



TOWN OF MANSFIELD

Explanatory Text

November 2, 2010 Referendum

Resolutions adopted by the Mansfield Town Council at its meeting held August 23, 2010 shall be submitted to referendum vote of electors of the Town and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors, **to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by the Mansfield Town Charter and Code of Ordinances, and the Connecticut General Statutes. The full texts of the resolutions as approved by the Town Council are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road in Storrs, during normal business hours.

Electors shall vote on the questions at their respective polling places. Voters who are not electors shall vote on the questions at the following polling place: Registrars of Voters Office, Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road in Storrs. Application for an absentee ballot should be made to the Town Clerk's office.

Question 1

“SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$1,040,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND OR INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES AND FOR CAPITAL MAINTENANCE TO FACILITIES ON LAND CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE TOWN OR TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?”

If approved at referendum, the resolution to be presented under the ballot heading above will appropriate \$1,040,000, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes to defray the appropriation, for costs related to: (1) the acquisition by the Town of one or more parcels of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses, or any combination thereof, after referral of any such proposed acquisition to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and approval by the Town Council following a public hearing held on not less than five days' published notice, and (2) capital maintenance to facilities on any parcel of land currently owned by the Town or acquired by the Town pursuant to this resolution for such uses, or any combination thereof, as to be determined by the Town Council, after referral of any such work to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The appropriation may be spent for survey fees, feasibility and planning studies related to potential acquisitions, design, construction, acquisition, installation, material and equipment costs related to such improvements and capital maintenance, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

Question 2

“SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$2,735,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE STONE MILL ROAD AND LAUREL LANE BRIDGES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO DEFRAY THE PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION NOT FUNDED FROM GRANTS?”

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If approved at referendum, the resolution to be presented under the ballot heading above will appropriate \$2,735,000 and authorize the issue of bonds and notes to defray the appropriation, for costs related to the design, construction and inspection of replacements to the Stone Mill Road bridge over the Fenton River and the Laurel Lane bridge over the Mount Hope River, and related work and improvements. The Town has received a commitment for Federal bridge project grants of eighty percent (80%) of the eligible project costs to defray in part the appropriation, an estimated \$2,351,736 in anticipated grants, and the amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The Town anticipates that the estimated net cost of the bridge projects funded by this appropriation will be approximately \$383,264. The appropriation may be spent for design, demolition, construction and inspection of construction costs, materials, engineering fees, survey fees, construction management costs, permits, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the projects. The appropriation is in addition to aggregate appropriations from the Town's Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund for the project in the amount of \$321,950, approved in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Prepared by Mary L. Stanton, Mansfield Town Clerk in accordance with C.G.S. § 9-369b

INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT

Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

**Voting District Locations
November 2, 2010**

District 1—Community Center
10 S. Eagleville Road

District 2—Fire Station 107
Stafford Road (Route 32)

District 3—Buchanan Auditorium at
Buchanan Center at
Mansfield Public Library
54 Warrenville Road (Route 89)

Information Session

An Information Session will be held on
the following Referendum Questions:

- \$1,040,000 Open Space and Improvements to Such Lands
- \$2,735,000 Stone Mill Road and Laurel Lane Bridge Replacement

Session: October 25, 2010
7:00 p.m. to 7:30p.m.
Council Chambers,
Beck Municipal Building