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TOWN OF THOMPSON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – January 18, 2023
REFERENDUM – January 31, 2023

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Pursuant to Section 7-1, et. seq., of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, public notice and warning is hereby given to the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, that a Special Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Thompson Public Schools Auditorium 785 Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider a Resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$13,200,000 for costs related to the HVAC Project at Thompson Public Schools Building, contemplated to consist of new heating and cooling systems, HVAC units, boilers, dedicated outdoor systems and control systems. The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition, installation, site improvements, removal of materials and discarded equipment, permitting and environmental costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, switches, wiring, pipes, sensors, thermostats and other related equipment, architectural, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project and its financing, including the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Project. The Town Building Committee for the project shall determine the particulars and scope of the project and may reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates applying for and receiving a grant from the State Department of Education to defray a portion of the eligible costs of the Project, and no amount of the appropriation may be expended until the Town receives evidence of the State's approval of the grants for the project;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$13,200,000 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$13,200,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of project grants; and, to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the Resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and, to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes; and

(d) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept grants or loans to finance the appropriation for the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman, Treasurer, Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the project.

2. To consider a Resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$500,000 for costs related to exterior door replacement and other security improvements at Thompson Public Schools Building. The appropriation may be spent for the acquisition and installation of doors, equipment and materials, including, but not limited to doors, locks, hardware, alarms, identification systems, camera and video equipment, exterior lighting, door access controls, window replacement, and related equipment, consulting fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Building Committee for the project shall determine the particulars and scope of the project and may reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of project grants; and, to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the Resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and, to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes; and

(d) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept grants or loans to finance the appropriation for the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman, Treasurer, Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the project.

3. To consider a Resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$1,500,000 for costs related to the removal and replacement of the outdoor athletic track at Thompson Public Schools Building. The appropriation may be spent for the demolition of the existing track, removal and disposal of materials, design and planning costs, acquisition and installation of new track surface, repairs and improvements to surrounding grounds, consulting fees, engineering, planning, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Building Committee for the project shall determine the particulars and scope of the project and may reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of project grants; and, to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the Resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and, to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes; and

(d) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept grants or loans to finance the appropriation for the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman, Treasurer, Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the project.

4. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the resolution adopted at referendum held October 9, 1997 regarding the submission of non-budgetary appropriations to referendum, to adjourn said Special Town Meeting at its conclusion and to submit the Resolutions to be presented under items 1 through 3 of this notice to a referendum vote to be held on Tuesday January 31, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. Electors will vote at the following polling places:

District No. 1 — Thompson Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

District No. 2 — Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug

District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson

Persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors will vote at the Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Conference Room, Second Floor, Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Action on said items at the Town Meeting will be limited to reasonable discussion only.

The aforesaid Resolutions to be presented under items 1 through 3 of this notice will be presented to the voters under the following headings, respectively:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$13,200,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE HVAC PROJECT AT THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT AND OTHER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$1,500,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OUTDOOR ATHLETIC TRACK AT THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

Voters approving the Resolutions will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.”

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, Amy St. Onge at 7 p.m.

Motion was made by Suzanne Witkowski and seconded by Tyra Penn to nominate Francis McGarry as moderator.

Motion was made by John Rice and seconded by Jessica Bolte to close nominations.

Both motions passed.

Motion to adjourn made by David Poplawski and seconded by Heather Santos.

Motion passed.