TOWN OF STONINGTON NOTICE OF REFERENDUM/ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING MAY 16, 2023

The referendum for the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington on the first item of the warning of the Annual Town Budget meeting called for Monday, May 8, 2023 will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following voting places:

FIRST, FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT SECOND AND THIRD DISTRICT

Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington Former Pawcatuck Middle School, 40 Field St., Pawcatuck

The referendum will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Persons, noted electors of the Town of Stonington, being citizens of the United States, age 18 years or older, jointly or severally liable to the Town of Stonington for taxes on an assessment of not less than \$1000 on the last completed grand list, desiring to vote pursuant to the provision of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, shall vote in the First Voting District at the Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023.

The first item on the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for Monday, May 8, 2023 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

To appropriate sufficient sum or sums of money to carry on the various divisions of Town Government for the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, all of which have been approved and recommended by the Board of Finance to the extent of the amount appearing opposite each (a copy of the detailed budget is available to view in the Town Clerk's Office 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378 during normal business hours or online at www.stonington-ct.gov):

	Adopted	Proposed
	Fiscal 22/23	Fiscal 23/24
	Budget	Budget
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMAN	\$ 1,038,383	\$ 1,131,595
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	4,848,419	5,207,028
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENT	416,150	448,682
DEPT. OF FINANCE	2,184,553	1,812,920
DEBT SERVICE	7,729,306	7,614,625
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	572,003	613,890
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	7,745,820	8,578,298
DEPT. OF POLICE SERVICES	6,682,205	7,501,440
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	1,781,319	1,944,878
BOARD OF EDUCATION	38,984,553	41,641,074
SCHEDULE C:		
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	4,763,229	3,664,774
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 76,745,940	\$ 80,159,204
Percentage Increase Over Prior Year Budget:	4.94%	4.45%
Mil Rate:	23.66	17.45
Amount to be raised by taxes:	\$ 69,286,438	\$ 69,722,713

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 carries a 17.45 mil rate. Of the above budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$69,722,713.

"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$80,159,204 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023?"

Those voting in favor of said item will vote "YES", and those voting against said item will vote "NO".

The Monday, May 8, 2023 Annual Town Budget Meeting will then reconvene at Stonington Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 8:30 p.m. to consider and record the vote.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman

/s/ June D. Strunk, Selectwoman

/s/ Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman