and to adopt the expenditure budget of the General Government for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$4,568,124 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- 3.** To act on and to adopt the Revenues Budget, including any revenue from the Mohegan/Mashantucket Pequot Slot Grant, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- 4.** To authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the greater of \$199,206.00 or the amount granted to the Town by the State of Connecticut, plus interest, on the Town Aid Road Account, upon receipt of such funds from the State of Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- 5.** To authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the greater of \$42,984.00 or the amount granted to the Town by the State of Connecticut, plus interest, on the Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP) Account, upon receipt of such Funds from the State of Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- 6.** To ratify and authorize the Treasurer to expend: \$141,888 to pay debt service on the Preston Riverwalk Project approved at the December 18, 2012 Referendum; \$129,588 to pay debt service on the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan approved at the April 23, 2013 Referendum and \$484,025 to pay debt service on the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan approved at the February 6, 2018 Referendum (Total \$755,500.00).
- 7.** To adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF PRESTON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUND.

The foregoing ordinance will take effect 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Section 1. Establishment of Fund; Deposits.

The Town of Preston shall hereby establish an American Rescue Plan Act Fund (the "Fund").

There shall be deposited into said Fund any and all monies received by the Town of Preston, directly or indirectly, from the Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund created under the American Rescue Plan Act (the "Act"), together with any funds from any source designated by the Town of Preston to be added to this Fund.

Section 2. Custody and Investment of Fund.

The Fund shall be in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Preston. All or any part of the monies in the Fund may, from time to time, be invested in any investment in which public funds may be lawfully invested. All incomes derived from such investments shall be credited to the Fund and become a part thereof. The monies so invested shall at all times be subject to withdrawal from such investments for use as provided in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Use of Fund.

The monies in the Fund may be used by the Town for any purpose authorized under the Act, as the same may be amended from time to time, any federal regulations, rules or orders issued in conjunction with the Act, any state statutes or regulations issued with respect to funds received pursuant to the Act.

Section 4. Process of Appropriating Proceeds of the Fund

The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Finance and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, shall develop one or more plans for the proposed use of the monies in the Fund. Once a plan has been developed, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing to receive public input on the plan.

Following the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall review and consider revision of the plan for the use of the monies in the Fund and shall thereafter vote on any motion for an expenditure from the Fund, provided that such expenditure is in accordance with the Act.

In the event the plan proposed by the Board of Selectmen requires a single appropriation in excess of \$100,000, such appropriation shall not be subject to a referendum as contemplated in the ordinance adopted on May 16, 1995 but any single appropriation in excess of 50,000.00 will be put forth to a vote at a Town meeting.

Section 5. Annual report.

Annually, the Treasurer, as custodian of the Fund, shall submit to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance a complete and detailed report of the financial condition of said Fund, which report shall be made part of the Annual Municipal Report. The Treasurer shall also submit any additional reports as may be required under the Act

8. To adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, that the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer are authorized, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, to borrow upon the note or notes of the Town, such sums in such manner as in their judgment shall be required to pay expenses and obligations of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections, water rents or charges, or any federal or state grants with respect to a project or program.

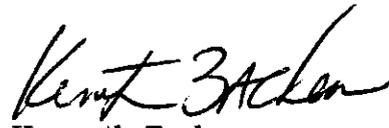
Pursuant to the Town Ordinance adopted on May 16, 1995, Items 1 and 2 of the Call of the Meeting will be put to a machine or paper ballot Referendum vote to be held at the Preston Plains Middle School (located at 1 Route 164) on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM, unless the Annual Town Meeting votes to open the polls for voting on the questions at a time earlier than 12:00 PM (Noon) but not earlier than 6:00 AM. Absentee Ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's Office. Electors of the Town of Preston and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Preston Town Meetings must be U.S. Citizens pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes along with taking all Covid-19 safety measures to include the recommendation of wearing masks.

Copies of the Proposed Budget are available at the Preston Town Hall, Library, Preston Plains Middle School and on the website at www.preston-ct.org.

Dated at Preston, CT. this 3rd Day of June, 2022.

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
First Selectwoman

Gerald Grabarek
Selectman


Kenneth Zachem
Selectman

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On 6/3/2022 At 11:02 am
Attest: Jill E. Keith, Town Clerk 