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## TOWN OF ELLINGTON NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2022 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – MARCH 1, 2022

A special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, will be held in the Auditorium at Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, Connecticut, on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and discuss a resolution,

(a) to appropriate, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, \$61,640,000 for costs related to various renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere Elementary School consisting of the demolition of a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include a portion of the north classroom wing and the entire south classroom wing, construction of a new addition, renovations to a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include the center classroom wing, a portion of the north classroom wing and existing assembly spaces, full roof replacement to the remaining portion of the structure, and various site improvements, anticipated to include lighting and parking lot improvements, and related work. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition, design, construction and installation costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, utilities, relocation costs, clerk of the works, architects' fees, engineering fees, consultants' fees, administrative costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Permanent Building Committee is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project including without limitation modifications to the site improvements to reflect any parcel reconfiguration, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates receiving an estimated \$34,125,000 grants from the State of Connecticut to fund in part the project appropriation;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$61,700,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to finance the project shall be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay project costs; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in amount not to exceed \$61,640,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes or the receipt of project grants; to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes and temporary notes; to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; to authorize a majority of the First Selectman and the Finance Officer 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 or notes and 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 authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes and temporary 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 or notes and temporary notes; and

(c) to designate the Permanent Building Committee to act as the school building committee for the project and authorize it to approve design and construction expenditures for the project; to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town to complete the project; and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project; to authorize the Board of Education to apply for and accept or reject state grants for the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Finance Officer, the Board of Education, the Permanent Building Committee, 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 or notes and temporary notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. To consider and discuss a resolution,

(a) to appropriate, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, \$3,047,000 for costs related to the acquisition of, installation of and improvements to lighting at various athletic facilities of the Town, including Ellington High School, Tedford Park and Pinney Street Fields. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition, design, construction and installation costs, equipment, materials, utilities, architects' fees, engineering fees, consultants' fees, administrative costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The First Selectman is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent 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 \$3,047,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to finance the project shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay project costs; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in amount not to exceed \$3,047,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes or the receipt of project grants; to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes and temporary notes; to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; to authorize a majority of the First Selectman and the Finance Officer 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 or notes and 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 authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes and temporary 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 or notes and temporary notes.

3. Pursuant to Sections 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and Sections 703 and 706 of the Town Charter, to adjourn said Town Meeting at its conclusion and to submit the resolution to be presented under items 1 and 2 of this Notice to referendum vote, which vote shall be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., in the manner provided by the Town Charter and said General Statutes. Electors and persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors will vote at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street in Ellington, Connecticut.

The aforesaid resolutions will be submitted to the voters under the following heading, respectively:

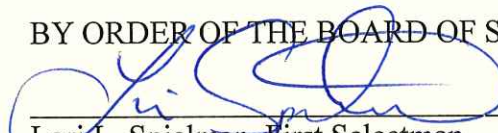
“SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$61,640,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, AND ADDITIONS TO WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT COST NOT PAID FROM GRANTS (AN ESTIMATED NET COST OF \$27,515,000)?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$3,047,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF, INSTALLATION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO LIGHTING AT VARIOUS ATHLETIC FACILITIES OF THE TOWN, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT COST NOT DEFRAID BY GRANTS OR OTHER FUNDS?”

Voters approving the resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.” Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office. Absentee ballots will be counted centrally in the Registrar’s Office at Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington.

Dated at Ellington, Connecticut, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman

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