

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106**

QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TOWN

Bridgeport

1. *“Shall a one and thirty hundredths (1.30) mill tax be levied to operate a free public library and reading room?”*

Brookfield

1. *“Shall Charter Section C2-6 be amended to require that certain vacancies cannot be filled until at least 10 days after the date of the vacancy?”*
2. *“Shall Charter Section C8-5A be amended to increase the maximum amount for special appropriations under certain conditions from Ten (10%) Percent or \$20,000 whichever is greater, to Ten (10%) Percent or \$40,000, whichever is greater?”*
3. *“Shall Charter Section C10-2 be amended to clarify the powers and duties of the Board of Ethics?”*

Cheshire

1. *“Shall the \$400,000 appropriation and bond authorization for Cook Hill Pump Station rehabilitation be approved?”*
2. *“Shall the \$250,000 appropriation and bond authorization for lavatory improvements at Norton and Doolittle Schools be approved?”*
3. *“Shall the \$1,350,000 appropriation and bond authorization for infrastructure improvements for the Interchange Zone be approved?”*
4. *“Shall the \$1,313,000 appropriation and bond authorization for upgrade and expansion of Town and education public safety radio system be approved?”*
5. *“Shall the \$1,700,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the road repavement program be approved?”*
6. *“Shall the \$250,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the window replacement at Cheshire High School be approved?”*
7. *“Shall the proposed revised Town Charter be approved, exclusive of Town Clerk sections 2-2(b) and 6-14?”*
8. *“Shall Sections 2-2(b) and 6-14 changing the Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position be approved?”*

Clinton

1. *“Shall the Clinton Town Charter be amended to provide for contracting for the hiring of a Town Manager, and associated changes in the authorities and duties of the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen, and to eliminate the Board of Finance and associated changes as recommended in the final report of the Charter Revision Commission of June 20, 2017, as on file with the Town Clerk?”*
2. *“Shall the Clinton Town Charter be amended to provide for the hiring a Town Planner, as recommended in the final report of the Charter Revision Commission of June 20, 2017, as on file with the Town Clerk?”*
3. *“Shall additional provisions of the Clinton Town Charter be amended, other than as provided in question #1 and #2 above, all as recommended in the final report of the charter Revision Commission of June 20 2017 and as on file with the Town Clerk?”*

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Colchester

1. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to make grammatical, technical and other changes and clarifications?”*
2. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the terms of office of the position of First Selectman, and members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Assessment Appeals, to four year terms?”*
3. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to make changes to the annual budget meeting and update the approval of financial matters?”*
4. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to eliminate the position of an elected Town Treasurer and transfer the statutory duties of a Town Treasurer to the Town Department of Finance?”*
5. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the position of Tax Collector from an elected position to an appointed position?”*
6. *“Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position?”*

Cromwell

1. *“Shall the proposed Charter Amendments contained in the Charter Revision Commission’s Final Report which Report was accepted by the Town Council on July 12, 2017, be adopted?”*

East Hampton

1. *“Shall the Town of East Hampton appropriate \$18,981,000 for the acquisition of a parcel of land off of East High Street near its intersection with Lake Vista in East Hampton, and the construction thereon of a Town Hall and Police Station including Board of Education offices and a Community Room; and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation?”*

Ellington

1. *“Shall the Board of Library Directors be renamed to the Library Board of Trustees, as prescribed in State Statutes Chapter 190, Section 11-21?”*
2. *“Shall the regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals be prohibited from concurrently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission as prescribed in State Statutes Chapter 124, Section 8-5?”*
3. *“Shall the alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals be prohibited from concurrently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, as prescribed in State Statutes, Chapter 124, Section 8-5?”*
4. *“Shall the section creating the Senior Center Endowment Fund Committee be repealed?”*
5. *“Shall a section be created adding a permanent Design Review Board?”*
6. *“Shall a section be created adding a permanent Patriotic Committee?”*
7. *“Shall the wording of Section 917 be amended to strike language that the Board of Selectmen is to appoint a Fire Marshal within 30 days of the commencement of their term in office?”*

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- Ellington Cont'd.**
8. *“Shall language be added allowing the Fire Marshal to appoint and remove deputies, assistants, and employees in his or office, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen?”*
 9. *“Shall the minimum monetary amount that would require competitive bidding be increased from \$7,500 to \$25,000, as prescribed in State Statutes Chapter 98, Section 7-148v?”*
 10. *“Shall the Charter be amended to include corrections to spelling, syntax, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar that do not affect the meaning of the Charter?”*
- Enfield**
1. *“Shall the Town of Enfield appropriate \$95,000,000 for the expansion and renovation of the John F. Kennedy Middle School, and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$35,500,000 with the balance funded by grants and other available funds?”*
- Glastonbury**
1. *“Shall the Town of Glastonbury appropriate \$3,000,000 for the purchase of development rights and acquisition of land pursuant to ordinance establishing the town’s reserve for land acquisition and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”*
- Haddam**
1. *“Shall the Charter of the Town of Haddam be amended as proposed by the Haddam Charter Revision Commission in its July 19, 2017 final report and as approved by the Haddam Board of Selectmen on August 2, 2017?”*
- Manchester**
1. *“Shall the Town of Manchester appropriate \$13,000,000 to capital accounts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget for the purpose of applying the cost of reconstruction and repair of various town roads, roadside elements and sidewalks, repairs and improvements to town and school parking lots, repairs to Union Pond Dam and the dredging of and improvements to Center Springs Pond, and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the town or notes in anticipation of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 to finance said appropriation?”*
- Marlborough**
1. *“Shall the Marlborough Town Charter be amended to provide for an automatic referendum on the Annual Town Budget by machine voting from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm?”*
 2. *“Shall the Marlborough Town Charter be amended to provide for automatic Charter review intervals every ten years?”*
- Middletown**
1. *“Shall the \$87,350,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new Middle School to be located at the current Woodrow Wilson Middle School site on Hunting Hill Avenue including a minimum State reimbursement rate of 56.43% for the project, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the Common Council on July 3, 2017, be approved?”*
- Newington**
1. *“Shall the Town of Newington appropriate \$28,818,358 for the Town Hall and Community Center project and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”*

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Norwich

1. *“Shall the \$3,200,000 appropriation for the purchase of (i) an engine tanker for the East Great Plain Volunteer Fire Department, (ii) a rescue pumper and a large squad vehicle for the Taftville Volunteer Fire Department, (iii) a pumper for the Yantic Volunteer Fire Department, (iv) a pumper for the Laurel Hill Fire Department, and (v) any additional public safety equipment, including communications equipment, as later determined and approved by resolution of the City Council as may be accomplished within said appropriation, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the City Council on July 17, 2017, be approved?”*
2. *“Shall the \$5,000,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, acquisition and construction of the City of Norwich Infrastructure Improvement Program (2017), which consist of the improvement or new construction of roads, bridges and bridge structures, sidewalks, piers and wharves, and appurtenant areas throughout the City, as nay be accomplished within said appropriation, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the City Council on August 7, 2017, be approved?”*

Orange

1. *“Shall the Charter be amended to increase the terms of the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters and Constables from a two year term to a four year term, with terms to commence on the first Monday of December, or as otherwise provided by state statute, effective January 1, 2018?”*
2. *“Shall the Charter be amended to change the term of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission deferred position so that beginning with the 2023 biennial election three members shall have concurrent four year terms?”*
3. *“Shall the Charter be amended to modify the definition of “quorum of qualified electors or taxpayers at a town meeting” from “100” to “those present”?”*
4. *“Shall the Charter be amended to modify the need for town meeting action for the purchase and sale of real estate of the town or any interest therein for properties or interests with a value of \$500,000 or greater?”*
5. *“Shall the Charter be amended to require that all votes concerning the annual budget be sent to referendum?”*
6. *“Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that all ordinances be published in their entirety following passage and only require a publication of a notice of passage?”*
7. *“Shall the Charter be amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors, to delete outdated references and update other references?”*

Oxford

1. *“Shall the \$44,900,000 appropriation and bond issuance authorization (\$11.9 million is estimated to be paid from State Grants and \$33.0 million from the issuance of Town Bonds) for a new Town of Oxford Middle School, to be constructed on town owned land on Great Oak Road, as adopted by resolutions of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, be approved?”*

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Plymouth

1. *“Shall the appointment of an Assessor and the requirement for the Council to maintain a journal be changed in accordance with Items 1 and 2 of the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission and as approved by the Town Council?”*
2. *“Shall changes be made to the budget approval process so that the Council can approve a proposed budget with changes of not more than 3% in accordance with Item 3 of the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission and as approved by the Town Council?”*
3. *Shall all boards and commissions be required to include “Public Comment on Agenda Items” on their agendas, shall the Town Council be required to have “Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items” on all of its agendas and shall all boards or commissions be required to allow people to speak at meetings in accordance with Item 4 of the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission and as approved by the Town Council?”*
4. *“Shall a Charter Revision commission be established to consider a Town Manager form of government?”*

Putnam

1. *“Shall all proposed amendments as set forth in the final report of the Charter Revision Commission excluding modification of the terms of certain elected officials , be approved?”*
2. *“Shall the proposed revisions increasing the terms of certain elected officials from two years to four years, be approved?”*

Wallingford

1. *“Shall the revisions to the Wallingford Town Charter recommended by the Charter Revision Commission, and approved by the Wallingford Town Council on June 27, 2017, be adopted?”*

Windham

1. *“Shall the Town of Windham appropriate \$112,332,777 for the cost of the Windham High School Renovation Project, such project to include reconstruction and renovations as necessary and appropriate to the existing high school building to house the Windham High School as well as the Windham Early Childhood Center and Central Offices, including all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith, to purchase furniture and equipment, and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$112,332,777, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants and other sources, to finance the local share of such appropriation?”*

Wolcott

1. *“Shall the Town of Wolcott appropriate \$7,000,000 for the reconstruction and repair of various town roads, roadside elements and parking lots, the purchase of fire department breathing apparatus and related equipment, improvements to the senior center, and improvements to the Wolcott Public Schools and to authorize the issue of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 to finance said appropriation?”*