

TOWN OF CHESHIRE EXPLANATORY TEXT
November 4, 2025 Referendum

The Cheshire Town Council, at its Special Meeting on August 25, 2025, pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter, adopted appropriations and borrowing resolutions in connection with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget and further voted, in accordance with the Town Charter, to submit certain appropriations to the electors of the Town of Cheshire for approval or disapproval at a referendum to be held in conjunction with the November 4, 2025 election between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., at the polling places listed below.

Pursuant to Sec. 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Council has authorized the Town Clerk to prepare, with the approval of the Town Attorney, explanatory text for each question on the ballot. The applicable explanatory text is set forth under each of the seven questions below. The explanatory text will be furnished to each applicant for an absentee ballot and will be made available for public distribution and at the polling places. The full texts of the resolutions, as approved by the Town Council, are available on the Town website at www.cheshirect.gov and on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410, during the Town's regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The appropriations and bond note authorizations to be voted on shall be placed on the ballots under the following ballot headings:

- 1. "Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$585,000 For The Construction Of A Splash Pad At The Cheshire Community Pool And Authorize The Use of \$150,000 In State Grant Funds And The Issue Of \$435,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received (Together, With Prior Approvals, Totaling \$1,450,000 In Appropriations, \$722,500 In Use Of Grants And \$727,500 In Bonds And Notes Authorized)?"**

If approved, this would appropriate \$585,000 for costs related to the construction of a splash pad at the Cheshire Community Pool. Of this appropriation, \$150,000 would be funded by a State legislative grant. Funds may be spent on acquisition, installation, construction, legal costs, net interest on borrowings, and other expenses related to the project. Said appropriation shall be in addition to prior aggregate appropriations in the amount of \$865,000 approved by the Town Council on various dates, thereby making the total project cost equal to \$1,450,000, of which \$722,500 would be grant funded.

- 2. "Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$1,500,000 For Acquisition Of Land For Open Space Conservation And Preservation Purposes And Authorize The Issue Of \$1,500,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

If approved, this would appropriate \$1,500,000 for costs related to the acquisition of land for permanent open space, conservation, and preservation purposes. Parcel(s) shall include woodlands, meadows, farmland, ridgeline, and watershed areas for permanent preservation. Funds may be spent on acquisition, development rights, easements, studies, appraisals, surveys, testing, grant application and management costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other related expenses.

- 3. "Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$1,100,000 For Replacement Of The Fire Alarm Control System At Cheshire High School And Authorize The Issue Of \$1,100,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

If approved, this would appropriate \$1,100,000 for costs related to the replacement of the fire alarm control system at Cheshire High School. The appropriation may be spent on acquisition, installation, related equipment and materials, design and consultant costs, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

- 4. "Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$800,000 For Replacement Of The Synthetic Turf Field At Cheshire High School And Authorize The Issue Of \$800,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

If approved, this would appropriate \$800,000 for costs related to the replacement of the synthetic turf field at Cheshire High School. The appropriation may be spent on design, engineering, construction, acquisition, installation, removal of prior field, related equipment and materials, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

- 5. "Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$800,000 For South Parking Lot Reconfiguration And Related Improvements At Cheshire High School And Authorize The Issue Of \$800,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?"**

If approved, this would appropriate \$800,000 for costs related to the south parking lot reconfiguration and related improvements at Cheshire High School consisting of stormwater management improvements, constructing a new loading dock configured to accommodate a new outdoor refrigeration unit with internal entry points, modifying vehicle access, and site work to reconfigure and repave the parking area and to provide a secondary means of egress. The appropriation may be spent for design, engineering, including post design underground and Geotech survey, demolition,

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construction, paving, acquisition of related equipment and materials, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

6. “Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$800,000 For The Road Improvement Program And Authorize The Issue Of \$800,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?”

If approved, this would appropriate \$800,000 for the Town’s ongoing road improvement program, including but not limited to road treatments such as restoration, milling and paving, chip seal, micro-seal, crack seal and other surface treatments. The appropriation may be spent on design, construction, equipment and materials, engineering, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

7. “Shall The Town Of Cheshire Appropriate \$1,100,000 For The Acquisition And Replacement Of A Fire Truck And Authorize The Issue Of \$1,100,000 Bonds And Notes To Finance The Appropriation, The Amount Of Such Bonds And Notes To Be Reduced By The Amount Of Project Grants Received?”

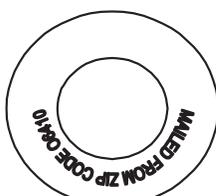
If approved, this would appropriate \$1,100,000 for costs related to the acquisition and replacement of a fire truck pumping engine, anticipated to consist of an engine or similar type truck to replace Engine #1. The appropriation may be spent on design, acquisition, equipment and outfitting, legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

POLLING LOCATIONS

<u>District 1</u> Cheshire High School 525 South Main Street	<u>District 2</u> Chapman School 38 Country Club Road	<u>District 3-1, 3-2</u> Former Artsplace 1220 Waterbury Road	<u>District 4</u> Norton School 414 North Brooksvale Road
<u>District 5</u> Doolittle School 735 Cornwall Avenue	<u>District 6-1, 6-2</u> Highland School 490 Highland Avenue	<u>District 7</u> Dodd Middle School 100 Park Place	

Central counting of absentee ballots will take place at the Town Hall, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT.

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