



## **What to Expect for Town Meeting – April 24, 2021**

*A Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink (100 Old Farms Road) to consider the proposed resolution to acquire and fund the purchase of the property known as Meadowood.*

### **1) What is the purpose of this Town Meeting?**

The Town Meeting was called by the Board of Selectmen following a citizen petition regarding the proposed acquisition of the Meadowood property. The Town Meeting is a procedural step required by the Town Charter, and will allow all qualified voters of the Town of Simsbury the opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed acquisition.

**The vote on the Meadowood resolution will NOT be taken at Town Meeting.** The citizen petition process and the dollar value of the potential acquisition require this item to be sent to a vote at referendum. Following the Special Town Meeting, the proposed resolution will be sent to automatic referendum, anticipated for May 4<sup>th</sup>. For additional information on Meadowood, please see the materials presented at a prior [Board of Selectmen](#) and [Board of Finance](#) meeting.

### **2) Who can participate in the Town Meeting?**

This meeting is open to the public, but only those eligible to participate may provide comment. Those **eligible to participate** at the special Town meeting include electors defined as all Simsbury registered voters who are 18 years of age and a US Citizen and Voters as defined in CGS 7-6 as persons who own property valued at \$1,000 or more in the Town of Simsbury.

Speakers will be permitted three (3) minutes to provide their comments. Speakers will be required to provide their name and address.

### **3) What do I need to bring?**

- **Identification:** Similar to the budget referendum, electors and voters will be checked in upon entry and are required to bring a form of identification such as a license (click [here](#) for voter identification requirements).
- **Face mask:** Face coverings are required for attendance.
- **Seating:** A limited number of chairs will be available on the ice rink; please plan to bring your own seating. Attendees must maintain six feet of distance from others who are not in your household.
- **Dress for the weather!** This is an outdoor venue, selected due to the pandemic.

### **4) Arrive early**

The special Town Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. However, please leave yourself enough time to park, check-in, and arrange your seating.



**5) Where do I park?**

Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the ice rink. In the event that overflow parking is needed, attendees will be directed to park on the hill leading up to the Farms, or in the lot at the Apple Barn.

**6) Is the venue accessible to attendees who have limited mobility and/or hearing impairments?**

The ice rink is handicap accessible. Seating will be reserved at the front of the meeting space for individuals who are hearing impaired. Should any attendee require sign language interpretative services, please contact the Town Manager's Office at 860-658-3230 or [townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov) no later than Wednesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.

**7) I'm not an elector or voter of the Town of Simsbury. Can I attend the Special Town Meeting?**

Non-electors and non-voters can attend but are not permitted to participate. Guests will be permitted to view the meeting from a designated section of the ice rink.