



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Virtual Meeting Format

Special Meeting – November 30, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. AMENDED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

- Email townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov by noon on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 to register to address the Board of Selectmen live through Zoom
- Written comments can be emailed to townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov. Written comments will not be read into the record, but forwarded to all Selectmen via email

SELECTMEN ACTION

- a) Approve Referendum Questions and Set Referendum Date for Latimer Lane Elementary School Project and Infrastructure Grants for the Firetown Road Sidewalk, North End Sidewalk, and Tariffville-Bloomfield Multi-use Trail

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of Submission:** Approve Referendum Questions and Set Referendum Date for Latimer Lane Elementary School Project and Infrastructure Grants for the Firetown Road Sidewalk, North End Sidewalk, and Tariffville-Bloomfield Multi-Use Path
2. **Date of Board Meeting:** November 30, 2022
3. **Individual or Entity Making the Submission:**
Maria E. Capriola, Town Manager; Melissa A.J. Appleby, Deputy Town Manager
Maria E. Capriola
4. **Action Requested of the Board of Selectmen:**
If the Board of Selectmen supports adopting the capital resolutions and referendum questions as presented, the attached resolutions should be adopted and read into the record.

Further, the Board of Selectmen should set the referendum date. The following motion is in order:

Move to set the date of Saturday, January 7, 2023 for referendum, pursuant to Section 809 of the Town Charter, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street.

5. **Summary of Submission:**
At the meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, the Board of Selectmen approved and recommended an additional appropriation of \$2,261,837 for the Latimer Lane Elementary School project. It was further recommended that the town's share of the appropriation be funded by the capital reserve, and that the outdoor learning spaces be funded by ARPA themed dollars. Bond counsel has determined that the additional appropriation, even if funded with cash, must go to referendum.

As you may recall during the FY22/23 budget process we utilized the first tranche of the ARPA funding for revenue loss by transferring those dollars into the General Fund and then transferring the offsetting savings into the Capital Reserve. It was communicated that we will be doing the same thing for the second tranche during the FY23/24 budget process. Essentially the Capital

Reserve will initially fund the additional appropriation and then will be replenished by offsetting savings during the FY23/24 budget process. All ARPA themed dollars are being tracked separately and will not duplicate appropriations.

At the meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022, the Board of Selectmen approved several resolutions to appropriate \$3,961,272.12 in grant funds for the Firetown Road Sidewalk construction project, the North End Sidewalk construction project, and the Tariffville-Bloomfield Multi-Use Path project. These appropriations were made subject to approval at referendum.

The Board of Finance held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 regarding the proposed additional appropriation for the Latimer Lane Elementary School renovation project as well as the proposal to appropriate state and federal grant funding for three infrastructure projects that fund sidewalks and multi-use paths. The Board of Finance approved several resolutions to appropriate grant funds for the Firetown Road Sidewalk construction project, the North End Sidewalk construction project, and the Tariffville-Bloomfield Multi-Use Trail project (see attached).

Bond counsel assisted in preparation of the attached resolutions and referendum questions. The Board of Selectmen should adopt the resolutions, which includes approval of the referendum questions, and set the referendum date of Saturday, January 7, 2023.

6. Financial Impact:

If the additional \$2,261,837 appropriation for the Latimer Lane Elementary School project is approved by the voters, the total appropriation for the project will be \$39,054,243. Legally, the town is required to appropriate the entirety of the project, including the expenses that will be offset by revenues from the state, estimated at 30% by the Board of Finance.

The supplemental appropriation request to be sent to referendum for the infrastructure grant awards is \$3,961,272.12.

Staff time and time of the Registrars (paid elected officials) will be required to plan for and staff the referendum and to issue absentee ballots. Funds will also be needed for the referendum mailer sent to property owners.

7. Description of Documents Included with Submission:

- a) Capital Resolutions and Referendum Ballot Questions – Renovation and Expansion of Latimer Lane Elementary School and Grant Funds for Infrastructure Projects

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
Resolutions of the Board of Finance
Resolutions of the Board of Selectmen

RESOLVED,

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the reading into the minutes of the full text of the resolutions set out below is waived, copies of the resolutions having been made available to those in attendance, and recorded in these records immediately preceding these minutes.

RESOLVED, That the Board of [**Finance/Selectmen**] recommends and approves the following:

CIP #	<u>General Purpose Projects (Non-Bonds)</u>	
	Renovation and Expansion of Latimer Lane School (Capital Reserve Fund)	\$2,261,837
	Various Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalk Projects comprised of:	\$3,961,272.12
	Bloomfield to Tariffville Multi-Use Trail (LOTICIP Grant (\$1,254,200))	
	North End Sidewalk Construction (LOTICIP Grant (\$913,072.12))	
	Firetown Road Sidewalk Construction (LOTICIP Grant (\$1,200,000) and Community Connectivity Grant Program Grant (\$594,000))	

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$2,261,837 FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF LATIMER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Simsbury appropriate from the Capital Reserve Fund the amount of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,261,837) for the renovation and expansion of Latimer Lane Elementary school, including outdoor learning spaces. The appropriation may be spent for planning, design, architectural, engineering and other consultants' fees, equipment costs, construction costs, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing. The Board of Selectmen may determine the particulars and may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.

(b) That, pursuant to Section 809 of the Town Charter, this Resolution be presented to a referendum vote under the following caption:

SHALL THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY APPROPRIATE \$2,261,837 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF LATIMER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,961,272.12 FOR MULTI-USE CONNECTIONS/TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$3,367,272.12 from Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grant funds and \$594,000 from Community Connectivity grant funds for an aggregate appropriation of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 12/100 DOLLARS (\$3,961,272.12) for: (1) improvements to the Multi-Use Connections/Trails Development (Bloomfield to Tariffville), including for construction costs, land or easement acquisition and other expenses related to the project (\$1,254,200 from Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program grant funds); (2) the design and construction of sidewalks in the business district of the North End of the Town of Simsbury, including for construction costs, land or easement acquisition and other expenses related to the project (\$913,072.12 from Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program grant funds); and (3) the design and construction of sidewalks on Firetown Road, including for construction costs, materials, land or easement acquisition, demolition and removal of materials, and other expenses related to the project (\$1,200,000 from Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program grant funds and \$594,000 from Community Connectivity grant funds). The Board of Selectmen may determine the particulars and may reduce or modify the scope of the projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified projects.

(b) That, pursuant to Section 809 of the Town Charter, this Resolution be presented to a referendum vote under the following caption:

SHALL THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY APPROPRIATE \$3,961,272.12 OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT FUNDS FOR MULTI-USE CONNECTIONS/TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS?