

Explanatory Text prepared pursuant to CGS Sec.9-369b.

Question: "Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$3,700,000 for the planning, design, engineering, renovation, construction, and reconstruction for improvements to various buildings and bridges, be approved? YES _____ NO _____"

On May 4, 2014 the Town Council appointed the Energy & Building Efficiency Building Committee to research ways to reduce energy use into various town and school buildings. Through a bid process they hired BL Companies to provide engineering and architectural assistance. As their work continued they were also assigned responsibilities of looking into physical school security enhancements, Building Code concerns, American Disability Act Violations, and the conversion of heating system to connect to the new CT Natural Gas line. Many of their projects have been completed through other grants and funding sources. Some of their recommended work for George Hersey Robertson School (GHR) and Coventry Grammar School (CGS) remains for future consideration. Additionally, the Booth and Dimock Library building committee has been working on renovations and addition concepts but with the failure the full project referendum some of the replacements of mechanical systems for the current building were included with this package to allow bundling of similar work for bid purposes and avoid duplicate bonding expenses. Finally, the sudden partial failure of concrete on the Jones Crossing Road Bridge, and reduction to one lane, requires action before the bridge is entirely closed.

Project list	
<u>Code work/regulatory</u>	
1 Revise connecting fire doors at CHS	\$249,113
2 Remove oil/propane tanks at CHS, CNHS, GHR, CGS Library, Town Hall, School admin	
Install replacement tanks at GHR, CGS, Library	\$251,485
3 remove/replace asbestos flooring at CHS	\$157,542
Subtotal	\$658,140
<u>Energy/HVAC/Mechanical</u>	
4 Convert preschool electric rooftops units to gas	\$108,750
5 Boiler replacements at GHR, CGS, Library	\$390,000
6 Library Chiller replacement	\$75,000
7 CHS/CNHS complex	
unit ventilator replacement	\$522,500
exhaust and fresh air modifications	\$806,250
Café heating modifications	\$6,000
CHS front office HVAC modifications	\$23,125
Variable fan displacement	\$40,000
Gym air handling unit	\$100,000
Electric sub metering	\$13,500
8 Library elevator rebuild	\$24,500
Subtotal	\$2,109,625
<u>Jones Crossing Road bridge replacement</u>	
9 Replace culvert and road/intersection improvement	\$700,000
<u>Design fees for all projects</u>	\$157,235
<u>Bonding expenses</u>	\$75,000
Project total	\$3,700,000

As the projects list details (see sidebar) there are nine project categories. Some of the school code projects (oil tanks, fire doors and asbestos removal) are eligible to receive partial State aid currently estimated at 58.93% of cost. This could reduce the project costs by \$354,988. Working with IBIC, the Town's financial advisor, there would be no impact to the upcoming July FY 18/19 budget. They estimate that after State aid the net borrowing would have a .37 mil impact in FY 20 which should be entirely offset by a .72 mil reduction due to retirement of existing debt.

The foregoing question will be submitted to the legal voters of the Town for a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday May 8, 2018 during the hours between 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST); that the voting take place in the polling places established for voting districts #1 and #2, and that voters entitled to vote by reason of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, may vote at District #1. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law. The polling places are as follows:

District 1-Coventry Fire Association Station
1755 Main Street, Coventry

District 2- North Coventry Fire Department Station
3247 Main Street, Coventry