

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
May 16, 2023

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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road, 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 18, 2023 and April 24, 2023, 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, 2024, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$31,679,397?"
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, 2024, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$81,576,437?"
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 Rental Properties, Simsbury Farms/Special Programs, Non-Public Schools, Debt Retirement/Capital and Capital Non-Recurring annual budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$17,149,930?"

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: Henry James Memorial School, rear gymnasium, 155 Firetown Road, 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 15, 2023. 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, 2022, 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 18, 2023 AND APRIL 24, 2023 TO BE SENT TO REFERENDUM

	Adopted	Proposed	Change	
	FY2023	FY 2024	Dollar	Percentage
Board of Selectmen	30,260,354	31,679,397	1,419,043	4.69%
Debt Service & Capital	7,670,099	7,806,810	136,711	1.78%
Board of Education	76,456,785	81,576,437	5,119,652	6.70%
Non-Public School	574,034	605,699	31,665	5.52%
Total Appropriations	114,961,272	121,668,343	6,707,071	5.83%
LESS ESTIMATED NON-CURRENT YEAR TAX REVENUES	16,772,998	17,154,066	381,068	2.27%
BALANCE TO BE RAISED	98,188,274	104,514,277	6,326,003	6.44%

	ACTUAL REVENUE	BUDGET REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	PROJECTED REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE
	2022	2023	12/31/2022	6/30/2023	2024
GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
Property Taxes - Prior Year & Interest & Liens	807,852	430,000	283,624	480,000	430,000
Intergovernmental Revenues & Payments in Lieu of Taxes	7,095,927	9,423,542	1,991,998	9,224,612	9,196,826
Investment Income	117,817	80,000	51,050	100,000	800,000
Charges for Goods & Services & Misc	2,163,421	1,866,496	1,013,304	1,852,848	1,798,290
Fines & Forfeitures	11,267	8,200	6,265	8,600	8,200
Rental of Town Owned Property	142,697	109,200	7,923	94,200	114,300
Licenses & Permits	858,739	740,050	533,617	742,050	740,050
Operating Transfers In (Belden Trust)	23,100	26,960	26,960	26,960	27,380
Operating Transfers In (Capital Project Funds)	364,329	330,717	330,717	330,717	281,187
Operating Transfers In (ARPA Fund)	-	3,757,833	3,757,833	3,757,833	3,757,833
Total General Fund Revenue Budget	11,585,149	16,772,998	8,003,291	16,617,820	17,154,066

	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2023 12/31/2022	FY 2023 6/30/2023	FY 2024 PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION					
General Government	1,519,775	1,321,350	1,048,240	1,574,226	1,610,484
Financial Services & Information Technology	1,222,795	1,578,001	910,995	1,536,281	1,763,382
Planning & Development	562,182	765,700	344,624	685,649	792,903
Public Safety	5,516,027	6,237,863	2,859,541	6,130,993	6,559,196
Public Works & Engineering	4,283,875	4,690,808	2,563,857	4,629,853	4,933,285
Health and Social Services	573,810	913,094	376,124	709,366	932,061
Parks and Recreation & Library	2,633,545	3,007,330	1,667,004	2,942,348	3,147,064
Fringe Benefits & Liability Insurance	6,582,964	7,229,726	5,566,032	7,014,873	7,838,101
Operating Transfers	743,695	4,516,482	4,531,528	4,516,481	4,102,921
Total Board of Selectmen Operating Budget	23,638,668	30,260,354	19,867,945	29,740,070	31,679,397
Debt Service/Capital	7,314,356	7,670,099	1,282,113	7,670,099	7,806,810
Education	75,094,456	77,030,819	35,126,699	77,030,820	82,182,136
Total General Fund Budget	106,047,480	114,961,272	56,276,757	114,440,989	121,668,343

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES	ACTUAL REVENUE FY 2022	BUDGET REVENUE FY 2023	ACTUAL REVENUE 12/31/2022	PROJECTED REVENUE 6/30/2023	ESTIMATED REVENUE FY 2024
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Total Water Pollution Control Fund	4,257,384	4,063,456	3,173,727	4,063,456	4,212,824
Residential Property Fund					
Rental of Town Owned Property	72,619	72,040	34,219	72,040	77,100
Simsbury Farms Complex					
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	2,447,251	2,299,843	1,558,345	2,480,742	2,548,091
Total Special Revenue Funds	6,777,254	6,435,339	4,766,291	6,616,238	6,838,015

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2023 12/31/2022	FY 2023 6/30/2023	FY 2024 PROPOSED
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Total Water Pollution Control Requests	4,262,847	4,341,139	2,927,661	4,259,504	5,771,930
Residential Property Fund					
Total Residential Properties	46,516	54,172	18,192	52,217	47,122
Simsbury Farms Complex					
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	2,014,713	2,218,036	1,467,996	2,334,501	2,918,369
Total Special Revenue Funds	6,324,076	6,613,347	4,413,849	6,646,222	8,737,421

FY2024 CAPITAL & NONRECURRING FUND BUDGET	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Requested 23/24	FY2024	
						Charge -Back General Fund	Against Other /State Grants
BOARD OF SELECTMEN							
BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOTAL	416,250	416,250	416,208	416,510	2,545,831	416,294	2,129,537
BOARD OF EDUCATION							
BOARD OF EDUCATION TOTAL	570,500	570,500	550,300	550,300	550,300	558,380	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING	986,750	986,750	966,508	966,810	3,096,131	974,674	2,129,537

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**FY 2024
Financing**

Old Drake Hill Road/Flower Bridge Repairs	\$ 1,989,000	Bonds
Sidewalk Reconstruction	\$ 223,400	Bonds
Refurbish Elevators	\$ 877,500	Bonds
District Security Improvements	\$ 250,000	Bonds
Tariffville School - Replace 1984 Modular Classrooms	\$ 500,000	Bonds
Golf Course Irrigation System Replacement	\$ 454,000	Cash
Public Works Truck Replacement and Plow	\$ 261,000	Cash
Eno Building Infrastructure	\$ 389,440	Cash/Bonds
Meadowood Barn Restoration	\$ 650,000	Cash/Grants
Highway Pavement Management	\$ 1,700,000	Cash/Grants/Bonds
Multi-Use Trail Connections and Development (Rt 10 to Curtiss Park)	\$ 873,000	Cash/Grants/Bonds
Bridge Improvements (Firetown Road and Barndoor Hills Rehab)	\$ 402,500	Grants
Bridge Improvements (Climax Road Bridge over Nod Brook)	\$ 372,000	Grants/Bonds
Primary Clarifier	\$ 1,000,000	Sewer Use
Sewer Replacement - Pine Hill	\$ 1,075,000	Sewer Use
Grit System Upgrade	\$ 250,000	Sewer Use
TOTAL PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	<u>\$ 11,266,840</u>	