

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
May 10, 2024

The Electors and eligible voters of the town of Simsbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned of a referendum to be held pursuant to Simsbury Charter Section 406 on Friday, May 10, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

To vote on the following questions for approval or disapproval of resolutions approved by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen on April 16, 2024 and April 18, 2024, respectively, which questions will be placed on the ballots under the following headings:

1. "Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Selectmen annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$28,884,809?"
2. "Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Education annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$85,217,644?"
3. "Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of Sewer Use Fund (Sewer Treatment Plant), Residential Property Fund, Parks & Recreation Special Revenue Fund, Non-Public Schools, Debt Retirement/Capital and Capital Non-Recurring annual budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$19,512,894?"
4. "Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate an additional \$495,000 for an aggregate appropriation of \$2,764,000 for the rehabilitation of the Old Drake Hill Road Bridge, and authorizing additional bonds and notes in the amount of \$495,000 for an aggregate appropriation of \$2,484,000 to finance a portion of said appropriation?"
5. "Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$900,000 in state grant funds, \$1,032,881 in donations and \$500,000 in capital reserve funds, in addition to \$350,000 in capital reserve funds previously appropriated, for an aggregate amount of \$2,782,881 for improvements to Performing Arts Center, Bandshell Addition?"

The vote on the above questions will be taken under the authority of Section 406 of the Town Charter and Section 9-369a of the Connecticut General Statutes. A "YES" vote is a vote to approve an appropriation. A "NO" vote is a vote to reject an appropriation. During regular business hours, the full text of each resolution is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, and online at simsbury-ct.gov. The location of the polling place for the Referendum will be as follows: Simsbury Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut. Electronic tabulators will be used. The polling place will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available in person at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours through May 9, 2024. Any person who is an Elector of the Town of Simsbury or any citizen of the United States of America of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him or her on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the Simsbury Grand List dated October 1, 2023, is eligible to vote (CGS Section 7-6).

Trish Munroe, Town Clerk, Town of Simsbury

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
APPROVED APRIL 16, 2024 AND APRIL 18, 2024 TO BE SENT TO REFERENDUM

	Adopted	Proposed	Change	
	FY2024	FY 2025	Dollar	Percentage
Board of Selectmen	31,679,397	28,884,809	(2,794,588)	-8.82%
Debt Service	7,806,810	8,049,225	242,415	3.11%
Board of Education	81,576,437	85,217,644	3,641,207	4.46%
Non-Public School	605,699	588,724	(16,975)	-2.80%
Total Appropriations	121,668,343	122,740,402	1,072,059	0.88%
LESS ESTIMATED NON-TAX REVENUES	17,154,066	13,825,329	(3,328,737)	-19.40%
USE OF FUND BALANCE	-	250,000	250,000	100.00%
BALANCE TO BE RAISED	104,514,277	108,665,073	4,150,796	3.97%

	ACTUAL REVENUE 2023	BUDGET REVENUE 2024	ACTUAL REVENUE 12/31/2023	PROJECTED REVENUE 6/30/2024	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2025
GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
Property Taxes - Prior Year & Interest & Liens	777,275	430,000	407,804	500,000	580,000
Intergovernmental Revenues & Payments in Lieu of Taxes	9,227,086	9,196,826	2,491,450	9,895,742	7,884,731
Investment Income	1,617,668	800,000	1,261,977	2,588,464	2,125,000
Charges for Goods & Services & Misc	1,994,664	1,798,290	1,098,186	1,896,084	1,904,701
Fines & Forfeitures	12,596	8,200	6,014	10,039	9,972
Rental of Town Owned Property	181,040	114,300	91,033	131,900	114,900
Licenses & Permits	920,566	740,050	312,954	721,646	741,886
Operating Transfers In (Belden Trust)	26,960	27,380	27,380	27,380	28,350
Operating Transfers In (Capital Resrve Fund)	-	-	-	-	204,132
Operating Transfers In (Capital Project Funds)	822,029	281,187	281,187	281,187	231,657
Operating Transfers In (ARPA Fund)	3,757,833	3,757,833	3,757,833	3,757,833	-
Total General Fund Revenue Budget	19,337,716	17,154,066	9,735,818	19,810,275	13,825,329

	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2024 12/31/2023	FY 2024 6/30/2024	FY 2025 PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION					
General Government	1,647,264	1,614,485	846,862	1,543,069	1,834,688
Financial Services & Information Technology	1,706,839	1,763,376	840,919	1,718,853	1,861,877
Planning & Development	751,236	791,403	368,076	763,517	851,676
Public Safety	6,040,144	6,553,196	3,175,669	6,493,711	6,643,957
Public Works & Engineering	4,749,325	4,933,286	2,279,733	4,592,384	4,974,983
Health and Social Services	1,052,795	933,561	423,381	928,647	883,370
Parks and Recreation & Library	3,064,262	3,147,065	1,474,786	3,147,272	3,269,132
Fringe Benefits & Liability Insurance	6,463,291	7,838,098	4,644,618	7,381,365	7,988,170
Operating Transfers	8,387,602	4,104,927	3,972,186	3,972,186	576,956
Total Board of Selectmen Operating Budget	33,862,757	31,679,397	18,026,230	30,541,003	28,884,809
Debt Service	6,371,525	7,806,810	1,173,813	7,806,810	8,049,225
Education	77,551,189	82,182,136	34,529,916	82,882,136	85,806,368
Total General Fund Budget	117,785,471	121,668,343	53,729,958	121,229,949	122,740,402

	ACTUAL REVENUE FY 2023	BUDGET REVENUE FY 2024	ACTUAL REVENUE 12/31/2023	PROJECTED REVENUE 6/30/2024	ESTIMATED REVENUE FY 2025
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES					
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Total Water Pollution Control Fund	4,793,285	4,212,824	3,819,382	4,481,794	4,318,233
Residential Property Fund					
Rental of Town Owned Property	99,951	77,100	38,171	97,000	97,000
Simsbury Farms Complex					
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	2,678,825	2,548,091	1,184,470	2,541,291	2,855,485
Total Special Revenue Funds	7,572,061	6,838,015	5,042,023	7,120,085	7,270,718

	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2024 12/31/2023	FY 2024 6/30/2024	FY 2025 PROPOSED
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES					
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Total Water Pollution Control Requests	4,249,997	5,771,929	3,943,665	5,243,872	4,808,496
Residential Property Fund					
Total Residential Properties	59,147	47,122	24,893	41,170	55,827
Simsbury Farms Complex					
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	2,680,590	2,918,370	1,703,993	2,758,476	2,884,828
Total Special Revenue Funds	6,989,734	8,737,421	5,672,551	8,043,518	7,749,151

FY2025 CAPITAL & NONRECURRING FUND BUDGET	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Requested 24/25	FY2025	
						Charge -Back General Fund	Against Other /State Grants
BOARD OF SELECTMEN							
BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOTAL	416,250	416,250	416,250	416,250	3,125,794	416,250	2,709,544
BOARD OF EDUCATION							
BOARD OF EDUCATION TOTAL	570,500	550,300	550,300	550,300	550,300	550,300	-
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING	986,750	966,550	966,550	966,550	3,676,094	966,550	2,709,544

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**FY 2025
Financing**

Memorial Pool Redesign	\$ 150,000	Cash	
Sidewalk Reconstruction	\$ 223,400	Bonds	
Town Hall Rooftop Units	\$ 275,000	Bonds	
Municipal Site and Safety Improvements (Town Hall)	\$ 460,000	Bonds	
Barn and Facility Repairs - Wolcott Road	\$ 275,000	Bonds	
Dam Evaluation & Repairs (Stoddard Dam Breach)	\$ 171,000	Bonds	
District Network Infrastructure	\$ 350,000	Bonds	
District Flooring Improvements	\$ 250,000	Bonds	
SHS - Auditorium & Amphitheater Improvements	\$ 400,000	Bonds	
Tootin Hills - Replace Roof	\$ 1,120,000	Bonds/Grants	
Public Works Truck Replacement and Plow	\$ 266,220	Cash	
Old Drake Hill Road Flower Bridge Rehabilitation - Supplemental	\$ 2,764,000	Bonds	**
Highway Pavement Management	\$ 1,600,000	Cash/Grants/Bonds	
Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center Bandshell Addition	\$ 2,782,881	Grants/Cash	**
Tariffville Connection - East Coast Greenway Gap Closure	\$ 450,000	Grants/Cash	
Sewer Replacement - Pine Hill - Supplemental	\$ 200,000	Sewer Use	
TOTAL PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	\$ 11,737,501		

** Pursuant to Section 406 of the Town Charter an appropriation amount in excess of two percent (2%) of the annual budget for the then current fiscal year shall be subject to an automatic referendum by all qualified voters of the Town of Simsbury.