

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BALLOT EXPLANATORY TEXT

April 5, 2016 Referendum

*Prepared by Debbie Aurelia Halstead, Newtown Town Clerk
In accordance with C.G.S. 9-369b*

“Shall the \$14,550,000 special appropriation and \$5,000,000 bond authorization for the planning, design, and construction of a Newtown Community Center be approved?”

If approved at referendum, \$14,550,000 will be appropriated to plan, design, and construct a community center for the Town of Newtown. **Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of that amount is to be bonded as identified in the approved 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Plan.** The balance of the money comes from a \$10,000,000 grant to the Newtown community from the GE Corporation.

The project anticipates a facility of some 43,000 square feet comprised of two main features, including at least 13,000 sq ft of flexible, programmable space for general community use and an aquatics component with two pools, a lap pool of up to 50 meters and a zero-entry pool. The facility will be located on the Fairfield Hills Campus, adjacent to the NYA. Site work, parking and support features such as locker rooms, offices, and bathrooms are included in the project.

This resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Legislative Council is submitted to a referendum vote of electors of the Town and persons qualified to vote who are not electors to be held at the **Newtown Middle School located at 11 Queen Street on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Applications for absentee ballot should be made to the Office of the Town Clerk at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Ct.**

The full text of the resolution as prepared by Robinson & Cole and adopted by town government is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT.