

Preliminary Official Statement Dated March 28, 2024

NEW MONEY ISSUE/REFUNDING ISSUE – Book-Entry-Only

MOODY'S RATING: (See "Ratings" herein)

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, rendered in reliance upon and assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the Town with certain representations and covenants relating to the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), under existing law, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax under the Code; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds and the Notes. (See "Tax Matters" herein.)

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

\$33,045,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: Serially, April 15, as shown herein

The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the "Town"), and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. (See "Security and Remedies" herein.)

The Bonds will bear interest payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15 in each year until maturity, commencing October 15, 2024.

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein. (See "Optional Redemption" herein.)

The Bonds are being offered for sale in accordance with an official Notice of Sale dated March 28, 2024. Electronic bids via *PARITY*[®] for the Bonds will be received until 11:30 A.M. (E.T.) on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the office of the Finance Director, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820, as described in the official Notice of Sale. (See "Appendix D-1" herein).

\$49,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Dated: April 25, 2024

Due: April 24, 2025

The Notes will be general obligations of the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the "Town"), and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes when due. (See "Security and Remedies" herein.)

Interest on the Notes will be payable at maturity.

The Notes are NOT subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes are being offered for sale in accordance with an official Notice of Sale dated March 28, 2024. Electronic bids via *PARITY*[®] for the Notes will be received until 11:00 A.M. (E.T.) on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the office of the Finance Director, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820, as described in the official Notice of Sale. (See "Appendix D-2" herein).

The Bonds and the Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry transfer system and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondowner or Noteowner, respectively, and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes. Ownership of the Bonds will be in the denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Ownership of the Notes will be in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds or the Notes. Principal and interest on the Bonds and the Notes will be payable by the Town or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds or the Notes. So long as Cede & Co. is the Bondowner or Noteowner, respectively, as nominee for DTC, reference herein to the Bondowner or owners or Noteowner or owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) of the Bonds or the Notes. (See "Book-Entry-Only Transfer System" herein.)

The certifying bank, registrar, transfer and paying agent for Bonds and the Notes will be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

The Bonds and the Notes are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to the final approving opinions of Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut, Bond Counsel. It is expected that delivery of Bonds and the Notes in book-entry form will be made on or about April 25, 2024.

* Preliminary, subject to change

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

\$33,045,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024 BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Dated: Date of Delivery

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Due: April 15, 2027-2044

Maturity	Amount*	Coupon	Yield	CUSIP (1)	Maturity	Amount*	Coupon	Yield	CUSIP (1)
2027	\$ 1,215,000	%	%	237217***	2036	\$ 1,860,000	%	%	237217***
2028	1,270,000			237217***	2037	1,935,000			237217***
2029	1,335,000			237217***	2038	2,010,000			237217***
2030	1,400,000			237217***	2039	2,095,000			237217***
2031	1,470,000			237217***	2040	2,175,000			237217***
2032	1,545,000			237217***	2041	2,265,000			237217***
2033	1,625,000			237217***	2042	2,355,000			237217***
2034	1,705,000			237217***	2043	2,450,000			237217***
2035	1,790,000			237217***	2044	2,545,000			237217***

* Preliminary, subject to change. See Appendix D-1, Notice of Sale herein.

\$49,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Dated: April 25, 2024

Due: April 24, 2025

Amount	Coupon	Yield	CUSIP (1)
\$ 49,000,000	%	%	237217***

- (1) CUSIP® is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein are provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems, Inc., which is not affiliated with the Town, and are included solely for the convenience of the holders of the Bonds and the Notes. The Town is not responsible for the selection or use of these CUSIP numbers, does not undertake any responsibility for their accuracy, and makes no representation as to their correctness on the Bonds and the Notes or as indicated above. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds and the Notes as a result of various subsequent actions including, but not limited to, a refunding in whole or in part of such maturity or as a result of the procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of certain maturities of the Bonds and the Notes.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Town to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement or any supplement which may be issued hereto; and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Town. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds and the Notes by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Town and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds and the Notes. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates are not intended to be representations of fact, and no representation is made that any such opinion or estimate will be realized. The presentation of information in this Official Statement is intended to show recent historic trends and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in financial or other positions of the Town. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by financial or other information herein, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds and the Notes shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no material change in the affairs of the Town since the date of the Official Statement.

The information, estimates and expressions of opinion in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice.

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of statutes, charters, or other laws and acts and proceedings of the Town contained herein do not purport to be complete, are subject to repeal or amendment, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such laws and the original official documents. All references to the Bonds and the Notes and the proceedings of the Town relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds and the Notes and such proceedings.

The independent auditors for the Town are not passing upon and do not assume responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the financial information presented in this Official Statement (other than matters expressly set forth in Appendix A, "Audited Financial Statements" herein), and make no representation that it has independently verified the same. The auditors have not been engaged nor performed audit procedures regarding the post audit period. The auditors have not provided their written consent to use their Independent Auditors' Report.

Bond Counsel is not passing upon and does not assume responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the statements made or financial information presented in this Official Statement (other than matters expressly set forth as its opinion in Appendices B-1 and B-2 "Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel – the Bonds" and "Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel – the Notes", respectively, herein) and makes no representation that it has independently verified the same.

The Town deems this Official Statement to be "final" for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but is subject to revision or amendment.

Any references to website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader's convenience. Unless specified otherwise, any such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

This Official Statement may include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "may," "believe," "could," "might," "possible," "potential," "project," "will," "should," "expect," "intend," "plan," "predict," "anticipate," "estimate," "approximate," "contemplate," "continue," "target," "goal" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the Town up to the date as of which such statements are to be made, or otherwise up to, and including, the date of this document, and the Town assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof or after the date of any report containing such forward-looking statement, as applicable. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain important factors, including, but not limited to (i) the effect of and from, future municipal, state and federal budgetary matters, including state and federal grants and other forms of financial aid to the Town; (ii) federal tax policy, including the deductibility of state and local taxes for federal tax purposes; (iii) macroeconomic economic and business developments, both for the country as a whole and particularly affecting the Town; (iv) financial services industry developments; (v) litigation or arbitration; (vi) climate and weather related developments, natural disasters and other acts of God; (vii) factors used in estimating future obligations of the Town; (viii) the effects of epidemics and pandemics, including economic effects; (ix) foreign hostilities or wars; (x) foreign or domestic terrorism or domestic violent extremism; and (xi) other factors contained in this Official Statement.

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THE BOND ISSUE SUMMARY

The information in this Bond Issue Summary, the front cover page and inside cover page is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date and the information herein is subject to change.

Date of Sale:	Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 11:30 AM (Eastern Time).
Location of Sale:	At the office of the Finance Director, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820.
Issuer:	Town of Darien, Connecticut (the "Town").
Issue:	\$33,045,000* General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024 (the "Bonds").
Dated Date:	Date of Delivery, April 25, 2024.
Interest Due:	April 15 and October 15 in each year until maturity, commencing October 15, 2024.
Principal Due:	Serially, April 15, 2027 through 2044, as detailed in this Official Statement.
Purpose and Authority:	The Bonds are being issued to finance capital projects undertaken by the Town pursuant to certain bond resolutions authorized by the Representative Town Meeting, and to permanently finance outstanding notes that are coming due. See "Authorization and Purpose" herein.
Redemption:	The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See "Optional Redemption" herein.
Security:	The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.
Credit Rating:	The Bonds have been rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). The rating on the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds is currently "Aaa" by Moody's. See "Ratings" herein.
Tax Status:	See "Section I – Tax Matters" herein.
Bank Qualification:	The Bonds shall not be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense incurred to carry the Bonds.
Continuing Disclosure:	In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Town will agree to provide, or cause to be provided, (i) annual financial information and operating data, (ii) notices of certain events within ten (10) business days of occurrence of such events and (iii) timely notice of a failure to provide the required financial information by the date specified pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the Town in substantially the form attached as Appendix C-1 to this Official Statement.
Registrar, Transfer Agent, Certifying Agent and Paying Agent:	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Corporate Trust Services, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27 th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
Legal Opinion:	Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut will act as Bond Counsel.
Delivery and Payment:	It is expected that delivery of the Bonds in book-entry-only form will be made to The Depository Trust Company on or about April 25, 2024 against payment in Federal Funds .
Issuer Official:	Questions regarding the Town and this Official Statement should be directed to Jennifer A. Charneski, Finance Director, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820 – Telephone (203) 656-7334.
Municipal Advisor:	Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, attention: Mr. Mark N. Chapman, Managing Director, Telephone: (203) 421-2087.

* Preliminary, subject to change

THE NOTE ISSUE SUMMARY

The information in this Note Issue Summary, the front cover page and inside cover page is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date and the information herein is subject to change.

Date of Sale:	Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 11:00 AM (Eastern Time).
Location of Sale:	At the office of the Finance Director, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820.
Issuer:	Town of Darien, Connecticut (the "Town").
Issue:	\$49,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes").
Dated Date:	Date of Delivery, April 25, 2024.
Interest Due:	At maturity, April 24, 2025.
Principal Due:	At maturity, April 24, 2025.
Purpose and Authority:	The Notes are being issued to renew outstanding notes that were issued to finance the acquisition of Great Island in the Town pursuant to a bond resolution authorized by the Representative Town Meeting. See "Authorization and Purpose" herein.
Redemption:	The Notes are NOT subject to redemption prior to maturity.
Security:	The Notes will be general obligations of the Town and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes when due.
Credit Rating:	The Notes have been rated "MIG 1" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). The rating on the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds is currently "Aaa" by Moody's. See "Ratings" herein.
Tax Status:	See "Section I – Tax Matters" herein.
Bank Qualification:	The Notes shall not be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense incurred to carry the Notes.
Continuing Disclosure:	In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Town will agree to provide or cause to be provided, notices of certain events within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of such events pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the Town substantially in the form attached as Appendix C-2 to this Official Statement.
Registrar, Transfer Agent, Certifying Agent and Paying Agent:	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Corporate Trust Services, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27 th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
Legal Opinion:	Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut will act as Bond Counsel.
Delivery and Payment:	It is expected that delivery of the Notes in book-entry-only form will be made to The Depository Trust Company on or about April 25, 2024 against payment in Federal Funds .
Issuer Official:	Questions regarding the Town and this Official Statement should be directed to Jennifer A. Charneski, Finance Director, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820 – Telephone (203) 656-7334.
Municipal Advisor:	Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, attention: Mr. Mark N. Chapman, Managing Director, Telephone: (203) 421-2087.

I. SECURITIES OFFERED

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, including the cover page, inside cover page and appendices, has been prepared by the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the "Town") with assistance from its Municipal Advisor in connection with the sale of the Town's \$33,045,000* General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024 (the "Bonds") and \$49,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes").

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of statutes, charters, or other laws and acts and proceedings of the Town contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the original official documents; and all references to the Bonds and the Notes and the proceedings of the Town relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds and the Notes and such proceedings.

The presentation of information is intended to show recent historical trends and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial or other positions of the Town. Except for information expressly attributed to other sources, all financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the Town.

Bond Counsel is not passing upon and does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of the statements made in this Official Statement (other than matters expressly set forth in their opinions in Appendices B-1 and B-2) and they make no representation that they have independently verified the same.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and will mature in annual installments on April 15 in each of the years and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside covers of this Official Statement. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and will be payable April 15 and October 15 in year until maturity, commencing October 15, 2024 and will be payable to the registered owner of the Bonds as of the last business day of March and September in each year.

A book-entry system will be employed evidencing ownership of the Bonds with transfers of ownership effected on the records of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. (See "Book-Entry Transfer System" herein). The Certifying, Registrar, Transfer and Paying Agent will be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Hartford, Connecticut, 06103. The legal opinion on the Bonds will be rendered by Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut. (See "Appendix B-1" herein). The Bonds shall NOT be designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Bonds. **The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. (See "Optional Redemption" herein).**

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The Bonds maturing on or before April 15, 2031 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on April 15, 2032 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Town, on or after April 15, 2031, at any time, in whole or in part, and by lot within a maturity, in such amounts and in such order of maturity as the Town may determine at the following redemption price (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed) plus accrued interest to the redemption date:

<u>Redemption Dates</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
April 15, 2031 and thereafter	100%

* Preliminary, subject to change

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Town or its agent by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail at least thirty days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of the Bonds designated for redemption in whole or in part at the address of such registered owner as the same shall last appear on the registration books for the Bonds. Failure to give such notice by mailing to any registered owner, or any defect therein, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of any other Bonds. Upon the giving of such notice, if such funds available solely for redemption are on deposit with the Paying Agent, the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date.

If less than all the Bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the Town in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, each Bond shall be considered as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$5,000.

The Town, so long as a book-entry system is used for the Bonds being called for redemption, will send any notice of redemption only to DTC (or a successor securities depository) or its nominee. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant or of any DTC Participant or Indirect Participant to notify any Indirect Participant or Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bonds called for redemption. Redemption of portions of the Bonds of any maturity by the Town will reduce the outstanding principal amount of Bonds held by DTC. In such event it is the current practice of DTC to allocate by lot, through its book-entry system, among the interest held by DTC Participants in the Bonds to be redeemed, the interest to be reduced by such redemptions in accordance with its own rules or other agreements with DTC Participants. The DTC Participants and Indirect Participants may allocate reductions of the interests in the Bonds to be redeemed held by the Beneficial Owners. Any such allocation of interests in the Bonds to be redeemed will not be governed by the determination of the Town authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and will not be conducted by the Town, the Registrar or Paying Agent.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The Notes will be dated the date of delivery and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum shown on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Notes will be payable as to both principal and interest at maturity. The Notes will be issued as fully registered notes in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

A book-entry system will be employed evidencing ownership of the Notes with transfers of ownership effected on the records of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. (See "Book-Entry Transfer System" herein). The Certifying, Registrar, Transfer and Paying Agent will be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Hartford, Connecticut, 06103. The legal opinion on the Notes will be rendered by Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut. (See "Appendix B-2" herein). The Notes shall **NOT** be designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Notes. **The Notes are NOT subject to redemption prior to maturity.**

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

The Bonds and the Notes are issued pursuant to Title 7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, the Charter of the Town of Darien, and bond resolutions adopted by the Representative Town Meeting. The Bond and Note proceeds will be used to finance the following projects:

Projects	Amount of Total Authorization	Previously Bonded	Notes Outstanding	Additions / (Reductions)	The Bonds (This Issue)	The Notes (This Issue)
Various Town and Schools Capital Improvements.....	\$ 1,015,000	\$ 697,539	\$ 145,008	\$ 54,484	\$ 199,492	* \$ -
2021 - Sidewalk Repair & Replacement.....	762,000	98,877	-	663,123	663,123	* -
2022 - Sidewalk Repair & Replacement.....	752,350	-	-	86,877	86,877	* -
Darien High School Track & Jump Areas.....	817,970	-	-	815,960	815,960	* -
Great Island Land Acquisition.....	103,465,000	42,770,000	49,000,000	-	-	49,000,000
Hindley Elementary School Renovations.....	33,479,045	274,971	7,577,482	2,674,602	10,252,084	* -
Holmes Elementary School Renovations.....	34,003,800	-	7,755,000	2,569,377	10,324,377	* -
Royle Elementary School Renovations.....	34,007,890	-	7,903,660	2,477,798	10,381,458	* -
Hanson Road Bridge Project.....	169,530	-	33,850	135,150	169,000	* -
Darien Fire Department Heavy Rescue.....	2,006,000	-	-	152,629	152,629	* -
Total.....	<u>\$ 208,472,585</u>	<u>\$ 43,841,387</u>	<u>\$ 72,415,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,477,371</u>	<u>\$ 33,045,000</u>	<u>* \$ 49,000,000</u>

* Preliminary, subject to change

RATINGS

The Bonds have been rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). The Notes have been rated "MIG 1" by Moody's. The rating on the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds has recently been affirmed as "Aaa" by Moody's. Such rating reflects only the views of such organization and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if, in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. A revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an effect on the market price of the Town's bonds or notes, including the Bonds and the Notes.

TAX MATTERS

Federal Taxes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law, (i) interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Bonds and Notes will be rendered in reliance upon and assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the Town with its representations and covenants relating to certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The Code and regulations promulgated thereunder establish certain requirements which must be satisfied at and subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and Notes in order that interest on the Bonds and Notes be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds and Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds and Notes irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs. In the Tax Regulatory Agreement, which will be delivered concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds and Notes, the Town will covenant to comply with certain provisions of the Code and will make certain representations designed to assure compliance with such requirements of the Code including, but not limited to, investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of the Bonds and Notes proceeds and certain other matters. The opinion of Bond Counsel delivered on the date of issuance of the Bonds and Notes is conditioned upon compliance by the Town with such requirements.

No other opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel regarding the federal tax consequences of the ownership of, or the receipt or accrual of interest on, the Bonds and Notes.

Original Issue Discount. The initial public offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds may be less than the stated principal amount (the "OID Bonds"). Under existing law, the difference between the stated principal amount and the initial offering price of each maturity of the OID Bonds will constitute original issue discount. The offering prices relating to the yields set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement for such OID Bonds are expected to be the initial offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of the OID Bonds are sold. Under existing law, original issue discount on the OID Bonds accrued and properly allocable to the owners thereof under the Code is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes if interest on the OID Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Under the Code, for purposes of determining an owner's adjusted basis in an OID Bond purchased at an original issue discount, original issue discount is treated as having accrued while the owner holds such OID Bond and will be added to the owner's basis. The owner's adjusted basis will be used to determine taxable gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition (including redemption or payment at maturity) of such an OID Bond.

Prospective purchasers of OID Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the calculation of accrued original issue discount, the accrual of original issue discount in the case of owners of OID Bonds purchasing such OID Bonds after the initial offering and sale, and the state and local tax consequences of owning or disposing of such OID Bonds.

Original Issue Premium. The initial public offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds and Notes may be more than their stated principal amounts payable at maturity (the "OIP Bonds and Notes"). In general, an owner who purchases an OIP Bonds and Notes must amortize the original issue premium as provided in the applicable Treasury Regulations, and amortized premium reduces the owner's basis in the OIP Bonds and Notes for federal income tax purposes. Prospective purchasers of OIP Bonds and Notes at a premium to its principal amount should consult their tax advisors regarding the amortization of premium and its effect upon basis.

Other Federal Tax Matters. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds and Notes should be aware that ownership of the Bonds and Notes may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Bond Counsel does not express any opinion regarding such collateral tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds and Notes should consult their tax advisors regarding collateral federal income tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds and Notes may also wish to consult with their tax advisors with respect to the need to furnish certain taxpayer information in order to avoid backup withholding.

State Taxes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

Interest on the Bonds and Notes is included in gross income for purposes of the Connecticut corporation business tax.

Accrued original issue discount on an OID Bond is also excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

Owners of the Bonds and Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for state and local income tax purposes of original issue discount or original issue premium accrued upon sale or redemption thereof, and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning or disposing of such Bonds and Notes.

Changes in Federal and State Tax Law. Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment of obligations such as the Bonds and Notes. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the issuance of the Bonds and Notes will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest on the Bonds and Notes or the market value or marketability of the Bonds and Notes. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax), or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds and Notes from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

Investors in the Bonds and Notes should be aware that future legislative actions may increase, reduce or otherwise change (including retroactively) the financial benefits and the treatment of all or a portion of the interest on the Bonds and Notes for federal income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers. In all such events, the market value of the Bonds and Notes may be adversely affected and the ability of holders to sell their Bonds and Notes in the secondary market may be reduced. The Bonds and Notes are not subject to special mandatory redemption, and the interest rates on the Bonds and Notes are not subject to adjustment, in the event of any such change in the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds and Notes.

General. The opinion of Bond Counsel is rendered as of its date, and Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to its attention or any changes in law that may occur after the date of its opinion. Bond Counsel's opinion is based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on factual representations made to Bond Counsel as of the date of issuance. Moreover, Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a particular result, and is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts; rather, such opinion represents Bond Counsel's professional judgment based on its review of existing law, and in reliance on the representations and covenants that it deems relevant to such opinion.

The discussion above does not purport to deal with all aspects of federal or state or local taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of the Bonds and Notes. Prospective owners of the Bonds and Notes, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal, state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds and Notes.

SECURITY AND REMEDIES

The Bonds and Notes will be general obligations of the Town and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes when due.

Unless paid from other sources, the Bonds and the Notes are payable from the general property tax revenues of the Town. The Town has the power under Connecticut General Statutes to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Town without limit as to rate or amount, except as to certain classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income taxable at limited amounts. There was, however, no such certified forest land on the last completed grand list of the Town. Under existing statutes the State of Connecticut is obligated to pay to the Town the amount of tax revenue which the Town would have received except for the limitation upon its power to tax such dwelling houses.

Payment of the Bonds and the Notes is not limited to property tax revenues or any other revenue source, but certain revenues of the Town may be restricted as to use and therefore may not be available to pay debt service on the Bonds and the Notes.

There are no statutory provisions for priorities in the payment of general obligations of the Town. There are no statutory provisions for a lien on any portion of the tax levy or other revenues to secure the Bonds and the Notes, or judgments thereon, in priority to other claims.

The Town is subject to suit on its general obligation bonds and notes, and a court of competent jurisdiction has the power in appropriate proceedings to render a judgment against the Town. A court of competent jurisdiction also has the power in appropriate proceedings to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefore or, in the absence thereof, to order the Town to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising their discretion as to whether to enter such an order, the courts may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the Town and the availability and adequacy of other remedies.

Enforcement of a claim for payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds and the Notes would also be subject to the applicable provisions of federal bankruptcy laws as well as other bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and to the exercise of judicial discretion. Section 7-566 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that no Connecticut municipality shall file a petition in bankruptcy without the express prior written consent of the Governor. This prohibition applies to any town, city, borough, metropolitan district and any other political subdivision of the State having the power to levy taxes and issue bonds or other obligations.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY TRANSFER SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") of New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Notes, unless directed otherwise by the purchaser of the Bonds and the Notes. The Bonds and the Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Note certificate will be issued for each interest rate of the Bonds and the Notes and will be deposited with DTC.

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DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its registered subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the Bonds and the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds and the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond and Note ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds and the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds and the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds and the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds and Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds and the Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee does not affect any change in the beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and the Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds and Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds and Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds and the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bonds and the Note documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds and Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds and the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds and the Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Town as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds and the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on, and redemption premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds and the Notes will be made to Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Town or the Paying Agent on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, nor its nominee, the Paying Agent, or the Town subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest, and redemption premium, if any, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Town or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds and the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Town or its agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, bond and note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Town may decide to discontinue the use of the system of the book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, bond and note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Town believes to be reliable but the Town takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

REPLACEMENT BONDS AND NOTES

The Town will provide for the issuance of fully-registered Bonds and Notes directly to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and the Notes or their nominees in the event that: (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes, and the Town fails to identify another qualified securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes to replace DTC; or (b) the Town determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds and the Notes. A Beneficial Owner of the Bonds and the Notes, upon registration of certificates held in such Beneficial Owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Bonds and the Notes.

DTC PRACTICES

The Town can make no assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or other nominees of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and the Notes will act in a manner described in this Official Statement. DTC is required to act according to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

QUALIFICATION FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Bonds and the Notes shall NOT be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Bonds and the Notes.

AVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

The Town will enter into Continuing Disclosure Agreements with respect to the Bonds and the Notes, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Appendices C-1 and C-2 to this Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreements"), to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12, (i) annual financial information and operating data with respect to the Bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain events within 10 business days after the occurrence of such events with respect to the Bonds and the Notes; and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Town to provide the required annual financial information with respect to the Bonds.

The Town has previously undertaken in continuing disclosure agreements entered into for the benefit of holders of certain of its general obligation bonds and notes to provide certain annual financial information and event notices pursuant to Rule 15c2-12(b)(5). In the past five (5) years, the Town has not failed to comply, in all material respects, with any of its undertakings under such agreements.

THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND FUTURE PANDEMICS

On January 30, 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. On March 10, 2020, Governor Lamont declared a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut (the “State”) and took steps to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19. As of May 11, 2023, the federal and State public health emergency declarations have been terminated.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “Rescue Plan”) that provided various forms of financial assistance and other relief to state and local governments. The Town received \$6.4 million from the Rescue Plan. The Town has developed a plan for the use of such funds that focuses on improvements to recreation amenities, infrastructure improvements, and human services needs that comply with the program eligibility criteria.

For up-to-date information concerning the State’s actions in response to COVID-19, see <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>. Neither the Town, nor the parties involved with the issuance of the Notes, has reviewed the information provided by the State on its website and such parties take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

To date, the COVID-19 outbreak has had no material adverse effect on the finances of the Town.

Pandemics, epidemics and other public health emergencies, may adversely impact the Town and its revenues, expenses and financial condition. The Town cannot predict the duration and extent of such pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies, or quantify the magnitude of their ultimate impact on the State and regional economy, or on the revenues and expenses of the Town. Pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies may be ongoing, and their dynamic nature may lead to many uncertainties, including (i) the geographic spread as they evolve; (ii) the severity as they mutate; (iii) the duration of the outbreak; (iv) actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain or mitigate future outbreaks; (v) the development of medical therapeutics or vaccinations; (vi) travel restrictions; (vii) the impact of the outbreak on the local, State or global economy; (viii) whether and to what extent the State Governor may order additional public health measures; and (ix) the impact of the outbreak and actions taken in response to the outbreak on Town revenues, expenses and financial condition.

Prospective investors should assume that restrictions and limitations related to COVID-19 and any future variants or pandemics may be instituted by the State or federal government.

CYBERSECURITY

The Town like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. The Town and its departments face cyber threats from time to time, including but not limited to hacking, viruses, malware, phishing, and other attacks on computers and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the Town invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operational controls, including a comprehensive policy relating to the security of the Town’s government networks. No assurances can be given, however, that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard against cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could impact business operations and/or damage the Town’s digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Numerous scientific studies have detailed changing global weather patterns and the potential for increasing extreme weather events across the world. Like much of Connecticut, the Town is vulnerable to coastal, inland wetland, small river and stream flooding. Furthermore, the Town faces other threats due to climate change, including damaging wind that could become more severe and frequent. The Town has a very active program of tree inspections and removals, in coordination with the Town’s electrical utility provider. The Town cannot predict the timing, extent or severity of climate change and its impact on its operations and finances.

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II. THE ISSUER



DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN

The Town, first settled as the parish of Middlesex, was incorporated and separated from Stamford in May 1820 as Connecticut's 122nd town. Covering an area of 14.9 square miles, Darien is located in lower Fairfield County on Long Island Sound. It is located between Stamford and Norwalk and bordered to the north by New Canaan.

The Town is less than one hour from New York City by highway or rail transportation. It is served by the Connecticut I-95, U.S. Route 1, Boston Post Road and the Merritt Parkway to the North. Darien is on the main line of the Metro North Commuter Railroad, which provides convenient and fast commuter service to New York City from two high-level platform stations, one in Darien and one in Noroton Heights.

The Town, located in one of the highest per capita income areas of the United States, is a high quality suburban residential community with modern commercial and executive research office buildings. According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, the median family income was in excess of \$250,000 and the per capita income was \$116,564. A great number of the Town's residents are executives, professional, technical and managerial people employed in New York City and at the industrial and corporate headquarters of nationally known firms located in surrounding Fairfield County communities.

Despite its proximity to the larger retail centers of New York City, Stamford and Norwalk, Darien continues to be an active retail community. Its major retail areas are the many attractive and unique specialty shops along the Boston Post Road, easily accessible to I-95, the Goodwives Shopping Plaza and the recently opened Darien Commons. A section of the Boston Post Road area and the Noroton Heights Shopping Center are currently being redeveloped to include retail, commercial space and apartments. Banking institutions located in Darien include Citibank, HSBC, Bank of America, TD Bank, Darien Rowayton Bank, M&T Bank and Webster Bank.

The Town established the Planning and Zoning Commission in 1926, which has placed great importance on sound town planning. Its first Town Plan of Development (the “Town Plan”) was adopted in 1954 and was subsequently updated in 1967, 1984, 1996, 2006 and most recently in 2016. In recent years, Darien has witnessed significant changes in the use of its land, the composition of its population, and the economic function of the southwestern Connecticut/Fairfield County region. The Planning and Zoning Commission is using the 2016 Town Plan to implement the policies over the next ten-year period. A Vision Statement, prepared by the Board of Selectmen, notes that the Town Plan must balance growth and development with preservation and protection of the existing ecosystem. It goes on to state that the Town must adopt and implement high quality public policies promoting long-term growth, development and infrastructure improvements.

It is expected that population growth in Darien will continue to be gradual due to the limited amount of vacant land available for development. Over the next few years, much of the commercial and residential grand list growth will be a result of mixed-use redevelopment in downtown Darien and in the Noroton Heights commercial area and will be implemented by private developers. These projects are currently underway. Much of the new development in the single-family residential areas of the community will continue to consist of teardowns of existing single-family residences and the construction of new, replacement single-family residences in their place. The values of such new replacement single-family residences exceed a million dollars in nearly every instance, with waterfront properties generally continuing to be some of the highest-valued properties in Town.

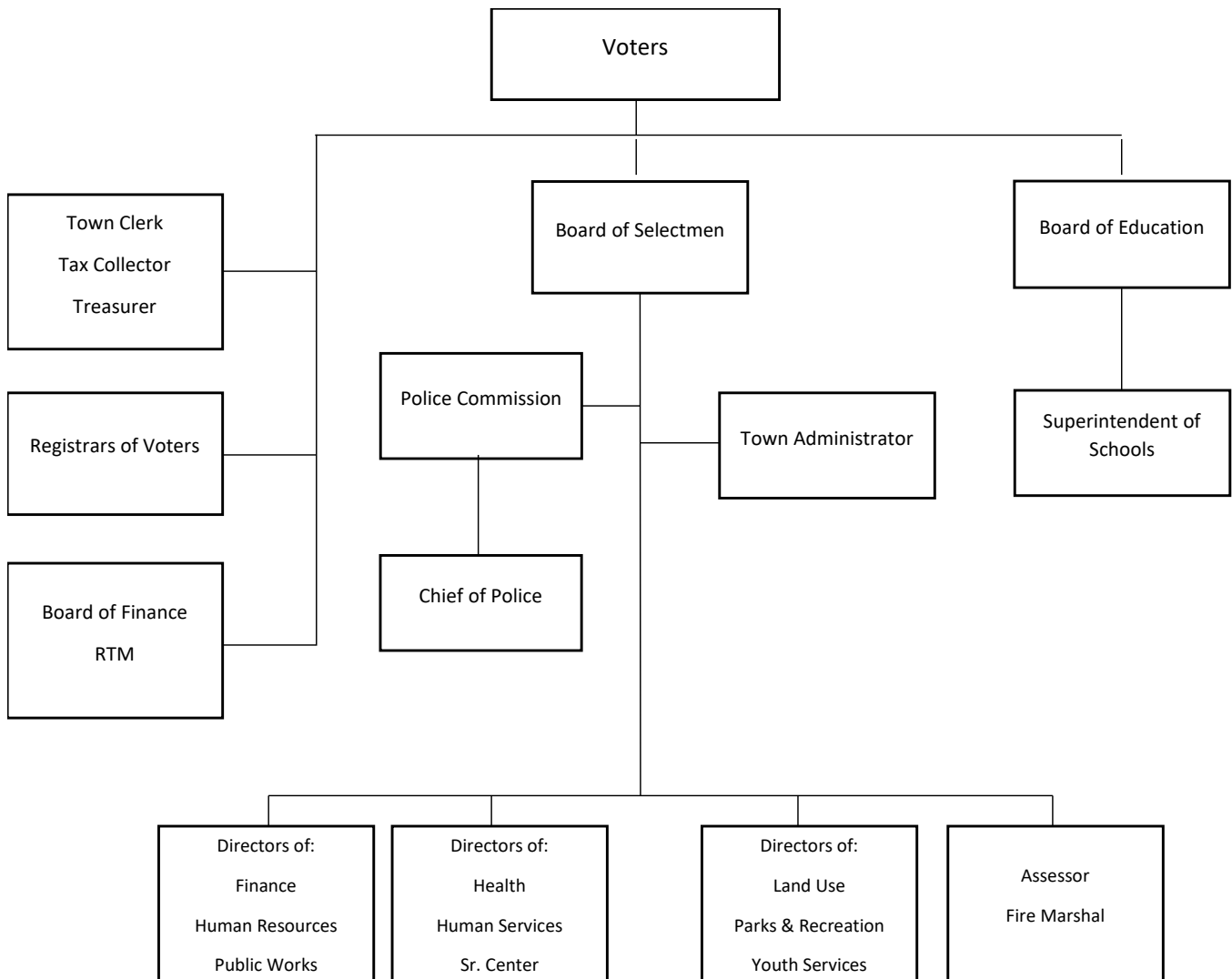
The Town is located in one of the most attractive suburban regions of the country. Its natural beauty, attractive Long Island Sound setting, water recreational opportunities, and closeness to the New York metropolitan center have made this regional location most desirable to thousands of people over the years.

Darien has 16 miles of shoreline and a number of public parks, open space, and recreation facilities consisting of approximately 224 acres. The Town is also known for its private recreation facilities such as the Country Club of Darien, Wee Burn Country Club, Woodway Country Club, The Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Darien Boat Club and Noroton Yacht Club.

There are five taxing districts located within the Town of Darien jurisdiction - Delafield Island, Tokeneke, Crooked Mile Road, Allwood, and Ridge Acres. These districts are street associations created for the purpose of making street improvements within their respective jurisdictions.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Representative Town Meeting (“RTM”) form of government with a Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The current Charter was adopted by the RTM on June 15, 1959 and became effective thirty days later. Subsequent amendments to the Charter have occurred periodically, most recently in 2016.

The legislative power of the Town is vested in the RTM which presently has a 100-member limit. Minority representation is guaranteed on all boards and commissions. In addition to all power and privileges in the Charter, the inhabitants have the power and privileges conferred and granted to towns and cities under the Constitution and General Statutes of Connecticut.

The First Selectman is the Chief Executive Officer of the Town. He presides over the five-member Board of Selectmen and has full voting privileges on the Board. The Board of Selectmen appoints numerous officials as indicated on the Town's organizational chart (See "Organizational Chart" herein). A professional Town Administrator and Finance Director are employed on a full-time basis.

The seven members of the Board of Finance are elected to serve four-year overlapping terms. As policy maker of Darien's financial affairs, the Board meets monthly. The Board of Finance approves all budgets and the tax rate before forwarding them to the RTM for final approval.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

	<u>Term of Office</u>		<u>Years of Service</u>
Jon E. Zagrodzky, First Selectman (1).....	Elected	2 years	0.5
James Palen, Chairman, Board of Finance (2).....	Elected	4 years	8.0
Kathleen C. Buch, Town Administrator (3).....	Appointed	Indefinite	23.0
Jennifer A. Charneski, Finance Director.....	Appointed	Indefinite	8.0
Joan D. Hendrickson, Treasurer.....	Elected	2 years	18.0
Christa McNamara, Town Clerk.....	Elected	2 years	2.5
Kathleen M. Larkins, Tax Collector.....	Elected	2 years	10.0
Dr. Alan Addley, Superintendent of Schools.....	Appointed	Indefinite	5.0

- (1) Jon E. Zagrodzky was elected First Selectman in November 2023. He previously served on the Board of Selectmen and was Chairman of the Board of Finance.
- (2) James Palen was elected Chairman in November 2021. He previously served as a member of the Board of Finance and was a member of the Representative Town Meeting.
- (3) Kathleen C. Buch was appointed Administrative Officer after serving 15 years as the Finance Director.

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Police Protection: The Police Department is managed and controlled by a three-member Police Commission appointed to overlapping terms by the Board of Selectmen. The department includes 52 full-time officers, 17 full-time civilian employees, 2 part-time civilian employees and several traffic agents, including 8 school crossing guards. Department rolling stock/equipment consists of 29 vehicles, including one mobile command post, one boat and one trailer.

Fire Protection: Fire protection services are provided by three volunteer fire companies staffed by approximately 100 volunteer fire personnel and officers. A Board of Fire Commissioners, comprised of three members from each fire company, coordinates fire protection services. The fire companies receive appropriations from the Town for operational support, supplies, equipment and repairs. The respective companies own the station houses while the Town owns the majority of the fire apparatus.

Sewers: The Darien sanitary sewer system consists of 81 miles of mains, 14 pump stations and six pipeline crossings of the Noroton River and/or its outlet for delivery of wastewater to the City of Stamford treatment facility. The system is available to approximately 70% of properties in Town. All operational, maintenance and repair costs, and user fees paid to the City of Stamford, are paid solely from benefiting owners through user fees. No new municipally funded sewer extension projects are being considered at this time.

Solid Waste: The Town has contracted Win Waste Innovations of Stamford, Connecticut for disposal of solid waste and recycling. The current contract expires June 30, 2024. Negotiations are underway. The Agreement with Win Waste provides for hauling and disposal of acceptable solid waste, operation of the Town transfer station and recycling operations. There are no "put or pay" provisions in the Agreement. The current tipping fee is \$99.37 per ton.

Utilities: Electricity and natural gas for the Town is provided by Eversource, a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities. Water for the Town is provided by Aquarion Water.

Human Services: A seven-member Board of Commissioners oversees the operation of the Human Services Department that provides a wide variety of services and support to Darien residents in need. These include but are not limited to: short term financial support, counseling, information and referral, elderly outreach and the implementation of mandated state and federal programs. There is also a seven-member Youth Commission offering numerous youth social and recreational programs and an 11-member Commission on Aging offering various programs and services to Darien's elderly at the Mather Center.

Public Works: Is responsible for the maintenance of over 81 miles of town roads, as well as town buildings and infrastructure.

Parks and Recreation: The Department manages and cares for a variety of recreation facilities and offers varied programs for pre-school to adults. The department is governed by a nine-member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen, called the Parks and Recreation Commission. Department facilities include 13 parks consisting of approximately 224 acres; 2 Town beaches with bathhouse facilities, public boat launch ramp, 9 tennis courts, 5 paddle tennis courts with operations building, 4 pickleball courts, basketball court, 13 athletic fields, several nature preserves with trails, 2 skating ponds (winter), 6 picnic areas, 3 gazebos, 4 children's play equipment areas, and general open space. Youth and adult recreation programs consist of: tennis and paddle lessons, basketball clinics and programs, golf lessons, piano, guitar and drum lessons, indoor and outdoor soccer clinics, summer sports camps, youth education activities, school vacation camps, adult drop-in volleyball and basketball, and community gardens. The department co-sponsors events and programs such as: Darien Junior Sailing Team, movies on the beach, and special events throughout the parks and offers several special events in many of the parks throughout the year.

EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Town’s school system is governed by a local nine-member Board of Education elected to three-year staggered terms. Functions of the Board are to establish policy, review the annual budget presented by the Administration and maintain school facilities. Some areas for which such policies are set include curriculum, budget request submissions, ensuring funds for education as appropriated by the Town are properly expended, implementation of both state and federal laws, and planning for facilities needed by the system, including construction and renovation. The Town's school system consists of seven schools located strategically in Town. The schools consist of five schools for pupils in grades K through 5, one middle school for pupils in grades 6-8, and one high school for pupils in grades 9-12.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Date Occupied</u>	<u>Additions/ Renovations</u>	<u>Enrollment 10/1/2023</u>	<u>Capacity</u> (1)
<u>Elementary</u>					
Hindley School.....	K-5	1947	1976, 1995, 1996	419	550
Holmes School.....	K-5	1931	1995, 1996	428	525
Ox Ridge School.....	K-5	2022		614	924
Royle School.....	Pre K-5	1948	1958, 1976, 1995, 1996	331	550
Tokeneke School.....	Pre K-5	2008		426	550
<u>Middle School</u>					
Middlesex Middle School.....	6-8	1937	1952, 2000	1,048	1,200
<u>High School</u>					
Darien High School.....	9-12	2005		1,401	1,300
Total				<u>4,667</u>	<u>5,599</u>

(1) Internal changes have altered this figure from original design capacities.

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HISTORY AND PROJECTIONS

<u>As of</u> <u>October 1</u>	<u>Actual</u>			
	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6 - 8</u>	<u>9 - 12</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	2,404	1,124	1,371	4,899
2015	2,322	1,167	1,358	4,847
2016	2,303	1,133	1,356	4,792
2017	2,280	1,123	1,378	4,781
2018	2,203	1,101	1,422	4,726
2019	2,155	1,158	1,407	4,720
2020	2,122	1,146	1,381	4,649
2021	2,209	1,098	1,421	4,728
2022	2,195	1,069	1,417	4,681
2023	2,110	1,048	1,401	4,559
	<u>Projected</u>			
2024	2,128	1,053	1,375	4,556
2025	2,124	1,067	1,372	4,563
2026	2,172	1,081	1,325	4,578
2027	2,206	1,098	1,313	4,617
2028	2,230	1,080	1,357	4,667

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
General Government.....	155	152	147	147	148
Board of Education.....	813	811	807	813	807
Totals	968	963	954	960	955

Source: Town Officials

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BY CATEGORY

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employees</u>
<u>General Government</u>	
Public Works	30
Town Hall and Human Services	44
Sewer Authority	4
Police Personnel.....	67
Parks and Recreation Department.....	10
Subtotal.....	155
<u>Board of Education</u>	
Certified Staff.....	528
Non-Certified Employees	285
Subtotal.....	813
Total Town Employees.....	968

Source: Town Officials

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNITS

<u>Employees Represented</u>	<u>Union Representation</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
33	AFSCME, Council # 4, Local 1303-292 Public Works.....	6/30/27
48	Darien Police Association, Inc. Police Department.....	6/30/26
40	UPSEU Support Personnel.....	6/30/24 (1)
34	Non-Bargaining General Government Employees.....	
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>		
36	Darien Administrators' Association Administrators.....	6/30/27
485	Darien Education Association Teachers.....	6/30/26
13	Darien Registered Nurses' Association Nurses.....	6/30/26
28	UPSEU Secretaries.....	6/30/26
157	UPSEU Paraprofessionals.....	6/30/26
32	AFSCME, Council #4, Local 1303 Custodians.....	6/30/25
12	Darien School Maintenance Association.....	6/30/25
3	Darien School Cafeteria Association Council #4 Local 1303-357....	6/30/27
47	Non-Bargaining Board of Education Employees.....	

(1) In negotiations.

Source: Town Officials

Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-473c, 7-474, and 10-153a to 10-153n provide a procedure for binding arbitration of collective bargaining agreements between municipal employers and organizations representing municipal employees, including certified teachers and certain other employees. The legislative body of a municipality may reject an arbitration panel's decision by a two-thirds majority vote. The State of Connecticut and the employee organization must be advised in writing of the reasons for rejection. The State then appoints a new panel of either one or three arbitrators to review the decisions on each of the rejected issues. The panel must accept the last best offer of either of the parties. In reaching its determination, the arbitration panel gives priority to the public interest and the financial capability of the municipal employer, including consideration of other demands on the financial capability of the municipal employer. For binding arbitration of teachers' contracts, in assessing the financial capability of a municipal entity, there is an irrefutable presumption that a budget reserve of 5% or less is not available for payment of the cost of any item subject to arbitration. In light of the employer's financial capability, the panel considers prior negotiations between the parties, the interests and welfare of the employee group, changes in the cost of living, existing employment conditions, and the wages, salaries, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment prevailing in the labor market, including developments in private sector wages and benefits.

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III. ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

POPULATION TRENDS

Year	Town of Darien	Fairfield County	State of Connecticut
1970	20,336	792,814	3,032,217
1980	18,892	807,143	3,107,564
1990	18,196	857,270	3,287,116
2000	19,607	882,567	3,405,565
2021	21,485	956,446	3,605,330

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census and 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF POPULATION

Age	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5.....	1,377	6.4	51,434	5.4	182,122	5.1
5 - 9.....	1,988	9.3	57,243	6.0	196,540	5.5
10 - 14.....	2,240	10.4	65,500	6.8	224,371	6.2
15 - 19.....	1,824	8.5	67,324	7.0	245,790	6.8
20 - 24.....	884	4.1	59,983	6.3	241,370	6.7
25 - 34.....	1,141	5.3	108,981	11.4	445,861	12.4
35 - 44.....	2,959	13.8	120,976	12.6	439,098	12.2
45 - 54.....	3,528	16.4	137,537	14.4	488,283	13.5
55 - 59.....	1,328	6.2	72,231	7.6	269,688	7.5
60 - 64.....	1,367	6.4	63,852	6.7	252,028	7.0
65 - 74.....	1,653	7.7	85,656	9.0	357,409	9.9
75 - 84.....	667	3.1	43,079	4.5	173,149	4.8
85 and over.....	529	2.5	22,650	2.4	89,621	2.5
Total.....	<u>21,485</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>956,446</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>3,605,330</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Families	Percent	Families	Percent	Families	Percent
Less than \$10,000.....	112	2.0	5,655	2.3	23,811	2.6
\$ 10,000 to 14,999.....	28	0.5	3,568	1.5	14,243	1.6
\$ 15,000 to 24,999.....	36	0.6	8,960	3.7	36,091	4.0
\$ 25,000 to 34,999.....	68	1.2	10,916	4.5	44,586	4.9
\$ 35,000 to 49,999.....	79	1.4	17,215	7.1	71,397	7.8
\$ 50,000 to 74,999.....	157	2.7	28,529	11.8	123,873	13.6
\$ 75,000 to 99,999.....	163	2.8	22,702	9.4	113,529	12.5
\$100,000 to 149,999.....	415	7.2	41,184	17.0	188,052	20.7
\$150,000 to 199,999.....	427	7.4	29,956	12.4	117,255	12.9
\$200,000 or more.....	4,258	74.1	73,000	30.2	177,169	19.5
Total	<u>5,743</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>241,685</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>910,006</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

SELECTED WEALTH AND INCOME INDICATORS

	Median Family Income		Per Capita Income	
	(2000)	(2021)	(2000)	(2021)
Town of Darien.....	\$173,777	\$250,000	\$77,519	\$139,079
Fairfield County.....	77,690	125,563	38,350	61,651
Connecticut.....	65,521	106,441	28,766	47,869
United States.....	49,600	85,028	21,690	37,638

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Census 2000 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Years of School Completed, Age 25 & Over

	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9th grade.....	115	0.9	34,610	5.3	101,461	4.0
9th to 12th grade.....	125	0.9	29,615	4.5	123,560	4.9
High School Graduate.....	612	4.6	136,454	20.8	656,949	26.1
Some College.....	782	5.9	91,887	14.0	418,214	16.6
Associate Degree.....	250	1.9	40,067	6.1	194,987	7.8
Bachelor Degree.....	6,304	47.9	177,060	27.0	561,567	22.3
Graduate or Professional Degree.....	4,984	37.8	145,269	22.2	458,399	18.2
Total.....	<u>13,172</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>654,962</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2,515,137</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Percent High School Graduate or Higher....		98.2%		90.2%		91.1%
Percent Bachelor Degree or Higher.....		85.7%		49.2%		40.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name of Employer	Nature of Entity	Estimated Number of Employees
Town of Darien.....	Municipality.....	968
Country Club of Darien.....	Country Club.....	200
Woodway Country Club.....	Country Club.....	185
Wee Burn Country Club.....	Country Club.....	150
Rings' End, Inc.....	Building Supplies.....	134
Zoto's International.....	Hair Care Products.....	118
BMW of Darien.....	Automotive Sales and Service.....	105
Whole Foods.....	Grocery Store.....	100
Maplewood Senior Living.....	Assisted Living Center.....	88
Equinox.....	Health Club.....	72

Source: Town Officials

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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment Sector	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting & Mining...	21	0.2	1,150	0.2	7,314	0.4
Construction.....	260	2.8	33,321	6.9	113,665	6.2
Manufacturing.....	361	3.8	38,723	8.0	192,688	10.6
Wholesale Trade.....	232	2.5	11,495	2.4	41,165	2.3
Retail Trade.....	631	6.7	49,967	10.3	194,081	10.6
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities.....	149	1.6	18,276	3.8	80,481	4.4
Information.....	282	3.0	12,646	2.6	36,259	2.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.....	3,470	36.8	58,062	12.0	164,657	9.0
Professional, Scientific & Management.....	1,621	17.2	75,723	15.6	212,866	11.7
Educational Services & Health Care.....	1,479	15.7	111,400	23.0	482,274	26.5
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Food Services...	418	4.4	37,782	7.8	148,835	8.2
Other Service (including nonprofit).....	182	1.9	23,814	4.9	82,217	4.5
Public Administration.....	326	3.5	12,482	2.6	66,493	3.6
Total.....	9,432	100.0	484,841	100.0	1,822,995	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STATISTICS

Yearly Average	Town of Darien Percent	Bridgeport-Stamford Labor Market Percent	State of Connecticut Percent	United States Percent
2013	5.4	7.3	7.9	7.4
2014	5.1	6.4	6.6	6.2
2015	4.3	5.5	5.6	5.3
2016	4.1	5.1	5.0	4.7
2017	3.6	4.7	4.7	4.4
2018	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.9
2019	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.7
2020	5.0	7.5	7.3	8.1
2021	4.6	6.3	6.6	5.4
2022	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.7
2023	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6

2024 Monthly

January	4.5	5.2	5.0	4.1
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Source: State of Connecticut, Department of Labor; United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

2021	2000	1990	1980	% Increase 2000-2021	% Increase 1990-2021	% Increase 1980-2021
7,382	6,792	6,653	6,340	8.7%	11.0%	16.4%

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census and 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING UNITS

Value of Owner Occupied Units	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than \$50,000	103	1.7	4,076	1.8	19,747	2.1
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	14	0.2	3,940	1.7	25,603	2.8
\$ 100,000 to \$149,999	31	0.5	6,478	2.8	68,932	7.4
\$ 150,000 to \$199,999	0	0.0	12,562	5.4	130,158	14.1
\$ 200,000 to \$299,999	37	0.6	33,563	14.4	250,981	27.1
\$ 300,000 to \$499,999	44	0.7	73,072	31.4	268,183	29.0
\$ 500,000 to \$999,999	1,531	25.5	64,162	27.6	117,839	12.7
\$1,000,000 and over	4,244	70.7	34,979	15.0	44,060	4.8
Total	6,004	100.0	232,832	100.0	925,503	100.0
Median Value.....	\$1,475,400		\$443,100		\$286,700	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING

Year Structure Built	Town of Darien		Fairfield County		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1939 or earlier.....	2,225	30.1	74,466	19.7	323,631	21.2
1940 to 1949.....	681	9.2	27,136	7.2	100,445	6.6
1950 to 1959.....	1,423	19.3	57,779	15.3	224,412	14.7
1960 to 1969.....	655	8.9	54,543	14.5	203,726	13.3
1970 to 1979.....	367	5.0	49,113	13.0	206,448	13.5
1980 to 1989.....	432	5.9	42,134	11.2	191,539	12.5
1990 to 1999.....	400	5.4	26,269	7.0	118,124	7.7
2000 to 2009.....	659	8.9	25,559	6.8	104,519	6.8
2010 to 2019.....	531	7.2	20,128	5.3	53,427	3.5
2020 or later.....	9	0.1	122	0.0	768	0.1
Total.....	7,382	100.0	377,249	100.0	1,527,039	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS

Fiscal Year	Residential		Industrial/Commercial		Other Construction		Total	
	Number of Permits	Value	Number of Permits	Value	Number of Permits	Value	Number of Permits	Value
2024 (1)	151	\$ 42,720,998	18	\$ 30,728,000	151	\$ 31,175,000	320	\$ 104,623,998
2023	306	90,755,000	68	73,327,000	293	16,122,000	667	180,204,000
2022	378	99,250,000	49	32,763,000	389	23,582,000	816	155,595,000
2021	445	87,401,000	45	73,220,000	405	29,251,000	895	189,872,000
2020	326	62,355,000	55	30,955,000	249	10,698,000	630	104,008,000
2019	371	90,915,000	99	21,849,000	264	11,608,600	734	124,372,600
2018	392	81,874,000	62	18,889,000	276	11,650,000	730	112,413,000
2017	414	83,123,000	41	39,769,500	359	12,939,000	814	135,831,500
2016	467	103,882,000	57	14,839,000	300	6,704,000	824	125,425,000
2015	422	101,423,500	47	9,508,000	264	9,906,000	733	120,837,500

(1) As of January 31, 2024.

Source: Town Officials; Building Inspector's Office.

IV. TAX BASE DATA

ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

The Town of Darien last revalued its real property effective October 1, 2023. Under Section 12-62 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town must revalue all taxable and exempt real estate every five years. Regulations require a well-defined quality assurance program (which includes and is not limited to the viewing of all real estate) with an aggressive assessment management program which will ultimately satisfy the mandated performance base statistical standards required by the State Office of Policy and Management.

The maintenance of an equitable tax base and the appraisal of all real and personal property within the Town (for inclusion onto the Grand List) are the responsibilities of the Assessor's Office. The Grand List represents the total assessed values for all taxable and exempt real and personal property as well as motor vehicles located within the Town on October 1. Each year taxpayers are allowed to file an appeal on or before February 20th to the Board of Assessment Appeals. This board determines whether adjustments to the Assessor's list are warranted. Assessments for real property are computed at 70% of the estimated market value at the time of the last general revaluation.

When a new structure or modification to an existing structure occurs, the Assessor's Office receives a copy of the permit issued by the building official. A physical appraisal and an updated photo are then completed and the structure is then classified and priced from a schedule developed at the time of the last general revaluation. The property depreciation and obsolescence factors are also considered when arriving at an equitable value.

Taxable personal property (furniture, fixtures, equipment, and machinery) is revalued annually. The Assessor is required to mail declarations to all business owners who are then required to file this document with the Assessor on or before November 1st. The Assessor will then enter each and every value into its data base which establishes 100% confidence in each assessment. The Assessor will periodically audit a random selection of accounts. Personal property assessments are computed at 70% of present value annually.

Motor vehicle lists are furnished to the Town by the State of Connecticut and appraisals of motor vehicles are accomplished in accordance with the NADA automobile price schedule developed by the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officials. Section 12-71b of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that motor vehicles which are registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after the October 1 assessment date but before the next August 1, are subject to a property tax as if the motor vehicle had been included on the October 1 Grand List. The assessment and tax is prorated, and the proration is based on the number of months of ownership between October 1 and the following July 31. Cars purchased in August and September are not taxed until the next October 1 Grand List. If the motor vehicle replaces a motor vehicle that was taxed on the October 1 Grand List, the taxpayer is entitled to certain credits. Assessments for motor vehicles are computed at 70% of the annual appraisal of market value.

TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Real estate property taxes for the fiscal year are paid on the grand list of the prior October 1, and are due July 1, payable in two installments, one-half on July 1 and one-half on January 1. Real and personal property bills less than \$100 are payable in one installment on July 1 with motor vehicle supplemental bills payable on January 1. Payments not received by August 1 and February 1, respectively, become delinquent. Motor vehicle property taxes are due in full on July 1 of each year. According to the provisions of Connecticut General Statute 12-145 and applicable to property taxes due on or after said date, delinquent property taxes were subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per annum). In accordance with State law, the oldest outstanding tax is collected first. Outstanding real estate tax accounts are lien-ed each year prior to June 30 with legal demands and alias tax warrants used in the collection of personal property and motor vehicle tax bills. Delinquent motor vehicle and personal property accounts are transferred to a suspense account after three years at which time they cease to be carried as receivables. Real estate accounts are transferred to suspense 15 years after the due date in accordance with State statutes.

MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX RATE

Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-71e, as amended, allows municipalities to tax motor vehicles at a different rate than other taxable property, but caps the motor vehicle rate at 32.46 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021. Section 4-661 of the General Statutes, as amended (“Section 4-661”), diverts a portion of the state collected sales tax revenue to provide funding to municipalities to mitigate the revenue loss attributed to motor vehicle property tax cap. The Town’s motor vehicle tax rate for current 2022 assessment year (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024) is 17.61 mills.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

FY Ending 6/30	Net Taxable Grand List	Total Tax Rate (In Mills)	Adjusted Tax Levy	% Levy Collected	Uncollected Taxes	
					End of Each Fiscal Year	As of 6/30/2023
2024	\$ 8,929,239,096	17.61	\$ 156,870,912	In Process	In Process	In Process
2023	8,795,449,285	17.23	151,808,586	99.7	\$ 413,265	\$ 413,265
2022	8,629,179,255	16.84	145,787,164	99.8	319,195	142,222
2021	8,568,308,532	16.33	140,128,361	99.7	369,487	100,848
2020 (1)	8,473,454,000	16.47	139,868,664	99.7	487,781	56,783
2019	8,589,999,000	16.08	138,223,688	99.7	362,373	67,263
2018	8,512,539,479	16.16	137,616,625	99.8	308,597	51,314
2017	8,446,672,000	15.77	132,510,009	99.7	362,959	53,792
2016	8,356,197,000	15.35	128,188,881	99.6	524,696	44,670
2015 (1)	8,285,455,000	15.01	123,644,319	99.6	508,304	27,545

(1) Indicates years of revaluation. The Town’s last revaluation was effective October 1, 2023. The basis of assessment is 70% of estimated full value as of October 1, 2023 for all property excluding personal property and motor vehicles which are assessed at 100% of full value annually.

Source: Town Officials.

TAXABLE GRAND LIST (THOUSANDS)

Grand List Dated	Real Property	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle Property	Gross Taxable Grand List	Less Exemptions	Net Taxable Grand List
10/01/23 (1)	\$ 10,603,447	\$ 192,606	\$ 335,942	\$ 11,131,995	\$ 3,778	\$ 11,128,217
10/01/22	8,389,613	191,177	352,169	8,932,959	3,719	8,929,240
10/01/21	8,276,518	185,857	337,297	8,799,672	4,223	8,795,449
10/01/20	8,179,011	186,632	268,842	8,634,485	5,306	8,629,179
10/01/19	8,134,558	182,858	256,321	8,573,737	5,429	8,568,308
10/01/18 (1)	8,052,724	173,793	252,598	8,479,115	5,661	8,473,454
10/01/17	8,170,306	175,519	249,623	8,595,448	5,449	8,589,999
10/01/16	8,105,632	163,768	245,524	8,514,924	2,385	8,512,539
10/01/15	8,043,523	164,324	241,225	8,449,072	2,400	8,446,672
10/01/14	7,952,983	168,368	237,377	8,358,728	2,531	8,356,197

(1) Indicates years of revaluation.

Source: Town Officials.

LARGEST TAXPAYERS

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Operations</u>	<u>Valuation As of 10/1/23</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
FR Darien LLC.....	Shopping Center.....	\$ 111,440,140	1	1.00
Eversource.....	Utility.....	88,968,703	2	0.80
Darien Financing LLC	Apartment Complex.....	63,735,770	3	0.57
Virtus/LCB Darien LLC.....	Sr. Living Facility.....	32,101,580	4	0.29
U.B. Darien Inc.....	Shopping Center.....	25,343,850	5	0.23
Wee Burn Country Club, Inc.....	Country Club.....	21,352,745	6	0.19
Country Club of Darien.....	Country Club.....	20,346,283	7	0.18
Yankee Gas.....	Utility.....	19,890,586	8	0.18
Contentamiento LLC.....	Real Estate.....	18,560,850	9	0.17
Woodway Country Club.....	Country Club.....	18,111,116	10	0.16
Total.....		<u>\$ 419,851,623</u>		<u>3.77</u>

Source: Town Officials.

EQUALIZED NET GRAND LIST

<u>Grand List of 10/1</u>	<u>Equalized Net Grand List</u>	<u>% Growth</u>
2021	\$ 16,435,870,934	16.41%
2020	14,119,331,205	13.34%
2019	12,456,992,079	2.91%
2018 (1)	12,105,108,513	-8.11%
2017	13,174,027,653	-1.22%
2016	13,337,401,713	-0.77%
2015	13,441,534,266	-0.87%
2014	13,560,177,773	15.04%
2013 (1)	11,786,964,074	-5.34%
2012	12,451,401,017	7.86%

(1) Years of revaluations.

Source: Town Officials.

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V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town's accounting policies are summarized in Note 1 "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in the Notes to Financial Statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

See Note 1 "Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation" in the Notes to Financial Statements (Appendix A).

AUDIT

Pursuant to the provisions as delineated in the Municipal Auditing Act (Chapter 111 of the Connecticut General Statutes), the Town is obligated to undergo an annual examination by an independent certified public accountant. The firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA"), is the auditor, and is required to conduct an examination under the guidelines issued by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy & Management, who receive a copy of said audit report when completed.

The most recent annual audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, a portion of which is included in this document and made a part hereof as Appendix A. Included in Appendix A are Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Town's Basic Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements, together with the report of the independent auditor as prepared by CLA, Independent Certified Public Accountants. The information contained in "Appendix A" is not the whole audit report. A full report is available from the Finance Director, Town of Darien, upon request. The auditors have not been asked nor have they given their consent to print the Financial Statements in this Official Statement.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting: The Town of Darien has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its annual comprehensive financial reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 1990-2022. To be eligible for the award, financial reports must include general purpose financial statements presented in conformity with GAAP and have been audited in accordance with generally accepted audited standards. The reports also contain a wide variety of information useful in evaluating the financial condition of a government and conform to certain generally accepted terminology and formatting standards established for the Certificate Program.

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

The budget calendar requires the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education to file their budgets with the Board of Finance on or before the first Tuesday in March.

A public hearing is held on the second Tuesday in March for taxpayers' comments. The Board of Finance subsequently reviews the requests.

On or before the third Tuesday in April the Board of Finance files its recommended budget and approximate tax rate with the Town Clerk for action by the Representative Town Meeting ("RTM"). The RTM meets on the second Monday in May to act on the budget. The RTM may decrease the budget recommended by the Board of Finance, but it does not have the authority to increase it.

The Board of Finance has the authority to transfer unexpended balances and to establish a transfer process. The Board of Finance has granted the Town Administrator and Finance Director the authority to transfer up to \$5,000 within a department. Transfers between departments, or in excess of \$5,000 require approval by the Board of Finance. Additional appropriations or budget amendments are recommended by the Board of Finance for RTM approval.

EMPLOYEE PENSION SYSTEMS

The Town contributes to a single employer, contributory defined benefit pension plan (the "Town Plan") covering substantially all Town employees (except policemen and non-certified Board of Education employees). Employees of the Town regularly employed on a permanent full-time basis (excluding policemen and teachers) are covered by the Town Plan. The Town Plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after five years of employment. Employees who retire under the plan are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 2.0% of their average annual compensation for each year of credited service, up to a maximum of 70%. Average annual compensation is the average of the highest three-year period out of the last five years immediately preceding the date of computation. Employees are required to contribute 5% of their salary to the Town Pension Plan.

Employees in the Public Works Parks and Recreation ("PWPR") bargaining unit hired after May 10, 2021 and employees in the Town Hall ("DTHE") bargaining unit hired after March 1, 2022 participate in the Town's defined contribution plan and are not eligible for the defined benefit pension plan. PWPR employees are required to contribute 7% of wages. DTHE employees are required to contribute 5% of wages. The employer contribution of 7% for PWPR and 5% for DTHE is vested after five years. All School Security Officers are required to participate in the BOE Non-Certified 401A Plan. Employees are required to contribute 5% of wages. The employer contribution is 5% and is vested after five years.

Police are covered in the Town of Darien Police Pension Fund. The police plan is a single employer, contributory defined benefit plan covering all Town sworn personnel. The Police Plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Employees who retire with 20 years or more of credited service are vested and entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 2.5% of their average monthly pay, for each year of credited service, up to a maximum of 76% of their average monthly pay. Average monthly pay is the employee's monthly compensation, excluding overtime averaged over the last 21 months of service with the Town. There is no provision for early retirement. Police employees are required to contribute 6% of their salary to the Police Plan. If any employee leaves covered employment or dies before being eligible for a retirement, disability, or death benefit, accumulated employee contributions plus 3/4 of related investment earnings are refunded.

Teachers participate in a contributory defined benefit plan established under Chapter 167a of Connecticut General Statutes and administered by the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement Board. All certified teachers are eligible to participate in the plan and are required to contribute 7% of their annual earnings. Neither the Board of Education nor the Town contributes to the plan. The State of Connecticut is legally responsible for making contributions to the plan.

Teachers are vested in their contributions up to 5% of their earnings prior to five years of service. After five years of service teachers are fully vested and are entitled to a monthly pension benefit which is payable at age of sixty. The State of Connecticut contributes amounts based on actuarial estimates.

The Town has implemented Government Accounting Standards Board's ("GASB") Statement No. 67 effective Fiscal Year 2014. Net position is based on fair market value as of June 30 and the Total Pension Liability is based on the actuarial assumptions as of the Town's actuarial valuation of July 1, 2021.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, the components of the net pension liability of the Town's pension plans as of June 30 were as follows:

	Town Pension Plan				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total pension liability.....	\$ 102,460,132	\$ 97,377,527	\$ 93,463,708	\$ 88,342,101	\$ 80,274,861
Plan fiduciary net position.....	101,808,770	95,804,850	103,869,342	81,166,047	83,209,799
Net pension liability.....	<u>\$ 651,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,572,677</u>	<u>\$ (10,405,634)</u>	<u>\$ 7,176,054</u>	<u>\$ (2,934,938)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability.....	99.4%	98.4%	111.1%	91.9%	103.7%

	Police Pension Plan				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total pension liability.....	\$ 58,400,183	\$ 56,866,980	\$ 53,721,748	\$ 52,107,066	\$ 47,804,724
Plan fiduciary net position.....	57,318,494	55,208,072	61,272,665	49,263,481	52,180,211
Net pension liability.....	<u>\$ 1,081,689</u>	<u>\$ 1,658,908</u>	<u>\$ (7,550,917)</u>	<u>\$ 2,843,585</u>	<u>\$ (4,375,487)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability.....	98.1%	97.1%	114.1%	94.5%	109.2%

The following represents the net pension liability of the Town's pension plans, calculated using the discount rate of 6.25%, as well as what the Town's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.25%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.25%) than the current rate as of June 30, 2023:

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	5.250%	Discount Rate	7.250%
	6.250%	6.250%	7.250%
Plan Net Position - Town.....	\$ 12,914,481	\$ 651,362	\$ (9,710,059)
Plan Net Position - Police.....	8,562,484	1,081,689	(5,091,200)

Schedule of Funding Progress

Town Pension Plan

Actuarial	Actuarial	Actuarial	Under	Funded
Valuation	Value	Accrued	(Overfunded)	Ratio
Date	of Assets	Liability (AAL)	AAL (OAAL)	Ratio
	(a)	(b)	(a-b)	(a/b)
7/1/2019	\$ 82,900,671	\$ 83,335,502	\$ 434,831	99.5%
7/1/2020	86,165,449	88,076,566	1,911,117	97.8%
7/1/2021	93,714,742	92,455,190	(1,259,552)	101.4%
7/1/2022	98,667,784	97,528,733	(1,139,051)	101.2%
7/1/2023	103,187,283	102,166,579	(1,020,704)	101.0%

Police Pension Plan

Actuarial	Actuarial	Actuarial	Under	Funded
Valuation	Value	Accrued	(Overfunded)	Ratio
Date	of Assets	Liability (AAL)	AAL (OAAL)	Ratio
	(a)	(b)	(a-b)	(a/b)
7/1/2019	\$ 51,953,323	\$ 50,476,512	\$ (1,476,811)	102.9%
7/1/2020	52,304,082	52,190,165	(113,917)	100.2%
7/1/2021	55,281,317	55,247,987	(33,330)	100.1%
7/1/2022	56,793,286	56,995,863	202,577	99.6%
7/1/2023	58,052,772	61,146,904	3,094,132	94.9%

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Schedule of Employer Contributions

Town Pension Plan

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Actuarial Determined Contribution</u>	<u>Actual Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
2020	\$ 1,679,958	\$ 1,679,958	100.0%
2021	2,306,412	2,306,412	100.0%
2022	2,511,663	2,511,663	100.0%
2023	2,392,514	2,392,514	100.0%
2024 (1)	2,343,907	2,343,907	100.0%

Police Pension Plan

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Actuarial Determined Contribution</u>	<u>Actual Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
2020	\$ 181,357	\$ 181,357	100.0%
2021	645,987	645,987	100.0%
2022	845,273	845,273	100.0%
2023	908,965	908,965	100.0%
2024 (1)	955,548	955,548	100.0%

(1) As budgeted for fiscal year 2023-24.

For further information on the Town's Pension Plans, see Appendix A – Note 11, pages 50 through 62 and RSIs-4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B and 7, pages 95 through 101.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Town, in accordance with various collective bargaining agreements and State Statutes, is committed to providing health and other benefits to certain eligible retirees and their spouses. The Town has two postretirement medical programs, the Police Plan and the Non-Police Plan. The Police Plan covers sworn personnel employed as of July 1, 1999 and hired on or before November 20, 2007. The Non-Police Plan covers all other Town and Board of Education employees, including teachers. Under the Police Plan, the Police Union, retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute specified percentages towards the cost of receiving those benefits. The percentage retirees are required to contribute for these benefits vary and are detailed within the Police Union bargaining agreements. The Town does not issue a separate stand-alone financial statement for this program.

The Town established a trust fund to irrevocably segregate assets to fund the liability associated with postemployment benefits in accordance with GASB guidelines on September 28, 2009. The Town has funded the Police Plan since its inception in 2000. The Town began funding the Non-Police Plan in 2009. The Town plans to continue a funding strategy that provides for normal cost and the amortization of the accrued liability. The Town's funding strategy for postemployment obligations are based upon characteristics of benefits on several distinct groups of employees established within their respective collective bargaining units or required by the state and include the following:

- Eligibility for benefits and the level of benefits range from 5 to 25 years of service at time of retirement determined by collective bargaining unit and date of hire.
- Medical benefits funded by the Town range from 72% cost of coverage for the retiree and dependents up until the employee's death, to retirees paying the full cost of the coverage.
- Some retirees receive a stipend from the State of Connecticut towards the cost of their coverage.

The Town's annual other postemployment benefit ("OPEB") cost is calculated based on the Actuarially Determined Contribution ("ADC"), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ADC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as accrual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections for benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the actuarial valuation of the Police Plan, the entry age normal method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 6.25% investment rate of return, which is the rate of the expected long-term investment returns of plan assets calculated based on the funding policy of the plan at the valuation date. The annual healthcare cost trend rate ranges from 4.0 to 6.7%. In the actuarial valuation of the Non-Police Plan, the entry age normal method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 6.25% investment rate of return due to the establishment of a trust fund on September 28, 2009. The annual healthcare cost trend rate ranges from 4.0% to 6.7%. The UAAL for both plans is being amortized over a period of years starting at 20 years on July 1, 2017 and declining by 1 year each year until the amortization period reaches 10 years after which point it will remain at 10 years. If the Accrued Liability is lower than the Actuarial Value of Assets, the difference will be amortized over a period of 10 years.

For fiscal year 2016-17, the Town implemented Government Accounting Standards Board's ("GASB") Statement No. 74. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, the net position is based on the fair market value as of the end of the fiscal year and the total OPEB liability is based on the actuarial assumptions as of the prior valuation date updated to the end of the fiscal year. The components of the net OPEB liability of the Town as of June 30 were as follows:

	Police OPEB Plan				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total OPEB liability.....	\$ 7,694,064	\$ 7,217,467	\$ 8,065,630	\$ 7,730,276	\$ 8,411,498
Plan fiduciary net position.....	6,124,171	5,788,935	6,087,384	4,563,395	4,552,831
Net OPEB liability.....	<u>\$ 1,569,893</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,532</u>	<u>\$ 1,978,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,166,881</u>	<u>\$ 3,858,667</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total OPEB liability.....	79.60%	80.21%	75.47%	59.03%	54.13%

	Non-Police OPEB Plan				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total pension liability.....	\$ 5,520,479	\$ 4,984,442	\$ 4,525,615	\$ 4,273,190	\$ 6,579,975
Plan fiduciary net position.....	5,073,935	4,646,426	4,948,851	3,763,863	3,748,352
Net OPEB liability.....	<u>\$ 446,544</u>	<u>\$ 338,016</u>	<u>\$ (423,236)</u>	<u>\$ 509,327</u>	<u>\$ 2,831,623</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total OPEB liability.....	91.91%	93.22%	109.35%	88.08%	56.97%

The following represents the net OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's net OPEB liability would be if it were 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	5.250%	6.250%	7.250%
Net Police OPEB Liability.....	\$ 2,198,464	\$ 1,569,893	\$ 996,901
Net Non-Police OPEB Liability.....	\$ 945,000	\$ 446,544	\$ (5,208)

The most recent actuarial valuations were performed as of July 1, 2023, calculated using the discount rate of 6.25%.

Schedule of Funding Progress

Police Plan				
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Under (Overfunded) AAL (OAAL) (a-b)	Funded Ratio (a/b)
7/1/2019	\$ 4,609,235	\$ 8,166,867	\$ 3,557,632	56.4%
7/1/2020	4,895,187	8,399,851	3,504,664	58.3%
7/1/2021	5,466,740	6,965,611	1,498,871	78.5%
7/1/2022	5,953,595	7,192,569	1,238,974	82.8%
7/1/2023	6,195,786	8,434,759	2,238,973	73.5%

Non-Police Plan				
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Under (Overfunded) AAL (OAAL) (a-b)	Funded Ratio (a/b)
7/1/2019	\$ 3,771,587	\$ 4,177,683	\$ 406,096	90.3%
7/1/2020	4,011,406	4,611,582	600,176	87.0%
7/1/2021	4,414,830	4,424,942	10,112	99.8%
7/1/2022	4,765,626	5,009,145	243,519	95.1%
7/1/2023	5,126,708	6,177,807	1,051,099	83.0%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Police Plan				
Year Ended June 30	Actuarial Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed	
2020	\$ 593,615	\$ 593,615	100.0%	
2021	580,926	580,926	100.0%	
2022	587,479	587,479	100.0%	
2023	398,361	398,361	100.0%	
2024	(1) 373,477	373,477	100.0%	

Non-Police Plan				
Year Ended June 30	Actuarial Required Contribution	Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed	
2020	\$ 428,451	\$ 428,451	100.0%	
2021	275,662	290,848	105.5%	
2022	319,247	319,247	100.0%	
2023	273,176	273,176	100.0%	
2024	(1) 317,957	317,957	100.0%	

(1) As budgeted for fiscal year 2023-24.

For further information on the Town's OPEB Plans, see Appendix A – Note 12, pages 62 through 74 and RSIs-8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B and 11 pages 102 through 108.

INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Under the Town Charter and under Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-400 and 7-402, the Town may invest in 1) obligations of the United States and its agencies, 2) highly rated obligations of any state of the United States or of any political subdivision, authority or agency thereof, and 3) shares or other interests in custodial arrangements or pools maintaining constant net asset values and in highly rated no-load open end money market and mutual funds (with constant or fluctuating net asset values) whose portfolios are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies, and repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations. Other provisions of the Statutes cover specific municipal funds with particular investment authority. The provisions of the Statutes regarding the investment of municipal pension funds do not specify permitted investments. Therefore, investment of such funds is generally controlled by the laws applicable to fiduciaries and the provisions of the applicable plan.

The Town's investment practices have been to invest only in the following investments: (1) certificates of deposit; (2) money market funds; (3) the State of Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund ("STIF"); and (4) U.S. Treasury Bills.

All Town pension funds are invested by pension fund administrators in mutual funds and securities. Board of Education pension funds are invested in a cost sharing, multiple employer public employee's retirement system established by the State of Connecticut and administered by the State of Connecticut Retirement Commission to provide pension benefits for the employees of participating municipalities.

PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Property Tax Revenues</u>	<u>Property Tax As a % of General Fund Revenues</u>
2025 (1)	\$ 174,695,799	\$ 163,229,443	93.4
2024 (1)	163,980,971	154,759,421	94.4
2023	181,872,486	152,077,462	83.6
2022	173,467,541	146,107,309	84.2
2021	166,418,204	140,443,350	84.4
2020	164,497,239	139,960,816	85.1
2019	155,615,275	138,403,290	88.9
2018	166,258,840	137,962,249	83.0
2017	158,931,205	132,390,847	83.3
2016	149,248,923	128,492,997	86.1

(1) Fiscal years 2023-24 adopted budget and 2024-25 proposed budget exclude on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System. All other fiscal years are reported on a GAAP basis of accounting which includes on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System.

Source: Town annual audited financial statements fiscal years 2015-16 through 2022-23; Fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Town Budget Documents.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Federal & State Aid Revenues</u>	<u>Aid As a % of General Fund Revenues</u>
2025 (1)	\$ 174,695,799	\$ 1,005,547	0.6
2024 (1)	163,980,971	917,107	0.6
2023	181,872,486	21,414,810	11.8
2022	173,467,541	18,351,813	10.6
2021	166,418,204	17,561,538	10.6
2020	164,497,239	18,240,761	11.1
2019	155,615,275	10,717,400	6.9
2018	166,258,840	22,325,921	13.4
2017	158,931,205	20,545,117	12.9
2016	149,248,923	14,386,285	9.6

(1) Fiscal years 2023-24 adopted budget and 2024-25 proposed budget exclude on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System. All other fiscal years are reported on a GAAP basis of accounting which includes on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System.

Source: Town annual audited financial statements fiscal years 2015-16 through 2022-23; Fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Town Budget Documents.

EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year	Education Percent	Public Safety Percent	Debt Service Percent	Public Works Percent	General Government Percent
2025 (1)	69.5	7.1	7.1	3.0	2.3
2024 (1)	69.2	7.3	7.8	2.9	2.3
2023	73.8	8.4	6.0	3.3	2.7
2022	72.0	8.2	5.8	3.5	2.9
2021	73.6	8.8	5.5	3.3	2.8
2020	72.4	8.3	8.0	3.2	2.7
2019	72.0	8.8	7.2	3.4	2.9
2018	73.9	7.9	7.2	3.2	2.6
2017	73.5	5.9	7.5	2.6	2.1
2016	71.2	6.1	8.0	3.3	2.2

(1) Fiscal years 2023-24 adopted budget and 2024-25 proposed budget exclude on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System. All other fiscal years are reported on a GAAP basis of accounting which includes on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System.

Source: Town annual audited financial statements fiscal years 2015-16 through 2022-23; Fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Town Budget Documents.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES CAP

Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-661 creates a cap on adopted general budget expenditures for municipalities in Connecticut in order for municipalities to be eligible to receive the full amount of the State's municipal revenue sharing grant. Beginning in fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") must reduce the municipal revenue sharing grant amount for those municipalities whose adopted general budget expenditures (with certain exceptions including but not limited to debt service, special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards, budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital expenditures of \$100,000 or more, or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, and certain major disaster or emergency expenditures) exceeds the spending limits specified in the statute. For each applicable fiscal year, OPM must determine the municipality's percentage growth in general budget expenditures over the prior fiscal year and reduce the grant if the growth rate is equal to or greater than 2.5% or the inflation rate, whichever is greater, each of those amounts adjusted by an amount proportionate to any increase in the municipality's population from the previous fiscal year. The reduction is generally equal to 50 cents for every dollar the municipality spends over this cap.

Each municipality must annually certify to the Secretary of the OPM whether such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in the statute and if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

For fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023, inclusive, each municipal revenue sharing grant is proportionately reduced if amounts in the revenue sharing account are insufficient to fund all the revenue sharing grants.

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COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND OPERATING STATEMENT
(Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis)

	Fiscal Year 2022-23			2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget (1)
	Final Budget	Actual Operations	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Revenues					
Property taxes.....	\$ 151,559,154	\$ 152,086,719	\$ 527,565	\$ 154,759,421	\$ 163,229,443
Licenses and permits.....	3,704,304	3,783,161	78,857	4,053,804	4,380,600
Intergovernmental revenue.....	559,593	1,408,865	849,272	917,107	1,005,547
Charges for services.....	1,837,328	2,130,771	293,443	2,014,561	2,356,798
Fines and forfeits.....	24,000	15,513	(8,487)	24,000	37,000
Investment income.....	71,689	1,895,849	1,824,160	1,750,662	3,100,000
Other revenues.....	411,664	601,688	190,024	461,416	586,411
Total Revenues.....	158,167,732	161,922,566	3,754,834	163,980,971	174,695,799
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government.....	3,818,238	3,476,549	341,689	3,854,265	3,946,536
Community environment.....	978,042	968,457	9,585	973,091	1,009,577
Public safety.....	11,731,881	11,064,289	667,592	12,004,269	12,533,982
Public works.....	4,664,609	4,379,149	285,460	4,783,991	5,202,736
Health and social services.....	1,527,175	1,392,271	134,904	1,593,925	1,752,395
Parks and recreation.....	1,658,291	1,611,332	46,959	1,713,853	1,793,051
General overhead and miscellaneous.....	8,296,401	7,659,653	636,748	8,763,807	10,107,174
Library.....	4,212,865	4,212,865	-	4,393,539	4,562,956
Board of education.....	110,607,016	109,796,649	810,367	114,448,824	121,864,475
Debt service.....	10,396,067	10,396,064	3	12,967,530	12,532,594
Total Expenditures.....	157,890,585	154,957,278	2,933,307	165,497,094	175,305,476
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures.....	<u>277,147</u>	<u>6,965,288</u>	<u>6,688,141</u>	<u>(1,516,123)</u>	<u>(609,677)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Operating transfers in.....	876,358	873,228	(3,130)	1,516,123	834,677
Operating transfers out.....	(4,950,613)	(4,860,451)	90,162	-	(225,000)
Appropriation of fund balance.....	3,797,108	-	(3,797,108)	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses).....	<u>(277,147)</u>	<u>(3,987,223)</u>	<u>(3,710,076)</u>	<u>1,516,123</u>	<u>609,677</u>
Excess of Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses.....	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,978,065</u>	<u>\$ 2,978,065</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(1) Fiscal year 2024-25 Board of Finance proposed budget. The RTM is scheduled to vote on the budget on May 13, 2024.

Source: Annual audited financial statements, fiscal year 2023-24 adopted budget and fiscal year 2024-25 proposed budget; Town Officials.

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COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEETS
(GAAP Basis)

Fiscal Year Ended:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 19,335,838	\$ 24,665,762	\$ 27,328,932	\$ 25,202,222	\$ 23,889,986
Investments.....	9,682,016	3,934,008	3,373,022	6,841,808	10,968,024
Receivables:					
Net taxes and assessments receivable.....	1,975,432	2,057,412	1,806,601	1,762,001	1,967,944
Lease receivable.....	-	-	-	844,047	715,195
Due from other funds.....	53,802	3,982	478,558	1,193,398	1,547,778
Other receivables.....	11,793	62,246	257,581	305,526	375,300
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 31,058,881</u>	<u>\$ 30,723,410</u>	<u>\$ 33,244,694</u>	<u>\$ 36,149,002</u>	<u>\$ 39,464,227</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts and other payables.....	\$ 4,294,975	\$ 3,339,444	\$ 3,529,163	\$ 3,854,022	\$ 4,409,938
Unearned revenue.....	337,361	443,423	942,718	1,052,563	1,058,863
Total Liabilities.....	<u>4,632,336</u>	<u>3,782,867</u>	<u>4,471,881</u>	<u>4,906,585</u>	<u>5,468,801</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable revenue.....	718,363	1,028,268	1,049,414	1,037,616	1,182,470
Lease related.....	-	-	-	844,047	715,195
Total Deferr inflows of Resources.....	<u>718,363</u>	<u>1,028,268</u>	<u>1,049,414</u>	<u>1,881,663</u>	<u>1,897,665</u>
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable.....	11,793	62,246	257,581	305,526	375,300
Committed.....	139,044	139,066	139,069	201,951	63,554
Assigned.....	324,714	183,548	1,316,900	1,380,202	826,641
Unassigned.....	25,252,631	25,527,415	26,009,849	27,473,075	30,832,266
Total Fund Balances.....	<u>25,728,182</u>	<u>25,912,275</u>	<u>27,723,399</u>	<u>29,360,754</u>	<u>32,097,761</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances.....	<u>\$ 31,078,881</u>	<u>\$ 30,723,410</u>	<u>\$ 33,244,694</u>	<u>\$ 36,149,002</u>	<u>\$ 39,464,227</u>

Source: Town annual audited financial statements.

ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FUND EQUITY
(GAAP BASIS)

	<u>Actual 2018-19</u>	<u>Actual 2019-20</u>	<u>Actual 2020-21</u>	<u>Actual 2021-22</u>	<u>Actual 2022-23</u>
Nonspendable.....	\$ 11,793	\$ 62,246	\$ 257,581	\$ 305,526	\$ 375,300
Committed.....	139,044	139,066	139,069	201,951	63,554
Assigned.....	324,714	183,548	1,316,900	1,380,202	826,641
Unassigned.....	25,252,631	25,527,415	26,009,849	27,473,075	30,832,266
Total Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 25,728,182</u>	<u>\$ 25,912,275</u>	<u>\$ 27,723,399</u>	<u>\$ 29,360,754</u>	<u>\$ 32,097,761</u>
Unassigned Fund Balance as % of Total Expenditures & Transfers.....	<u>16.38%</u>	<u>15.46%</u>	<u>15.73%</u>	<u>15.74%</u>	<u>17.06%</u>

Source: Annual audited financial statements.

COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
(GAAP Basis)

Fiscal Year Ended:	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues					
Property taxes.....	\$ 138,403,290	\$ 139,960,816	\$ 140,443,350	\$ 146,107,309	\$ 152,077,462
Intergovernmental.....	10,717,400	18,240,761	17,561,538	18,351,813	21,414,810
Charges for services.....	5,243,872	5,056,689	7,863,144	8,366,035	5,929,445
Income on investments.....	767,497	727,168	153,514	130,249	1,895,856
Miscellaneous.....	483,216	511,805	396,658	512,135	554,913
Total Revenues.....	155,615,275	164,497,239	166,418,204	173,467,541	181,872,486
Expenditures					
General government.....	4,297,475	4,343,445	4,467,467	4,931,423	4,701,832
Community environment.....	1,112,092	1,190,177	1,212,772	1,095,765	1,351,612
Public safety.....	13,220,328	13,407,509	14,164,829	13,968,881	14,684,360
Health and social services.....	1,840,564	1,698,190	1,666,704	1,711,681	1,845,083
Library.....	3,732,681	3,820,120	3,963,788	4,138,968	4,212,865
Parks and recreation.....	1,761,600	2,168,966	2,785,733	3,356,884	2,149,765
Public works.....	5,061,603	5,115,914	5,357,339	5,923,363	5,837,787
Board of Education.....	107,897,036	117,300,510	118,566,070	123,257,825	129,804,594
Capital Outlay.....	-	-	-	2,988,589	724,163
Debt service.....	10,831,528	12,924,959	8,907,543	9,869,012	10,525,608
Total Expenditures.....	149,754,907	161,969,790	161,092,245	171,242,391	175,837,669
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures.....	5,860,368	2,527,449	5,325,959	2,225,150	6,034,817
Other financing sources (uses)					
Operating transfers in.....	937,661	698,561	783,855	315,336	773,228
Operating transfers out.....	(4,375,315)	(3,130,232)	(4,298,690)	(3,254,669)	(4,860,451)
Lease issuance.....	-	-	-	2,351,538	664,413
Issuance of refunding bonds.....	-	13,625,000	-	-	-
Payment to escrow agent.....	-	(15,214,668)	-	-	-
Bond premium.....	116,236	1,677,983	-	-	125,000
Total other financing sources (uses)....	(3,321,418)	(2,343,356)	(3,514,835)	(587,795)	(3,297,810)
Net change in fund balances.....	2,538,950	184,093	1,811,124	1,637,355	2,737,007
Fund Balance - July 1.....	23,189,233	25,728,183	25,912,276	27,723,400	29,360,755
Fund Balance - June 30.....	<u>\$ 25,728,183</u>	<u>\$ 25,912,276</u>	<u>\$ 27,723,400</u>	<u>\$ 29,360,755</u>	<u>\$ 32,097,762</u>

Source: Town annual audited financial statements.

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VI. DEBT SUMMARY

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS

As of April 25, 2024
(Pro Forma)

Long-Term Debt: Bonds

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate %</u>	<u>Original Issue Amount</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding as of 4/25/24</u>	<u>Date of Fiscal Year Maturity</u>
<u>General Purpose</u>					
8/26/2014	Refunding - General Purpose.....	3.00 - 4.00	\$ 12,830,000	\$ -	2024
4/14/2016	Refunding - General Purpose.....	2.00 - 4.00	6,443,000	4,001,000	2027
9/14/2017	General Purpose.....	2.00 - 5.00	11,960,000	9,253,000	2037
4/2/2019	General Purpose.....	2.00 - 5.00	727,818	637,000	2039
5/4/2020	General Purpose.....	3.00 - 5.00	659,015	580,000	2040
5/4/2020	Refunding - General Purpose.....	3.00 - 5.00	1,757,000	663,000	2028
2/24/2022	General Purpose.....	2.00 - 4.00	753,800	753,800	2042
4/28/2023	General Purpose.....	3.75 - 5.00	40,950,000	40,950,000	2053
4/25/2024	General Purpose.....	TBD	1,271,121	1,271,121 *	2044
			\$ 77,351,754	\$ 58,108,921	
<u>Schools</u>					
9/14/2017	Schools.....	2.00 - 5.00	\$ 500,000	\$ 387,000	2037
4/2/2019	Schools.....	2.00 - 5.00	3,046,359	2,648,000	2039
5/4/2020	Schools.....	3.00 - 5.00	20,400,985	18,920,000	2040
5/4/2020	Refunding - Schools.....	3.00 - 5.00	11,660,000	3,334,000	2028
2/24/2022	Schools.....	2.00 - 4.00	28,221,200	28,221,200	2042
4/25/2024	Schools.....	TBD	31,773,879	31,773,879 *	2044
			\$ 95,602,423	\$ 85,284,079	
<u>Sewers</u>					
8/26/2014	Refunding - Sewers.....	2.00 - 5.00	\$ 1,140,000	\$ -	2024
4/14/2016	Refunding - Sewers.....	2.00 - 5.00	227,000	169,000	2039
4/2/2019	Sewers.....	3.00 - 5.00	410,823	350,000	2040
5/4/2020	Refunding - Sewers.....	3.00 - 5.00	208,000	58,000	2028
2/24/2022	Sewers.....	2.00 - 4.00	975,000	975,000	2042
			\$ 2,960,823	\$ 1,552,000	
	Total		\$ 175,915,000	\$ 144,945,000	

* Preliminary, subject to change

Short-Term Debt: Notes

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate %</u>	<u>Original Issue Amount</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding as of 4/25/24</u>	<u>Date of Fiscal Year Maturity</u>
<u>General Purpose</u>					
4/25/2024	General Purpose.....	TBD	\$ 49,000,000	\$ 49,000,000	2025
	Total		\$ 49,000,000	\$ 49,000,000	

Other Long-Term Commitments: Leases Payable

<u>Fiscal Year June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 461,980	\$ 34,695
2025	393,661	27,370
2026	360,117	16,663
2027	145,939	9,367
2028	151,734	3,963
2029 - 2034	25,734	118
Total lease payments.....	\$ 1,539,165	\$ 92,176

COMBINED SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT THROUGH MATURITY

April 25, 2024

(Pro Forma)

Fiscal Year	Principal Payments (1,2)	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service (1,2)	The Bonds Principal	All Issues Principal (1)
2024	\$ 5,985,000	\$ 4,110,066	\$ 10,095,066	\$ -	\$ 5,985,000
2025	5,500,000	3,946,719	9,446,719	-	5,500,000
2026	6,410,000	3,734,244	10,144,244	-	6,410,000
2027	6,240,000	3,501,369	9,741,369	1,215,000 *	7,455,000
2028	5,025,000	3,283,131	8,308,131	1,270,000 *	6,295,000
2029	4,330,000	3,093,044	7,423,044	1,335,000 *	5,665,000
2030	4,500,000	2,916,269	7,416,269	1,400,000 *	5,900,000
2031	4,670,000	2,745,881	7,415,881	1,470,000 *	6,140,000
2032	4,825,000	2,597,256	7,422,256	1,545,000 *	6,370,000
2033	4,985,000	2,436,988	7,421,988	1,625,000 *	6,610,000
2034	5,145,000	2,275,513	7,420,513	1,705,000 *	6,850,000
2035	5,310,000	2,108,650	7,418,650	1,790,000 *	7,100,000
2036	5,490,000	1,933,931	7,423,931	1,860,000 *	7,350,000
2037	5,665,000	1,753,013	7,418,013	1,935,000 *	7,600,000
2038	4,965,000	1,566,025	6,531,025	2,010,000 *	6,975,000
2039	5,135,000	1,396,725	6,531,725	2,095,000 *	7,230,000
2040	5,005,000	1,221,500	6,226,500	2,175,000 *	7,180,000
2041	3,480,000	1,080,744	4,560,744	2,265,000 *	5,745,000
2042	3,590,000	968,975	4,558,975	2,355,000 *	5,945,000
2043	1,605,000	853,563	2,458,563	2,450,000 *	4,055,000
2044	1,670,000	789,363	2,459,363	2,545,000 *	4,215,000
2045	1,735,000	722,563	2,457,563	-	1,735,000
2046	1,805,000	653,163	2,458,163	-	1,805,000
2047	1,875,000	580,963	2,455,963	-	1,875,000
2048	1,950,000	505,963	2,455,963	-	1,950,000
2049	2,030,000	427,963	2,457,963	-	2,030,000
2050	2,110,000	346,763	2,456,763	-	2,110,000
2051	2,195,000	262,363	2,457,363	-	2,195,000
2052	2,285,000	174,563	2,459,563	-	2,285,000
2053	2,370,000	88,875	2,458,875	-	2,370,000
	<u>\$ 117,885,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,076,148</u>	<u>\$ 169,961,148</u>	<u>\$ 33,045,000 *</u>	<u>\$ 150,930,000</u>

(1) Does not reflect principal payments of \$5,985,000 made by the Town as of April 25, 2024.

(2) Includes sewer debt which is guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the Town. All of the debt service for sewer rehabilitation bonds is raised through sewer service charges and is reimbursed to the General Fund from the Sewer Operating Fund. The majority of the sewer construction bonds are paid through assessments to the benefiting property owners and is reimbursed to the General Fund by the Sewer Assessment Fund.

Source: Town Officials.

* Preliminary, subject to change

THE TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT HAS NEVER DEFAULTED IN THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST ON ITS BONDS OR NOTES.

OVERLAPPING AND UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS

There are five taxing districts located within the Town of Darien - Delafield Island, Tokeneke, Crooked Mile Road, Allwood, and Ridge Acres. These districts are street associations created for the purpose of making street improvements within their respective jurisdiction. None of the taxing districts have outstanding indebtedness.

DEBT STATEMENT

April 25, 2024
(Pro Forma)

Long-Term Indebtedness (1)	
The Bonds (This Issue).....	\$ 33,045,000 *
General Purpose.....	56,837,800
Schools.....	53,510,200
Sewers.....	<u>1,552,000</u>
Total Long-Term Indebtedness.....	144,945,000 *
Short-Term Indebtedness	
The Notes (This Issue).....	<u>49,000,000</u>
Total Direct Indebtedness	193,945,000 *
Exclusions:	
(Sewer assessments receivable) (2).....	<u>(1,146,339)</u>
Total Net Direct Indebtedness.....	<u>\$ 192,798,661 *</u>

- (1) Does not include authorized but unissued debt of \$99,019,150. (See "Authorized but Unissued Debt" herein).
- (2) Sewer Assessments receivable as of June 30, 2023.

CURRENT DEBT RATIOS

April 25, 2024
(Pro Forma)

Total Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 193,945,000 *
Total Net Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 192,798,661 *
Population (1).....	21,485
Net Taxable Grand List (10/1/23).....	\$ 11,128,217,000
Estimated Full Value.....	\$ 15,897,452,857
Equalized Net Taxable Grand List (2021) (2).....	\$ 16,435,870,934
Per Capita Income (2021) (1).....	\$139,079
Total Direct Indebtedness:	
Per Capita.....	\$9,027.00
To Net Taxable Grand List	1.74%
To Estimated Full Value	1.22%
To Equalized Net Taxable Grand List.....	1.18%
Per Capita to Per Capita Income.....	6.49%
Total Net Direct Indebtedness:	
Per Capita.....	\$8,973.64
To Net Taxable Grand List.....	1.73%
To Estimated Full Value.....	1.21%
To Equalized Net Taxable Grand List.....	1.17%
Per Capita to Per Capita Income.....	6.45%

- (1) Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.
- (2) U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

* Preliminary, subject to change

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF BORROWING

The Town has the power to incur indebtedness by issuing its bonds or notes as authorized by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut subject to statutory debt limitations and the requirements of the Town Charter for the authorization of indebtedness. Under the Charter, bonds and notes are authorized by vote of the Representative Town Meeting.

TEMPORARY FINANCING

When general obligation bonds have been authorized, bond anticipation notes may be issued maturing in not more than two years (CGS Sec. 7-378). Temporary notes may be renewed up to ten years from their original date of issue as long as all project grant payments are applied toward payment of project costs or temporary notes when they become due and payable, and the legislative body schedules principal reductions by the end of the third year and for each subsequent year during which such temporary notes remain outstanding, in an amount equal to a minimum of 1/20th (1/30th for sewer projects and certain school projects) of the estimated net project cost (CGS Sec. 7-378a). The term of the bond issue is reduced by the amount of time temporary financing exceeds two years.

Temporary notes must be permanently funded no later than ten years from their initial borrowing date, except sewer notes issued in anticipation of state and/or federal grants. If written commitment exists, the municipality may renew the sewer notes from time to time in terms not to exceed six months until such time that the final grant payments are received (CGS Sec. 7-378b).

Temporary notes may also be issued for up to 15 years for certain capital projects associated with the operation of a waterworks system (CGS Sec. 7-244a) or a sewage system (CGS Sec. 7-264a). In the first year following the completion of the project(s), or in the sixth year following the original date of issue (whichever is sooner), and in each year thereafter, the notes must be reduced by 1/15th of the total amount of the notes issued by funds derived from sources of payment specified by statute. Temporary notes may be issued in one-year maturities for up to 15 years in anticipation of sewer assessments receivable, such notes to be reduced annually by the amount of assessments received during the preceding year (CGS Sec. 7-269a).

General obligation bonds (serial and term) are required to be payable in maturities wherein a succeeding maturity may not exceed any prior maturity by more than 50% or aggregate annual principal and interest payments must be substantially equal. The first installment of any series of bonds shall mature not later than three years from the date of the issue of such series. Pursuant to state law, all bonds issued on or after July 1, 2017, including sewer and school bonds, shall be due not later than thirty years from the date of their issuance.

SCHOOL BUILDING GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS

Pursuant to Section 10-287i of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut will make proportional progress payments for eligible construction costs during certain phases of construction. The following project will be reimbursed under this method:

Project	Amount of Total Authorization	Estimated Eligible Cost For Reimbursement	Reimbursement Rate (%)	Estimated Grant (1)
Ox Ridge Elementary School.....	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 38,378,647	10.78	\$ 4,137,218
Hindley Elementary School Project.....	33,479,045	24,248,463	20.71	5,021,857
Holmes Elementary School Project.....	34,003,800	24,628,537	20.71	5,100,570
Royle Elementary School Project.....	34,007,890	24,631,500	20.71	5,101,184
TOTAL	\$ 164,490,735	\$ 111,887,147		\$ 19,360,828

(1) Estimated grants for total project. Eligible costs to be determined upon completion of the project audit and are likely to change.

LIMITATION OF INDEBTEDNESS

Municipalities shall not incur indebtedness through the issuance of bonds or notes which will cause aggregate indebtedness by class to exceed the following:

General Purposes:	2.25 times annual receipts from taxation
School Purposes:	4.50 times annual receipts from taxation
Sewer Purposes:	3.75 times annual receipts from taxation
Urban Renewal Purposes:	3.25 times annual receipts from taxation
Unfunded Pension Liability Purposes:	3.00 times annual receipts from taxation

In no case however, shall total indebtedness exceed seven times the base. "Annual receipts from taxation," (the "base") are defined as total tax collections including interest, penalties and late payment of taxes and state payments for revenue loss under CGS Sections 12-129d and 7-528.

The CGS also provide for exclusion from the debt limit calculation debt (i) issued in anticipation of taxes; (ii) issued for the supply of water, gas, electricity, electric demand response, conservation and load management, distributed generation and renewable energy projects; for the construction of subways for cables, wires and pipes; for the construction of underground conduits for cables, wires and pipes; for the construction and operation of a municipal community antenna television system and for two or more of such purposes; (iii) issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from assessments levied upon property benefited by any public improvement; (iv) issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from State or Federal grants evidenced by a written commitment or for which allocation has been approved by the State Bond Commission or from a contract with the state, state agencies or another municipality providing for the reimbursement of costs but only to the extent such indebtedness can be paid from such proceeds; (v) issued for certain water pollution control projects; and (vi) upon placement in an escrow of the proceeds of refunding bonds, notes or other obligations or other funds of the municipality in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment when due of principal of and interest on such bond, note or other evidence of indebtedness.

STATEMENT OF STATUTORY DEBT LIMITATION

As of April 25, 2024
(Pro Forma)

Total Receipts for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 (including interest and lien fees)	\$ 152,015,457
Town of Darien Taxing Districts	<u>605,000</u>
Base for Establishing Debt Limit (Thousands)	<u><u>\$ 152,620,457</u></u>

Debt Limitation	General Purpose	Schools	Sewers	Urban Renewal	Past Pension	Total Debt
(2.25 times base).....	\$ 343,396,028					
(4.50 times base).....		\$ 686,792,057				
(3.75 times base).....			\$ 572,326,714			
(3.25 times base).....				\$ 496,016,485		
(3.00 times base).....					\$ 457,861,371	
(7.00 times base).....						\$1,068,343,199
Indebtedness (Including the Bonds and Notes)						
Bonds Payable.....	\$ 56,837,800	\$ 53,510,200	\$ 1,552,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,900,000
The Bonds (This Issue).....	1,271,121 *	31,773,879 *	-	-	-	33,045,000 *
The Notes (This Issue).....	49,000,000	-	-	-	-	49,000,000
Authorized but Unissued Debt.....	18,469,890	77,185,830	3,363,430	-	-	99,019,150
Total Indebtedness.....	<u>125,578,811</u>	<u>162,469,909</u>	<u>4,915,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>292,964,150</u>
Less:						
Sewer assessments receivable (1).....	-	-	(1,146,339)	-	-	(1,146,339)
School grants receivable (2).....	-	(15,643,849)	-	-	-	(15,643,849)
Total Net Indebtedness.....	<u>125,578,811</u>	<u>146,826,060</u>	<u>3,769,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,173,962</u>
Excess of Limit Over Outstanding and Authorized Debt.....	<u><u>\$ 217,817,217</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 539,965,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 567,411,284</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 496,016,485</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 457,861,371</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 791,022,898</u></u>

- (1) Sewer Assessments receivable as of June 30, 2023.
- (2) The Town expects to receive grants from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$19,360,828 which will reduce the authorized but unissued debt by a similar amount. As of April 25, 2024, the Town has received progress grant payments for the Ox Ridge Elementary School Project in the amount of \$3,716,979. (See "School Building Grant Reimbursements" herein).

* Preliminary, subject to change

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT

Projects	Amount Authorized	Prior Financings	BANS Outstanding	Paydowns/ Grants	The Notes (This Issue)	The Bonds (This Issue)	Authorized But Unissued
Hindley Elementary School Roof Replacement.....	\$ 558,250	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,250
Ox Ridge Elementary School Project.....	63,000,000	52,312,681	-	3,921,472	-	-	6,765,847 (1)
Various Town and Schools Capital Improvements.....	1,015,000	697,539	145,008	-	-	199,492 *	117,969
2021 - Sidewalk Repair & Replacement.....	762,000	98,877	-	-	-	663,123 *	-
Sewer Engineering & Infrastructure Upgrades.....	4,697,300	1,004,111	-	329,759	-	-	3,363,430
Heights Road Sidewalk Installation.....	120,375	-	-	-	-	-	120,375
2022 - Sidewalk Repair & Replacement.....	752,350	-	-	-	-	86,877 *	665,473
Darien High School Track & Jump Areas.....	817,970	-	-	-	-	815,960 *	2,010
Hindley Elementary School Project.....	33,479,045	274,971	7,577,482	-	-	10,252,084 *	22,951,990 (1)
Holmes Elementary School Project.....	34,003,800	-	7,755,000	-	-	10,324,377 *	23,679,423 (1)
Royle Elementary School Project.....	34,007,890	-	7,903,660	-	-	10,381,458 *	23,626,432 (1)
Great Island Land Acquisition.....	103,465,000	42,770,000	49,000,000	-	49,000,000	-	11,695,000
Hanson Road Bridge Project.....	169,530	-	33,850	-	-	169,000 *	530
Hanson Road Bridge Construction.....	2,067,250	-	-	-	-	-	2,067,250
Darien Fire Department Heavy Rescue.....	2,006,000	-	-	-	-	152,629 *	1,853,371
Noroton Heights Fire Department Fire Engine.....	825,415	-	-	-	-	-	825,415
Noroton Fire Department Fire Engine.....	1,126,385	-	-	-	-	-	1,126,385
Total.....	<u>\$ 282,873,560</u>	<u>\$ 97,558,179</u>	<u>\$ 72,415,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,251,231</u>	<u>\$ 49,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 33,045,000 *</u>	<u>\$ 99,019,150</u>

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HISTORICAL DEBT STATEMENT

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Population (1).....	21,485	21,485	21,485	21,485	21,485
Net taxable grand list.....	\$ 8,795,449,000	\$ 8,629,179,255	\$ 8,568,308,532	\$ 8,473,454,000	\$ 8,589,999,000
Estimated full value.....	\$ 12,564,927,143	\$ 12,327,398,936	\$ 12,240,440,760	\$ 12,104,934,286	\$ 12,271,427,143
Equalized net taxable grand list (2)....	\$ 16,435,870,934	\$ 14,119,331,205	\$ 12,456,992,079	\$ 12,105,108,513	\$ 13,174,027,653
Per capita income (1).....	\$ 139,079	\$ 139,079	\$ 139,079	\$ 139,079	\$ 139,079
Short-term debt.....	\$ 72,415,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term debt.....	\$ 117,885,000	\$ 84,585,000	\$ 62,195,000	\$ 68,906,745	\$ 60,379,444
Total Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 190,300,000	\$ 84,585,000	\$ 62,195,000	\$ 68,906,745	\$ 60,379,444
Net Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 189,153,661	\$ 83,213,664	\$ 60,557,145	\$ 67,034,550	\$ 58,530,381

- (1) U.S. Department of Commerce, 2017-2021 American Community Survey.
(2) Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.

HISTORICAL DEBT RATIOS

	2021-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Total Direct Indebtedness:					
Per capita.....	\$8,857.34	\$3,936.93	\$2,894.81	\$3,207.20	\$2,810.31
To net taxable grand list.....	2.16%	0.98%	0.73%	0.81%	0.70%
To estimated full value.....	1.51%	0.69%	0.51%	0.57%	0.49%
To equalized net taxable grand list.....	1.16%	0.60%	0.50%	0.57%	0.46%
Debt per capita to per capita income.....	6.37%	2.83%	2.08%	2.31%	2.02%
Net Direct Indebtedness:					
Per capita.....	\$8,803.99	\$3,873.11	\$2,818.58	\$3,120.06	\$2,724.24
To net taxable grand list.....	2.15%	0.96%	0.71%	0.79%	0.68%
To estimated full value.....	1.51%	0.68%	0.49%	0.55%	0.48%
To equalized net taxable grand list.....	1.15%	0.59%	0.49%	0.55%	0.44%
Debt per capita to per capita income.....	6.33%	2.78%	2.03%	2.24%	1.96%

**RATIO OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES TO TOTAL GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended 6/30</u>	<u>Annual Debt Service</u>	<u>Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers out</u>	<u>Ratio of General Fund Debt Service to Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out %</u>
2025 (1)	\$ 12,532,594	\$ 175,530,476	7.14%
2024 (1)	12,967,530	165,497,094	7.84%
2023	10,525,608	180,698,120	5.82%
2022	9,869,012	174,497,060	5.66%
2021	8,907,543	165,390,935	5.39%
2020	12,924,959	165,100,022	7.83%
2019	10,831,528	154,130,222	7.03%
2018	11,441,822	164,101,054	6.97%
2017	11,545,372	159,870,135	7.22%
2016	11,460,700	148,877,216	7.70%

(1) Fiscal years 2023-24 adopted budget and 2024-25 proposed budget exclude on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System. All other fiscal years are reported on a GAAP basis of accounting which includes on behalf payments to Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System.

Source: Town annual audited financial statements fiscal years 2015-16 through 2022-23; Fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Town Budget Documents.

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VII. LEGAL AND OTHER LITIGATION

LITIGATION

In the opinion of the Town Attorney, there are no claims or litigation pending or to his knowledge threatened, which would individually or in the aggregate result in final judgments against the Town which would have a material adverse effect on the finances of the Town or which would impact the validity of the Bonds and the Notes or the power of the Town to levy and collect taxes to pay the principal of and interest on Bonds and the Notes.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford and Bridgeport, Connecticut is serving as bond counsel with respect to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds and the Notes and will render its opinions with respect to Bonds and the Notes in substantially the form included in this Official Statement as Appendices B-1 and B-2, respectively.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

The Town has retained Munistat Services, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor") to serve as its municipal advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the Notes. The Municipal Advisor has not independently verified any of the information contained in this Official Statement and makes no guarantee as to its completeness or accuracy.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTES

Upon the delivery of the Bonds and the Notes, the winning bidder(s) will be furnished with the following:

1. Signature and No Litigation Certificate stating that at the time of delivery no litigation is pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds and the Notes or the levy or collection of taxes to pay them;
2. A certificate on behalf of the Town, signed by the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer, and the Finance Director, which will be dated the date of delivery and attached to a signed copy of the Official Statement, and which will certify, to the best of said officials' knowledge and belief, as of the date of the Official Statement and the date of closing, the descriptions and statements in the Official Statement relating to the Town and its finances were true and correct in all material respects and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and that there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the Town from that set forth in or contemplated by the Official Statement;
3. Receipts for the purchase price of the Bonds and the Notes;
4. The approving opinions of Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel of Hartford, Connecticut for the Bonds and the Notes in substantially in the forms attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2, respectively;
5. Executed Continuing Disclosure Agreements for the Bonds and the Notes in substantially the forms attached to the Official Statement as Appendices C-1 and C-2, respectively; and
6. Within seven business days of the bid opening, the Town will furnish the purchaser of the Bonds and the Notes a reasonable number of copies of the Official Statement, as prepared by the Town.

A record of the proceedings taken by the Town in authorizing Bonds and the Notes will be kept on file at the principal office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum St., 27th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut and will be available for examination upon reasonable request.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Additional information may be obtained upon request from the office of the Finance Director, Attention: Ms. Jennifer A. Charneski, Finance Director at (203) 656-7334 or from the Municipal Advisor at (203) 421-2087.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any of such statements will be realized. This Official Statement is not to be constructed as a contract or agreement between the Town and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds and the Notes.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

By: _____
JON E. ZAGRODZKY
First Selectman

By: _____
JOAN D. HENDRICKSON
Treasurer

By: _____
JENNIFER A. CHARNESKI
Finance Director

March 28, 2024

APPENDIX A - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

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Appendix A – Basic Financial Statements – is taken from the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Darien for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023 and does not include all the schedules or management letter in such report. A copy of the complete report is available upon request to the Town's Finance Director, Town of Darien, Connecticut.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Finance/Town Council
Town of Darien, Connecticut

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Darien, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Darien, Connecticut's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Darien, Connecticut, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Darien, Connecticut, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Darien, Connecticut's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Darien, Connecticut's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Darien, Connecticut's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, and the pension and OPEB schedules, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Darien, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements, schedules and report of property tax collections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements, schedules, and report of property tax collections are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

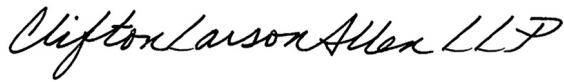
Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Board of Finance/Town Council
Town of Darien, Connecticut

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Darien, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Darien, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Darien, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

West Hartford, Connecticut
December 21, 2023

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

This discussion and analysis of the Town of Darien, Connecticut's (the Town) financial performance is provided by management to provide an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Please read this MD&A in conjunction with the transmittal letter and the Town's financial statements, Exhibits I to IX. All amounts are expressed in thousands unless otherwise noted.

Financial Highlights

- Net position of our governmental activities increased by \$2,502 or 1.3%.
- During the year, the Town had expenses that were \$2,502 less than the \$204,685 generated in tax and other revenues for governmental programs.
- Total cost of all of the Town's programs was \$202,183 with no new programs added this year.
- The General Fund reported a fund balance this year of \$32,098.
- The resources available for appropriation were \$45 less than budgeted for the General Fund. Expenditures were \$3,023 less than budgeted.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities (Exhibits I and II, respectively) provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. Fund financial statements are presented in Exhibits III to IX. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The analysis of the Town as a whole begins on Exhibits I and II. The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities for the current period. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the Town's net position and changes in net position. The Town's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader needs to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's capital assets, to assess the overall health of the Town.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the Town reports its activities as follows:

- *Governmental Activities* - The Town's basic services are reported here, including general government, community environment, public safety, health and social services, library, parks and recreation, public works, education, sewer, and solid waste. Property taxes, charges for services, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements begin with Exhibit III and provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by Charter. However, the Town of Darien establishes many other funds to help control and manage financial activities for particular purposes (like the Sewer Operations) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using grants and other money (like grants received from the State of Connecticut). The Town's funds are divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

- *Governmental Funds (Exhibits III and IV)* - Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation included with the fund financial statements.
- *Proprietary Funds (Exhibits V, VI and VII)* - The Town maintains an Internal Service Fund. The Town uses its internal service fund to account for certain self-funded employee benefit costs. Because the internal service fund benefits governmental functions, they are included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.
- *Fiduciary Funds (Exhibits VIII and IX)* - The Town is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. It is also responsible for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the Town's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net assets and changes in fiduciary net assets. These activities are excluded from the Town's other financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Town is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Town's combined net position increased from \$187,668 to \$190,170. The analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Town's governmental activities.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 100,680	\$ 78,859
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	311,035	217,792
Total Assets	411,715	296,651
 Deferred Outflows of Resources	 8,565	 13,698
Liabilities:		
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	131,897	99,260
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable and Premium	73,348	-
Other Liabilities	15,690	12,290
Total Liabilities	220,935	111,550
 Deferred Inflows of Resources	 9,175	 11,131
 Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	138,199	134,498
Restricted	3,382	939
Unrestricted	48,589	52,231
Total Net Position	\$ 190,170	\$ 187,668

Total assets of the Town increased \$115,064 from the prior year due to an increase in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation resulting from the purchase of Great Island. Deferred outflows of resources have decreased by \$5,133 primarily due to a decrease in the deferred outflows for pension. Total liabilities have increased by \$109,385, primarily due to the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes. Deferred inflows have decreased by \$1,956 due to a decrease in deferred inflow for pension and OPEB.

As a result, total net position of the Town's governmental activities increased by 1.33%. Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements - decreased from \$52,231 at June 30, 2022, to \$49,141 at the end of this year. A portion of the unrestricted net position was categorized as restricted consistent with the amount of restricted fund balance.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 17,911	\$ 18,478
Operating Grants and Contributions	29,989	18,727
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,501	-
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	152,222	146,091
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Purposes	107	99
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	1,992	141
Other General Revenues	963	697
Total Revenues	204,685	184,233
 Program Expenses:		
General Government	4,780	3,232
Community Environment	1,411	422
Public Safety	19,036	17,181
Health and Social Services	2,029	913
Library	4,213	4,139
Parks and Recreation	3,826	2,278
Public Works	10,405	7,612
Board of Education	151,361	136,371
Sewer Operations	3,937	3,964
Debt Service	1,185	452
Total Program Expenses	202,183	176,564
 Change in Net Position	2,502	7,669
 Beginning Net Position	187,668	179,999
 Ending Net Position	\$ 190,170	\$ 187,668

The Town's total revenues were \$204,685. The total cost of all programs and services was \$202,183. Our analysis below considers the operations of governmental activities.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

Governmental Activities

Property taxes were 74.4% of revenues and charges for services accounted for 8.8%. The 2022-23 property tax collection rate was 99.7%. Operating grants and contributions increased by 60.1% due to an increase in grants to the Board of Education.

On the expense side, Board of Education expenses continue to be the most significant component accounting for 74.9%. Board of Education expenses increased primarily due to an increase in operating grants and contributions.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the Town's five largest programs - general government, public safety, public works, education, and the public library - as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
General Government	\$ 4,780	\$ 3,232	\$ 751	\$ (39)
Public Safety	19,036	17,181	15,211	12,985
Public Works	10,405	7,612	8,565	4,840
Education	151,361	136,371	119,039	116,791
Library	4,213	4,139	4,213	4,139
Total	<u>\$ 189,795</u>	<u>\$ 168,535</u>	<u>\$ 147,779</u>	<u>\$ 138,716</u>

Town Funds Financial Analysis

As the Town completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet - Exhibit III) reported a combined fund balance of \$5,945, which is a decrease from last year's total of \$61,049. Fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$2,737 due to a positive result of operations. The Sewer Operating fund increased by \$125,300 due to a positive result of operations. The fund balance in the Capital Projects funds decreased by \$15,325 due to the expenditure of bond funds issued in the prior year. The deficit fund balance in the Great Island Acquisition Fund is due to the purchase of approximately 60 acres of land, commonly known as Great Island. The deficit will be eliminated with the issuance of bonds in future years. The Nonmajor Governmental Funds increased by \$357.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There were additional appropriations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$3,797 for an increase to the contribution to the Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures, school security enhancements and the settlement of a Heart & Hypertension claim. A contingency of \$549 was included in the original budget. This contingency covered item such as nonunion wage increases, mid-year labor contract settlements and other unexpected expenses.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
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Actual revenues were lower than budgetary estimates by approximately \$45. The final budget assumed that \$3,797 of fund balance would be used to offset expenses; however, this amount was not needed. Current year tax collections were \$498 higher than budgeted due to a conservative budgeted collection rate. Investment Income was \$1,824 higher than budgeted due to higher than anticipated interest rates. Intergovernmental revenue was \$849 higher than budgeted primarily due to reclassification of the Town Aid Road grant to the General Fund and a prior year adjustment for Excess Cost Reimbursement. Charges for Services were \$293 higher than budgeted due to increased usage of the Town's Transfer Station.

Actual expenditures were less than budgetary estimates by \$3,023. The budget included \$549 for Contingency. At year end, \$159 remained unused. Board of Education expenditures were \$810 lower than budgeted. Expenditures for general education and special education were lower than budgeted. Police Department expenditures were \$469 lower than budgeted primarily due to vacancies. General Government expenditures were \$342 lower than budgeted due to lower than expected legal expenses. Public Works expenditures were \$285 lower than budgeted partially due to lower than expected overtime and tree maintenance expenses. Employee Benefits expenditures were \$256 lower than budgeted primarily due to vacancies.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the Town had \$311,035 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, park facilities, vehicles and equipment, roads, bridges, and water and sewer lines - Table 4. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$93,243, or 42.8%, from last year. The increase is primarily due to an increase in Land resulting from the purchase of Great Island. There was an increase in Buildings and a decrease in Construction in Progress resulting from the completion of the Ox Ridge Elementary School project.

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Land	\$ 106,100	\$ 20,271
Buildings	177,798	133,579
Land Improvement	1,749	1,261
Machinery and Equipment	8,759	8,846
Right-to-use Building	680	105
Right-to-use Equipment	778	1,145
Infrastructure	10,291	10,745
Construction in Progress	4,880	41,840
Totals	\$ 311,035	\$ 217,792

The Town's fiscal-year 2023-24 capital budget calls for it to spend another \$4,668 for capital and/or non-recurring projects, principally for capital equipment and replacement. More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in Notes 1 and 6 to the financial statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2023
(IN THOUSANDS)**

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2023, the Town had \$117,885 in bonds and notes outstanding versus \$84,585 last year.

The Town issued \$40,950 of new debt while paying \$7,650 in principal payments.

The Town's general obligation bonds continue to carry a rating of Aaa, the highest rating possible, a rating that has been assigned by national rating agencies to the Town's debt since 1973. The State limits the amount of general obligation debt that cities can issue based on formula determined under State Statutes based on type of debt and tax base. The Town's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below the \$1,024 state-imposed limit.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave. More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 8 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal-year 2024 budget tax rates and fees that will be charged for services. One of those factors is the economy. Unemployment in Darien averaged 3.5% in calendar year 2022 and increased to 4.5% as of June 2023. This compares with the State and national unemployment rates of 3.7% and 3.6% for the same period.

Inflation in the Darien area continues to trend close to the national Consumer Price Index (CPI).

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for 2023-24. Amounts available for appropriation in the General Fund budget are \$165,497, an increase of 4.1% from the adopted 2023 budget of \$159,044. Education expenses and employee benefits are the largest areas of expenditure increase.

If these estimates are realized, the Town's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain stable by June 30, 2024.

Contacting the Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Finance Department, Town of Darien, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut, 06820.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 81,136,995
Investments	10,968,024
Receivables, Net	4,492,826
Prepaid Items	375,300
Total Current Assets	96,973,145
Noncurrent Assets:	
Lease Receivable	3,707,109
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	110,980,587
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	200,054,585
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	314,742,281
Total Assets	411,715,426
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Charges on Refunding	146,380
Deferred Outflows - Pension	7,609,929
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	809,007
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	8,565,316
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts and Other Payables	8,668,808
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	72,415,000
Premiums on Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	933,429
Unearned Revenue	7,021,674
Total Current Liabilities	89,038,911
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	7,849,300
Due in More than One Year	124,047,842
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	131,897,142
Total Liabilities	220,936,053
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	2,696,959
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	2,595,531
Deferred Inflows - Leases	3,882,509
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	9,174,999
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	138,199,486
Restricted:	
Unspent Grant Balances	930,304
Capital Projects	1,838,055
Park Pals Play Area	49,990
Student Activities	389,682
Trusts	173,165
Unrestricted	48,589,008
Total Net Position	\$ 190,169,690

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
General Government	\$ 4,780,001	\$ 1,863,304	\$ 2,165,591	\$ -	\$ (751,106)
Community Environment	1,410,453	182,014	-	-	(1,228,439)
Public Safety	19,036,044	3,785,076	40,280	-	(15,210,688)
Health and Social Services	2,029,239	460,236	122,844	-	(1,446,159)
Library	4,212,865	-	-	-	(4,212,865)
Parks and Recreation	3,825,896	1,957,577	104,452	-	(1,763,867)
Public Works	10,405,017	814,204	1,025,493	-	(8,565,320)
Board of Education	151,361,019	4,290,843	26,530,414	1,501,062	(119,038,700)
Sewer Operations	3,936,690	4,557,469	-	-	620,779
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,185,294	-	-	-	(1,185,294)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 202,182,518</u>	<u>\$ 17,910,723</u>	<u>\$ 29,989,074</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,062</u>	(152,781,659)
GENERAL REVENUES					
Property Taxes					152,222,316
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs					106,686
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					1,992,096
Miscellaneous					962,650
Total General Revenues					<u>155,283,748</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					
					2,502,089
Net Position - Beginning of Year					<u>187,667,601</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR					
					<u>\$ 190,169,690</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Sewer Operating	Capital Projects	Great Island Acquisition Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 23,889,986	\$ 2,196,668	\$ 37,655,764	\$ 6,059,322	\$ 11,195,374	\$ 80,997,114
Investments	10,968,024	-	-	-	-	10,968,024
Receivables, Net	1,967,944	199,348	624,557	-	1,517,310	4,309,159
Lease Receivable	715,195	-	3,167,314	-	-	3,882,509
Due from Other Funds	1,547,778	-	-	-	-	1,547,778
Prepaid Items	375,300	-	-	-	-	375,300
Total Assets	<u>\$ 39,464,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,016</u>	<u>\$ 41,447,635</u>	<u>\$ 6,059,322</u>	<u>\$ 12,712,684</u>	<u>\$ 102,079,884</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts and Other Payables	\$ 4,409,938	\$ 36,296	\$ 2,279,182	\$ 57,703	\$ 479,494	\$ 7,262,613
Due to Other Funds	-	-	571,731	-	976,047	1,547,778
Unearned Revenue	1,058,863	-	-	-	5,962,811	7,021,674
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	-	-	23,415,000	49,000,000	-	72,415,000
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	933,429	933,429
Total Liabilities	<u>5,468,801</u>	<u>36,296</u>	<u>26,265,913</u>	<u>49,057,703</u>	<u>8,351,781</u>	<u>89,180,494</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	1,182,470	-	-	-	-	1,182,470
Unavailable Revenue - Grants	-	-	552,092	-	-	552,092
Unavailable Revenue - Sewer Use	-	190,548	-	-	-	190,548
Unavailable Revenue - Sewer Assessment	-	-	-	-	1,146,339	1,146,339
Lease Related	715,195	-	3,167,314	-	-	3,882,509
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,897,665</u>	<u>190,548</u>	<u>3,719,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,146,339</u>	<u>6,953,958</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	375,300	-	-	-	-	375,300
Restricted	-	-	1,838,055	-	991,049	2,829,104
Committed	63,554	2,169,172	9,624,261	-	2,319,726	14,176,713
Assigned	826,641	-	-	-	-	826,641
Unassigned	30,832,266	-	-	(42,998,381)	(96,211)	(12,262,326)
Total Fund Balances	<u>32,097,761</u>	<u>2,169,172</u>	<u>11,462,316</u>	<u>(42,998,381)</u>	<u>3,214,564</u>	<u>5,945,432</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 39,464,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,016</u>	<u>\$ 41,447,635</u>	<u>\$ 6,059,322</u>	<u>\$ 12,712,684</u>	<u>\$ 102,079,884</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit III) \$ 5,945,432

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit I) are different because of the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Governmental Capital Assets	\$ 451,499,277	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(140,464,105)</u>	
Net Capital Assets		311,035,172

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are not recorded in the funds:

Property Tax Receivables Greater than 60 Days	719,179	
Interest Receivable on Property Taxes	463,291	
Assessments Receivable	1,146,339	
Sewer Use Receivable	190,548	
Grants Receivable	552,092	
Deferred Outflows - Pension	7,609,929	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	809,007	

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of risk management to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are reported with governmental activities in the statement of net position.

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Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net OPEB Liability	(2,016,437)	
Net Pension Liability	(1,733,051)	
Bonds and Notes Payable	(117,885,000)	
Interest Payable on Bonds and Notes	(1,366,365)	
Lease Payable	(1,539,165)	
Compensated Absences	(2,241,620)	
Bond Premium	(6,481,869)	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	146,380	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(2,696,959)	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(2,595,531)</u>	

Net Position of Governmental Activities as Reported on the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit I)

\$ 190,169,690

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Sewer Operating	Capital Projects	Great Island Acquisition Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	\$ 152,077,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,077,462
Intergovernmental	21,414,810	-	1,351,236	-	3,744,555	26,510,601
Charges for Services	5,929,445	4,221,380	-	-	7,966,170	18,116,995
Income on Investments	1,895,856	6,635	88,371	-	1,234	1,992,096
Miscellaneous	554,913	-	114,690	-	340,261	1,009,864
Total Revenues	<u>181,872,486</u>	<u>4,228,015</u>	<u>1,554,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,052,220</u>	<u>199,707,018</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General Government	4,701,832	-	-	-	37,296	4,739,128
Community Environment	1,351,612	-	-	-	-	1,351,612
Public Safety	14,684,360	-	-	-	1,250,726	15,935,086
Health and Social Services	1,845,083	-	-	-	92,554	1,937,637
Library	4,212,865	-	-	-	-	4,212,865
Parks and Recreation	2,149,765	-	-	-	1,147,556	3,297,321
Public Works	5,837,787	-	-	-	1,235,552	7,073,339
Board of Education	129,804,594	-	-	-	5,980,691	135,785,285
Sewer Operations	-	3,936,690	-	-	-	3,936,690
Capital Outlay	724,163	-	22,093,808	85,769,747	989,243	109,576,961
Debt Service	10,525,608	-	-	-	-	10,525,608
Total Expenditures	<u>175,837,669</u>	<u>3,936,690</u>	<u>22,093,808</u>	<u>85,769,747</u>	<u>10,733,618</u>	<u>298,371,532</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	6,034,817	291,325	(20,539,511)	(85,769,747)	1,318,602	(98,664,514)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers In	773,228	-	5,214,872	-	-	5,988,100
Transfers Out	(4,860,451)	(166,025)	-	-	(961,624)	(5,988,100)
Lease Issuance	664,413	-	-	-	-	664,413
Bond Premiums	125,000	-	-	1,821,366	-	1,946,366
Bond Issuance	-	-	-	40,950,000	-	40,950,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(3,297,810)</u>	<u>(166,025)</u>	<u>5,214,872</u>	<u>42,771,366</u>	<u>(961,624)</u>	<u>43,560,779</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	2,737,007	125,300	(15,324,639)	(42,998,381)	356,978	(55,103,735)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>29,360,754</u>	<u>2,043,872</u>	<u>26,786,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,857,586</u>	<u>61,049,167</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 32,097,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,172</u>	<u>\$ 11,462,316</u>	<u>\$ (42,998,381)</u>	<u>\$ 3,214,564</u>	<u>\$ 5,945,432</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit IV) \$ (55,103,735)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit II) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital Outlay	104,420,535
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	(6,331,255)

In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold. (4,846,395)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, and revenues recognized in the funds are not reported in the statement of activities:

Property Tax Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	79,651
Property Tax Interest and Lien Revenue - Accrual Basis Change	65,203
Sewer Assessment Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	(221,377)
Sewer Use Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	15,105
Grants Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	552,092
Change in Deferred Outflows - Pension	(5,063,450)
Change in Deferred Outflows - OPEB	(125,026)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are amortized and deferred in the statement of activities. The details of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items are as follows:

Bond and Note Principal Payments	7,650,000
Issuance of Bonds and Notes	(40,950,000)
Issuance of leases	(664,413)
Lease principal payments	453,164
Premium on Bond Issuance	(1,946,366)
Amortization of Premiums on Debt Issuance	1,393,432

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:

Net OPEB Liability	(249,889)
Net Pension Liability	1,498,534
Compensated Absences	178,595
Accrued Interest	(212,527)
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	56,245
Change in Deferred Inflows - Pension	955,205
Change in Deferred Inflows - OPEB	897,557

Internal service funds are used by management to charge costs to individual funds. The net revenue of certain activities of internal services funds is reported with governmental activities. 1,204

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities as Reported on the Statement of Activities (Exhibit II) \$ 2,502,089

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 139,881
Accounts Receivable, Net	8,267
Total Assets	148,148
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts and Other Payables	39,830
 NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	\$ 108,318

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u> <u>Internal Service Fund</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for Services	\$ 259,167
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Benefits and Claims	<u>257,963</u>
OPERATING INCOME	1,204
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>107,114</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 108,318</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 250,900
Cash Paid for Benefits and Claims	(252,864)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(1,964)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	141,845
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 139,881
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Income	\$ 1,204
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(8,267)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	5,099
Total Adjustments	(3,168)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (1,964)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Pension and OPEB Trust Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,106,505
Investments:	
Equity Securities	96,253,899
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	69,881,143
Receivables:	
Interest and Dividends	87,920
Total Assets	<u>170,329,467</u>
 NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Pensions	159,127,264
Other Postemployment Benefits	<u>11,198,106</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u><u>\$ 170,325,370</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Pension and OPEB Trust Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 3,973,016
Plan Members	1,709,488
Total Contributions	<u>5,682,504</u>
Investment Income:	
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	8,583,143
Interest and Dividends	4,018,198
Total Investment Income	<u>12,601,341</u>
Less Investment Expenses:	
Investment Management Fees	584,600
Net Investment Income	<u>12,016,741</u>
Total Additions	17,699,245
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits	8,695,577
Administration	126,581
Total Deductions	<u>8,822,158</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	8,877,087
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>161,448,283</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 170,325,370</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant policies of the Town are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity of the Town consists of all Town departments, the Board of Education, commissions, boards, authorities, and funds.

The Town was founded in 1737. The Town has a Representative Town Meeting (RTM) form of government, with a five-member Board of Selectmen, seven-member Board of Finance and a nine-member Board of Education. The Town operates under the State of Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the Town of Darien. The Charter was originally adopted in 1959 and the Code of Ordinances was adopted in 1972. Both are subject to revision on an ongoing basis. The 100-member RTM is the legislative body for the Town. The First Selectman, elected biennially, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Town. The Board of Finance, elected quadrennially to overlapping terms, serves as the Town's fiscal policy maker. Services provided by the Town to residents and taxpayers include general administrative services, public safety, education, public works, parks and recreation, health, social service, planning and zoning, and sewer services.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the reporting entity include the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. A government is financially accountable for a legally separate organization if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the government. These criteria have been considered and have resulted in the inclusion of the fiduciary component units as detailed below.

Fiduciary Component Units

The Town has established two single-employer Public Retirement System (PERS) and two post-retirement health care benefits (OPEB) plans to provide retirement benefits and post-retirement health care benefits primary to employees and their beneficiaries. The Town performs the duties of a governing board for the Pension and OPEB plans and is required to make contributions to the pension and OPEB plans.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Fiduciary Component Units (Continued)

The financial statements of the fiduciary component units are reported as Pension and OPEB Trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Separate financial statements have not been prepared for the fiduciary component units.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, including fiduciary component units, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the fiscal period, or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation
(Continued)**

Property taxes and certain other revenues are considered to be available if collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, including lease liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, pensions, other postemployment benefits, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the Town the right to use lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes when levied for intergovernmental revenues when eligibility requirements are met, charges for services, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Town. This fund is used to account for all financial transactions and resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal grants, licenses, permits, charges for service, and interest income.

Sewer Operating Fund

The Sewer Operating Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for the revenues collected by the Town and expenditures related to the Town's Sanitary Sewer System.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the financial resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities.

Great Island Acquisition Fund

The Great Island Acquisition Fund is used to account for the financial resources for the acquisition of the property commonly known as Great Island.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation
(Continued)**

Additionally, the Town reports the following proprietary and fiduciary funds:

Internal Service Fund

The Internal Service Fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the Town on a cost-reimbursement basis. It is used to account for the activities of the self-insured dental insurance program of the Town.

Pension Trust Funds

The Pension Trust Funds account for the fiduciary activities of the Darien Retirement System, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified Town employees and Police Officers. The pension trust funds follow the accrual basis of accounting.

OPEB Trust Funds

The OPEB Trust Funds account for the fiduciary activities of the Town's other postemployment benefit trust, which accumulates resources for pension and other postemployment benefit payments to qualified employees and retirees. The OPEB trust funds follow the accrual basis of accounting.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between certain Town functions because the elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include property taxes.

D. Deposits and Investments

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements, and certain other investments as described in Note 3.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments are reported at fair value, except for investments in 2a7-like pools, which are stated at amortized costs.

E. Interfunds

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

F. Property Taxes

The Town's property tax is levied each July 1 on the assessed value listed on the prior October 1 Grand List for all taxable property located in the Town. Although taxes are levied in June, the legal right to attach the property does not exist until July 1. Therefore, taxes are due and payable in equal installments on July 1 and January 1, following the date of the Grand List. Interest of 1½% per month is charged on delinquent taxes. Liens are effective on the attachment date and are continued by filing prior to the following levy date. Additional property taxes are assessed for motor vehicles registered subsequent to the Grand List date through July 31 and are payable in one installment due January 1. An amount of \$131,412 has been established as an allowance for uncollectible taxes. At June 30, 2023, this represents approximately 11% of all property taxes receivable. All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

G. Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible property, plant, and equipment, are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 Years
Building Improvements	40 Years
Infrastructure	10 to 40 Years
Vehicles	2 to 20 Years
Office Equipment	5 Years
Computer Equipment	3 Years

Capital outlays (assets) are reported as expenditures, and no depreciation expense is reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Right-to-use lease assets are initially measured at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable including property taxes receivable for the primary government are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts represents those accounts that are deemed uncollectible based upon past collection history and an assessment of the creditor's ability to pay.

J. Compensated Absences

The Town and Board of Education liability for vacation pay is based upon the carryforward of unused vacation days. All nonrepresented Town employees and members of the Town Hall Union hired after March 1, 2019, may carry forward unused vacation days up to five weeks. Police may carry over unused vacation days up to one week. All other Town employees may carry forward up to twice the number of days earned in a year. Board of Education employees may carry forward five or ten days depending on the bargaining unit.

The Town pays one-third of unused accumulated sick leave in excess of 150 days for eligible Town employees and police officers at retirement. Eligibility is based on hire date as specified in the various bargaining agreements. No employee or police officer hired after October 26, 2015, is eligible for payout of accumulated sick leave.

The Board of Education discontinued sick leave payments for custodians and maintenance workers. Town employees remain eligible for the payments. The Town accrued the amount that is probable for payment.

Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. No expenditure is reported in the governmental funds for these amounts until the payment is made.

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods. The Town reports a deferred charge on refunding and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB in this manner in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on debt refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. A deferred outflow of resources related to pension and OPEB results from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions or other inputs. These amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner over a period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), except for amounts related to the differences between expected and actual investment return which is amortized over 5 years.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods. The Town reports deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred inflow of resources related to pension and OPEB results from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions or other inputs. These amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner over a period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension and OPEB plan (active employees and inactive employees). The statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet also report a deferred inflow of resources related to leases. The lease related deferred inflow of resources is recorded in an amount equal to the corresponding lease receivable plus any payments received at or before the start of the lease term that relates to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The inflow of resources is recognized in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease, except for amounts related to the differences between expected and actual investment return which is amortized over 5 years.

The Town reports in its governmental funds unavailable revenues, which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from several sources: property taxes and interest on delinquent property taxes, sewer assessments, sewer use fees, and interest on delinquent sewer use fees.

L. Proprietary Funds Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the internal service funds are charges to other funds for services. Operating expenses for internal service funds include the cost of services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

M. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of any significant applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenses.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. Principal payments are reported as debt service expenditures.

N. Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability is measured as the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefits that is attributed to past periods of employee service (total pension liability), net of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The pension plan's fiduciary net position is determined using the same valuation methods that are used by the pension plan for purposes of preparing its statement of fiduciary net position. The net pension liability is measured as of a date (measurement date) no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period.

O. Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Liability

The net OPEB liability is measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is determined using the same valuation methods that are used by the OPEB plan for purposes of preparing its statement of fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability is measured as of a date (measurement date) no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period.

Funding Policy

The Town makes annual contributions based on management's decisions, taking into account the latest actuarial valuation.

P. Net Position

In the government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements, net position is classified in the following categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Net Position (Continued)

Restricted Net Position – These amounts are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.

Unrestricted Net Position – This category represents the net position of the Town that is not restricted for any project or other purpose. A deficit will require future funding.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Q. Fund Balance

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

In the governmental fund financial statements, the Town reported the following governmental fund balances:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – These amounts cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – These amounts are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.

Committed Fund Balance – This represents amounts constrained for a specific purpose by a government using its highest level of decision-making authority (Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting). The Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Q. Fund Balance (Continued)

Assigned Fund Balance – Amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. Purchases on order at the end of the fiscal year are included in this category. The Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting has by resolution authorized the finance director to assign fund balance. The Board of Finance may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or review a commitment.

Unassigned Fund Balance – The residual amount not allocated to any other fund balance category in the General Fund and any residual deficit balance of any other governmental funds.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Town considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Town considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

R. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The Town adheres to the following procedures in establishing the annual budget of the General Fund:

- On the first Tuesday in March, the Boards of Selectmen and Education submit their respective budgets to the Board of Finance.
- On the second Tuesday in March, the Board of Finance conducts a public hearing at which taxpayer comments are heard.
- On or before the third Tuesday in April, the Board of Finance establishes its recommended Budget and the means to finance it including a tax rate for publication and submission to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM).
- On the second Monday in May, the Budget as approved by the Board of Finance is submitted to the RTM at which the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the RTM. The RTM has authority to either approve the recommended budget or reduce it; it is not permitted to vote an increase. The legal level of control is at the object level for the General Fund. The legal level of control for the Sewer Operating Fund, Parking Operations Fund and the Recreation Program Fund is at the fund level. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- The Board of Finance has the authority to transfer unexpended balances and to establish a process for transfer approval.
- Any subsequent appropriations that alter the total operating budget must be approved by the RTM. As a result of additional appropriations during fiscal year 2023, the original operating budget was increased by \$3,797,108.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
- Except for the accounting for encumbrances, budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The Board of Education, which is not a separate legal entity but a separate department of the Town, is authorized under state law to make any transfers required within its budget at its discretion. Any additional appropriations must have Board of Education, Board of Finance and RTM approval.
- Budgeted amounts shown are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Finance and RTM during the course of the year.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

A. Budgetary Information (Continued)

- Generally, all unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward.
- The Unassigned General Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year should be no less than 12% of the budgetary General Fund Revenues for that fiscal year. It is the policy of the Board of Finance to keep the fund balance above the minimum level except under extraordinary events or in unanticipated situations.

The Sewer Operating Fund, a major fund, has an annual legally adopted budget. The Parking Operations Fund and the Recreation Program Fund are nonmajor funds with annually adopted budgets. Establishment of the budget requires Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and RTM approval. There were no additional appropriations approved during the year for the Sewer Operating Fund. All budgets are on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The Town underspent the Sewer Operating Budget for the year ended June 30, 2023, by \$74,644, and overspent the Recreation Programs Fund Budget for the year ended June 30, 2023, by \$424,866 which was offset by program fees that were \$414,813 higher than budgeted.

The Great Island Acquisition Fund does not have annual legally adopted budget.

Expenditures of funds for long-term capital improvements are budgeted by project each year. Appropriations for capital projects are continued until completion of applicable projects, even when projects extend more than one fiscal year.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

B. Deficit Fund Balance

As of June 30, 2023, the Great Island Acquisition Fund, the Storm Recovery Fund and the Recreation Programs Fund had deficit fund balances of \$42,998,381, \$89,794 and \$6,417, respectively. These deficits will be eliminated in future years when the grant and program revenues are recognized, and when Bond Anticipation notes are permanently financed.

NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes (Section 7-402). Deposits may be made in a “qualified public depository” as defined by Statute or, in amounts not exceeding the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limit, in an “out of state bank” as defined by the Statutes, which is not a “qualified public depository.”

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NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Connecticut General Statutes (Section 7-400) permit municipalities to invest in: 1) obligations of the United States and its agencies, 2) highly rated obligations of any state of the United States or of any political subdivision, authority or agency thereof, and 3) shares or other interests in custodial arrangements or pools maintaining constant net asset values and in highly rated no-load open end money market and mutual funds (with constant or fluctuating net asset values) whose portfolios are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies, and repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations. Other provisions of the Statutes cover specific municipal funds with particular investment authority. The provisions of the Statutes regarding the investment of municipal pension funds do not specify permitted investments. Therefore, investment of such funds is generally controlled by the laws applicable to fiduciaries and the provisions of the applicable plan.

The Statutes (Sections 3-24f and 3-27f) also provide for investment in shares of the State Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). This investment pool is under the control of the State Treasurer, with oversight provided by the Treasurer’s Cash Management Advisory Board, and is regulated under the state statutes and subject to annual audit by the Auditors of Public Accounts. Investment yields are accounted for on an amortized-cost basis with an investment portfolio that is designed to attain a market-average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles. Investors accrue interest daily based on actual earnings, less expenses and transfers to the designated surplus reserve, and the fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. The State Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF) allows participants to make same day withdrawals and deposits of any size. The fund does not limit the size or number of participant transactions.

A. Deposits

Deposit Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Town’s deposit will not be returned. The Town’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires prequalification of institutions with which the Town does business. The prequalification requirements include, but are not limited to, proof of creditworthiness, five years or more of operations, evidence of adequate insurance coverage, proof of state registration, and proof of compliance with state and federal capital adequacy guidelines. The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes. Deposits may be placed with any qualified public depository that has its main place of business in the state of Connecticut or up to the FDIC limit in out-of-state banks.

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, \$58,198,369 of the Town’s bank balance of \$64,482,069 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and Uncollateralized	\$ 52,129,942
Collateralized, Held by Banks	<u>6,068,427</u>
Total Amount Subject to Custodial Credit Risk	<u><u>\$ 58,198,369</u></u>

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NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Deposits (Continued)

Deposit Custodial Credit Risk (Continued)

Connecticut General Statutes require that each depository maintain segregated collateral (not required to be based on a security agreement between the depository and the municipality and, therefore, not perfected in accordance with federal law) in an amount equal to a defined percentage of its public deposits based upon the depository's risk-based capital ratio.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and purchased within 90 days of maturity. At June 30, 2023, the Town's cash equivalents amounted to \$25,542,904.

The following table provides a summary of the Town's cash equivalents (excluding U.S. government guaranteed obligations) as rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. STIF is an investment pool of high-quality, short-term money market instruments with an average maturity of less than 60 days. There were no limitations or restrictions on any withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. The pools all have maturities of less than one year.

	Standard and Poor's
State Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF)	AAA
Money Market Funds	AAAm

B. Investments

Investments as of June 30, 2023, in all funds are as follows:

	6/30/2023	Maturity in Years		
		Less Than 1	1 - 10	More Than 10
Interest-Bearing Investments:				
Certificate of Deposit *	\$ 8,972,753	\$ 8,972,753	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government Securities	1,995,271	1,995,271	-	-
Total	10,968,024	\$ 10,968,024	\$ -	\$ -
Other Investments:				
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	69,881,143			
Common Stock	96,253,899			
Total Investments	\$ 177,103,066			

* Subject to coverage by federal depository insurance and collateralization.

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NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Investments (Continued)

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements); followed by quoted prices in inactive markets or for similar assets or with observable inputs (Level 2 measurements); and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The Town has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments by Fair Value Level:				
Common Stock	\$ 96,253,899	\$ 82,659,941	\$ 13,593,958	\$ -
U.S. Government Securities	1,995,271	1,995,271	-	-
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	69,881,143	69,881,143	-	-
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	168,130,313	\$ 154,536,355	\$ 13,593,958	\$ -
Certificates of Deposit *	8,972,753			
Total Investments	\$ 177,103,066			

* Subject to coverage by federal depository insurance and collateralization, and valued at amortized cost

Debt and equity securities classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Equity securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town's investment policy limits the maximum investment maturity to one year.

Credit Risk – Investments

As indicated above, state statutes limit the investment options of cities and towns. The Town has an investment policy that allows the same type of investments as state statutes.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town's investment policy does not allow for an investment in any one issuer that is in excess of 5% of the Town's total investments.

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NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Investments (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for an investment is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (the institution that pledges collateral or repurchase agreement securities to the Town or that sells investments to or buys them for the Town), the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town maintains a listing of financial institutions approved to provide custody based on their creditworthiness in accordance with the Town's investment policy. The investment policy details the information that must be provided by financial institutions on an annual basis to become or remain qualified for investment transactions.

NOTE 4 RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the Town's individual major funds, and nonmajor and fiduciary funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Sewer Operating	Capital Projects	Great Island Acquisition Fund	Nonmajor and Other Funds	Total
Receivables:						
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 463,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,291
Taxes	966,203	-	-	-	-	966,203
Accounts	601,886	174,815	-	-	336,799	1,113,500
Interest on Delinquent Payments	-	24,533	-	-	-	24,533
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	1,146,339	1,146,339
Intergovernmental	2,932	-	624,557	-	42,439	669,928
Lease Receivable	715,195	-	3,167,314	-	-	3,882,509
Investment Income	65,044	-	-	-	87,920	152,964
Gross Receivables	<u>2,814,551</u>	<u>199,348</u>	<u>3,791,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,613,497</u>	<u>8,419,267</u>
Less: Allowance for Property Tax Uncollectibles	<u>(131,412)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(131,412)</u>
Total Receivables, Net	<u>\$ 2,683,139</u>	<u>\$ 199,348</u>	<u>\$ 3,791,871</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,497</u>	<u>\$ 8,287,855</u>

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NOTE 5 LEASE RECEIVABLES

The Town, acting as lessor, leases land and buildings under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2095 and provide for renewal options ranging from three months to five years. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized \$193,149 and \$91,391 in lease revenue and interest revenue, respectively, pursuant to these contracts.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity under lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 175,400	\$ 89,178
2025	173,567	85,078
2026	171,791	81,356
2027	141,342	77,340
2028	125,309	75,054
2029-2033	230,380	348,797
2034-2038	164,862	327,008
2039-2043	174,623	307,069
2044-2048	184,961	285,949
2049-2053	195,912	263,578
Thereafter	2,144,362	1,128,924
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 3,882,509</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,331</u>

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 20,270,805	\$ 85,829,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,100,303
Construction in Progress	41,839,659	4,448,927	414,555	(40,993,747)	4,880,284
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	62,110,464	90,278,425	414,555	(40,993,747)	110,980,587
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Buildings	227,670,826	12,292,169	10,653,846	40,340,248	269,649,397
Land Improvements	4,098,719	-	-	632,249	4,730,968
Machinery and Equipment	21,217,095	1,108,302	463,135	-	21,862,262
Infrastructure	41,161,636	77,226	-	21,250	41,260,112
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	294,148,276	13,477,697	11,116,981	40,993,747	337,502,739
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Buildings	94,091,726	4,035,518	6,276,126	-	91,851,118
Land Improvements	2,837,295	144,402	-	-	2,981,697
Machinery and Equipment	12,370,789	1,141,884	409,015	-	13,103,658
Infrastructure	30,416,361	552,580	-	-	30,968,941
Total Accumulated Depreciation	139,716,171	5,874,384	6,685,141	-	138,905,414
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	154,432,105	7,603,313	4,431,840	40,993,747	198,597,325
Right -to-Use Lease Assets:					
Equipment	1,900,763	-	-	-	1,900,763
Building	450,775	664,413	-	-	1,115,188
Total Right-to-use Lease Assets	2,351,538	664,413	-	-	3,015,951
Less Accumulated Amortization:					
Equipment	756,226	366,716	-	-	1,122,942
Building	345,594	90,155	-	-	435,749
Total Accumulated Amortization	1,101,820	456,871	-	-	1,558,691
Total Right-to-Use Lease Assets, Net	\$ 1,249,718	\$ 207,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,457,260
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 217,792,287	\$ 98,089,280	\$ 4,846,395	\$ -	\$ 311,035,172

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

General Government	\$ 328,144
Community Development	1,132
Public Safety	983,127
Parks and Recreation	126,976
Public Works	1,049,463
Education	3,842,413
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 6,331,255</u>

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Construction Commitments

The Town has active construction projects as of June 30, 2023. A summary of capital projects is as follows:

	Project Expenditures							Encumbrances	Balance
	Project	Additions Deletions	Total Project Authorization	2022-2023	Prior Year Cumulative	Current Year Cumulative			
Sewer Capital	\$ 2,270,494	\$ 152,600	\$ 2,423,094	\$ 131,748	\$ 1,998,960	\$ 2,130,708	\$ 97,528	\$ 194,858	
Capital Nonrecurring Expenditures	78,047,837	5,064,892	83,112,729	4,903,666	72,890,859	77,794,525	1,610,254	3,707,950	
Parking Capital	4,625,217	40,000	4,665,217	63,386	1,364,325	1,427,711	-	3,237,506	
Holmes School Roof and Skylight	1,020,000	-	1,020,000	-	793,122	793,122	4,000	222,878	
Hindley Roof	558,250	-	558,250	16,787	338,671	355,458	16,922	185,870	
Ox Ridge Elementary School	63,000,000	-	63,000,000	12,379,981	38,536,935	50,916,916	562,422	11,520,662	
Various School Capital Improvements	527,777	-	527,777	-	527,007	527,007	-	770	
Various Town Capital Improvements	512,732	-	512,732	166,799	166,496	333,295	-	179,437	
Sidewalk Repair and Replacement	2,017,350	-	2,017,350	76,825	473,524	550,349	35,863	1,431,138	
Sewer Engineering and Upgrade	2,340,000	-	2,340,000	243,436	716,380	959,816	265,400	1,114,784	
Royle Roof Replacement	863,000	(846,240)	16,760	-	16,760	16,760	-	-	
Heights Road Sidewalk Installation	120,375	-	120,375	-	-	-	-	120,375	
DHS Track & Jump Area	451,110	366,860	817,970	338,386	-	338,386	477,574	2,010	
Hindley Elementary School	26,000,000	1,550,000	27,550,000	1,115,474	52,395	1,167,869	633,042	25,749,089	
Holmes Elementary School	24,000,000	1,600,000	25,600,000	976,625	43,099	1,019,724	221,405	24,358,871	
Royle Elementary School	27,500,000	1,600,000	29,100,000	1,109,300	55,974	1,165,274	147,268	27,787,458	
Great Island Acquisition	103,465,000	-	103,465,000	85,769,748	-	85,769,748	-	17,695,252	
DFD Heavy Rescue	2,006,000	-	2,006,000	129,145	-	129,145	1,794,849	82,006	
NHFD Fire Engine	825,415	-	825,415	-	-	-	825,000	415	
Hanson Road Bridge Repair	169,000	-	169,000	104,200	-	104,200	66,400	(1,600)	

NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Capital Projects	\$ 976,047 571,731

Interfund transfers:

	Transfers In		Total Transfers Out
	General Fund	Capital Projects	
Transfers Out:			
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 4,860,451	\$ 4,860,451
Sewer Operating Fund	13,425	152,600	166,025
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	759,803	201,821	961,624
Total Transfers In	<u>\$ 773,228</u>	<u>\$ 5,214,872</u>	<u>\$ 5,988,100</u>

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NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Interfund transfers are included in the annual budget to:

- Move revenues from the General Fund to the Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures to fund capital projects and purchases approved in the annual budget. The actual transfer was \$90,162 less than budgeted due to other revenues in the capital fund being higher than anticipated.
- Move revenues from the State and Federal Grants Fund to the Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures to fund capital projects and purchases approved in the annual budget.
- Move revenues from the Sewer Operating Fund to the General Fund for principal and interest payments on sewer rehabilitation bonds.
- Move revenues from the Sewer Operating Fund to the Sewer Capital Fund for capital projects and purchases that were approved in the annual budget.
- Move revenues from the Sewer Assessment Fund to the General Fund for principal and interest payments on sewer construction bonds. The actual transfer was \$28,319 more than budgeted due to higher than anticipated collections in the Sewer Assessment fund.
- Move revenues from the Police Private Duty Fund to the General Fund for administrative expenses. The transfer, based on actual collections in the Police Private Duty Fund, was \$21,892 less than budgeted.
- Move revenues from the Parking Operations Fund to the Parking Capital Fund for capital projects and purchases that were approved in the annual budget.
- Move revenues from the Recreation Program Fund to the General Fund for administrative expenses. The transfer, based on actual collections in the Recreation Program fund, was \$10,053 less than budgeted.
- Move funds from the Debt Service Fund to the General Fund for debt service payments.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the following additional transfers were approved:

- A transfer of \$679,394 from the General Fund to the Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures to offset grant revenue that was reallocated from the capital fund to the General Fund in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.
- A transfer of \$335,000 from the General Fund to the Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures to fund school security enhancements.
- A transfer of \$2,640,000 from the General Fund to the Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures to fund future capital projects.

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NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds and Notes Payable:					
General Obligation					
Bonds	\$ 84,585,000	\$ 40,950,000	\$ 7,650,000	\$ 117,885,000	\$ 5,985,000
Premiums on Bonds	5,928,935	1,946,366	1,393,432	6,481,869	-
Total Bonds and Notes Payable	90,513,935	42,896,366	9,043,432	124,366,869	5,985,000
Net OPEB Liability	1,766,548	249,889	-	2,016,437	-
Net Pension Liability	3,231,585	-	1,498,534	1,733,051	-
Lease Liability	1,327,916	664,413	453,164	1,539,165	461,980
Compensated Absences	2,420,215	2,297,544	2,476,139	2,241,620	1,402,320
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 99,260,199</u>	<u>\$ 46,108,212</u>	<u>\$ 13,471,269</u>	<u>\$ 131,897,142</u>	<u>\$ 7,849,300</u>

Bonds and notes outstanding by issue at June 30, 2023, were:

Description	Year of Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Balance Outstanding June 30, 2023
General Obligation Bonds:			
Refunding 2014	2024	3.0 - 4.0%	\$ 940,000
Refunding 2016	2027	2.0 - 4.0	5,325,000
General Purpose 2017	2037	2.0 - 5.0	10,260,000
General Purpose 2019	2039	2.0 - 5.0	3,455,000
Refunding 2020	2028	3.0 - 5.0	5,908,000
General Purpose 2020	2040	4.0 - 5.0	20,300,000
General Purpose 2022	2042	2.0 - 4.0	28,975,000
General Purpose 2023	2053	3.75 - 5.0	40,950,000
Total General Obligation Bonds			<u>116,113,000</u>
Special Assessment Debt with Town Commitment:			
Refunding 2014	2024	2.0 - 5.0	115,000
Refunding 2016	2027	2.0 - 5.0	225,000
General Purpose 2019	2039	3.0 - 5.0	370,000
Refunding 2020	2028	3.0 - 5.0	87,000
General Purpose 2022	2042	2.0 - 4.0	975,000
Total Special Assessment Debt with Town Commitment			<u>1,772,000</u>
Total General Obligation Bonds			<u>\$ 117,885,000</u>

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NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

During fiscal year 2023, principal and interest payments were funded by the General Fund. The Sewer Operating Fund and Sewer Assessment Fund transferred to the General Fund \$13,425 and \$228,319, respectively, toward these payments. The Sewer Operating Fund is responsible for debt service of the sewer rehabilitation bonds, and the Sewer Assessment Fund is responsible for the majority of debt service for the sewer construction bonds. Payment of the principal and interest on Special Assessment Sewer Bonds is guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

The following is a summary of long-term debt principal and interest maturities:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 5,985,000	\$ 4,110,066
2025	5,500,000	3,946,719
2026	6,410,000	3,734,244
2027	6,240,000	3,501,369
2028	5,025,000	3,283,132
2029-2033	23,310,000	13,789,440
2034-2038	26,575,000	9,637,135
2039-2043	18,815,000	5,521,510
2044-2048	9,035,000	3,252,015
Thereafter	10,990,000	1,300,527
Total	<u>\$ 117,885,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,076,157</u>

Authorized Unissued Bonds

At June 30, 2023, the Town of Darien had \$90,668,774 of authorized, unissued bonds for various projects, as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Authorized Unissued Bonds</u>
Royle Elementary School Renovations	\$ 29,100,000
Hindley Elementary School Renovations	27,550,000
Holmes Elementary School Renovations	25,600,000
Holmes Elementary School Roof and Skylight	16,760
Darien High School Track and Jump Areas	451,110
Hindley Elementary School Roof Replacement	158,250
New Ox Ridge Elementary School Construction	7,583,532
Various School Projects	769
Various Town Projects	316,692
Sidewalk Repair and Replacement	1,415,473
Engineering and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades	1,006,130
Great Island Purchase	60,693,634
Hanson Road Bridge	169,530
Darien Fire Department Heavy Rescue Truck	2,006,000
Noroton Heights Fire Department Engine	825,415
Heights Road Sidewalk Construction	120,375
Total Authorized Unissued Bonds	<u>\$ 157,013,670</u>

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NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Debt Limit

The Town's total indebtedness does not exceed the limit of \$1,024 million allowed by state statute.

Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$178,595 this year. These liabilities are paid by the General Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, and Parking Operations Fund.

Leases Payable

The Town leases equipment and a building for various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2027 and provide for renewal options ranging from 2 months to 2 years.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity under lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 461,980	\$ 34,695
2025	393,661	27,370
2026	360,117	16,663
2027	145,939	9,367
2028	151,734	3,963
2029 - 2034	25,734	118
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 1,539,165	\$ 92,176

NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omission; or natural disasters. The Town purchases commercial insurance for all risks of loss, except dental claims as discussed below. During the year ended June 30, 2023, deductibles paid by the Town were insignificant. Settled claims for all types of commercial coverage have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

A. Risk Pooling

The Town is a member of the CIRMA Workers' Compensation Pool, a risk sharing pool. The Workers' Compensation Pool provides statutory benefits pursuant to the provisions of the Connecticut Workers' Compensation Act. The premium paid during the year ended June 30, 2023, was \$820,474. The premium is subject to payroll audit at the close of the coverage period. CIRMA's Workers' Compensation Pool retains \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

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NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

B. Self-Insurance Plans

The Town manages certain of its risks internally and sets aside assets for claim settlements. The General Fund accounts for the Board of Education dental plan and the Town Dental plan is recorded as a self-insured fund within the Internal Service fund. A third party administers the Town's self-insurance program. There is no stop loss coverage.

The Town's General Fund accounts for the Board of Education dental plan. The plan is funded through annual General Fund appropriations and the claims liability of \$38,839 reported at June 30, 2023, is based on the requirements of GASB Statements No. 10 and 30, which require that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicated that it is possible that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the possible loss can be reasonably estimated. The amount of the claim accrual is based on actual claims incurred prior to June 30, 2023, but paid in the next fiscal year. The claim accrual does not include other allocated or unallocated claims adjustment expenses.

The Town's Internal Service Fund accounts for the Town dental plan. The plan is funded through annual General Fund appropriations and the claims liability of \$5,186 reported at June 30, 2023, is based on the requirements of GASB Statements No. 10 and 30, which require that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicated that it is possible that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the possible loss can be reasonably estimated. The amount of the claim accrual is based on actual claims incurred prior to June 30, 2023, but paid in the next fiscal year. The claim accrual does not include other allocated or unallocated claims adjustment expenses.

The analysis of the activity in the claims-liability is as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Claims Payable July 1,</u>	<u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Paid</u>	<u>Claims Payable June 30,</u>
2021-2022	\$ 44,402	\$ 976,078	\$ 990,239	\$ 30,241
2022-2023	30,241	932,068	918,283	44,026

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NOTE 10 FUND BALANCE

The components of fund balance for the governmental funds as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Major Special Revenue Funds				Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
	General Fund	Sewer Operating	Capital Projects	Great Island Acquisition Fund		
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid Expenditures	\$ 375,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,300
Restricted for:						
Unspent Grant Balances	-	-	1,838,055	-	378,212	2,216,267
Unspent Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	49,990	49,990
Student Activities	-	-	-	-	389,682	389,682
Trusts	-	-	-	-	173,165	173,165
Committed to:						
Sewer Operations	-	2,169,172	-	-	-	2,169,172
Capital Projects	-	-	9,624,261	-	-	9,624,261
Land Purchase	2,312	-	-	-	-	2,312
Food Services	-	-	-	-	586,526	586,526
Police Services	-	-	-	-	652,403	652,403
Fire Services	-	-	-	-	43,911	43,911
Affordable Housing	-	-	-	-	195,466	195,466
Parking Operations	-	-	-	-	646,712	646,712
Sewer Assessment Projects	-	-	-	-	173,720	173,720
Great Island Management	-	-	-	-	20,988	20,988
Storm Hazard Mitigation	61,242	-	-	-	-	61,242
Assigned to:						
Purchases on Order:						
General Government	4,186	-	-	-	-	4,186
Community Environment	11,500	-	-	-	-	11,500
Public Safety	118,517	-	-	-	-	118,517
Health and Social Services	15,948	-	-	-	-	15,948
Public Works	4,462	-	-	-	-	4,462
Board of Education	672,028	-	-	-	-	672,028
Unassigned	30,832,266	-	-	(42,998,381)	(96,211)	(12,262,326)
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 32,097,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,172</u>	<u>\$ 11,462,316</u>	<u>\$ (42,998,381)</u>	<u>\$ 3,214,564</u>	<u>\$ 5,945,432</u>

Significant encumbrances are reported in the assigned fund balance of the General Fund in the amount of \$826,641 and committed fund balance for the Sewer Operating Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Nonmajor Governmental Funds of \$207,732, \$8,781,503, and \$447,973, respectively.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS

Pension Plans

A. Plan Description

The Funded Retirement Plan of the Town of Darien

The Town contributes to a single-employer, contributory defined benefit pension plan (the Town Plan) covering substantially all Town employees (except police) and noncertified Board of Education employees.

Employees of the Town regularly employed on a permanent full-time basis (excluding police and teachers), or any elective officer are covered by the Town Plan.

At July 1, 2021, membership in the Town Plan consisted of:

Retirees, Disabled Members, and Beneficiaries	
Currently Receiving Benefits and Terminated	
Members Entitled to Benefits But Not Yet	
Receiving Them	288
Current Active Members	405
Total	693

The Town Plan provides retirement benefits, as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after five years of employment. If any employee leaves covered employment before five years or dies before 10 years of employment, accumulated employee contributions plus related investment earnings are refunded.

Benefit and contribution provisions are subject to collective bargaining. These provisions are established by ordinance and may be amended only by concurrence of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and the RTM for nonbargaining unit employees.

The general administration and management of the Town Pension Plan and the responsibility for carrying out the provision of the plan shall be placed in the Town Pension Board. This board shall be made up of not fewer than three or more than five electors appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town. An elector may be, but need not be, an elected official of the Town or a member of any other board or committee of the Town.

Town of Darien Police Pension Fund

The Town contributes to a single-employer, contributory defined benefit pension plan covering all Town Police (the Police Plan).

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

Town of Darien Police Pension Fund (Continued)

At July 1, 2021, membership in the Police Plan consisted of:

Retirees, Disabled Members, and Beneficiaries	
Currently Receiving Benefits	61
Current Active Members	49
Total	110

The Police Plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Employees who retire with 20 years or more of credited service are vested and entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. There is no provision for early retirement. If any employee leaves covered employment or dies before being eligible for a retirement, disability or death benefit, accumulated employee contributions plus 75% of related investment earnings are refunded. Benefit and contribution provisions are subject to collective bargaining.

The general administration and management of the Police Pension Plan and the responsibility for carrying out the provision of the plan shall be placed in the Police Pension Board. This board shall be made up of the members of the police commission, one member from the Town’s Board of Finance and one police officer.

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters

Basis of Accounting

The pension trust funds’ financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the period in which the employee services are performed. All other revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Neither the Town Plan nor the Police Plan issues a stand-alone financial report.

Method Used to Value Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Investment income is recognized as earned.

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

Town employees are required to contribute 5% of their annual salary. Police are required to contribute 6% of their annual salary. The Town is required by ordinance to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to provide the retirement benefits. The Town’s contributions are actuarially determined on an annual basis. Administrative costs are financed through investment earnings.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

C. Investments

The Town and Police Plans' policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended.

The following was the Pension Committee's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2023:

Asset Class	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity (Large Cap)	60.00%
Fixed Income	40.00
Total	100.00%

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension investments for the Town and Police Plans, net of pension plan investment expense, was 7.42% and 7.47%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

D. Net Pension Liability of the Town

The Town's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021.

The components of the net pension liability of the Town at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Town Pension Plan	Police Pension Plan	Total
Total Pension Liability	\$ 102,460,132	\$ 58,400,183	\$ 160,860,315
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(101,808,770)	(57,318,494)	(159,127,264)
Town's Net Pension Liability	\$ 651,362	\$ 1,081,689	\$ 1,733,051
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	99.36%	98.15%	98.92%

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

D. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	Town Pension Plan	Police Pension Plan
Inflation	2.75 %	2.75 %
Salary Increases	3.50	Graded Based on Service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25	6.25

Mortality rates for the Town Plan were based on the Current - PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement.

Mortality rates for the Police Plan were based on Current - PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity (Large Cap)	5.57%
Fixed Income	1.95

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

D. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that Town contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	Town Pension Fund		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 97,377,527	\$ 95,804,850	\$ 1,572,677
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	3,737,744	-	3,737,744
Interest on Total Pension Liability	6,171,170	-	6,171,170
Employer Contributions	-	2,392,514	(2,392,514)
Member Contributions	-	1,361,549	(1,361,549)
Net Investment Income	-	7,140,236	(7,140,236)
Benefit Payments, Including Refund to Employee Contributions	(4,826,309)	(4,826,309)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(64,070)	64,070
Net Changes	<u>5,082,605</u>	<u>6,003,920</u>	<u>(921,315)</u>
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 102,460,132</u>	<u>\$ 101,808,770</u>	<u>\$ 651,362</u>

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

D. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (Continued)

	Police Pension Fund		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 56,866,980	\$ 55,208,072	\$ 1,658,908
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	1,193,922	-	1,193,922
Interest on Total Pension Liability	3,530,590	-	3,530,590
Employer Contributions	-	908,965	(908,965)
Member Contributions	-	347,939	(347,939)
Net Investment Income	-	4,080,098	(4,080,098)
Benefit Payments, Including Refund to Employee Contributions	(3,191,309)	(3,191,309)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(35,271)	35,271
Net Changes	<u>1,533,203</u>	<u>2,110,422</u>	<u>(577,219)</u>
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 58,400,183</u>	<u>\$ 57,318,494</u>	<u>\$ 1,081,689</u>

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the Town, calculated using the current discount rate, as well as what the Town's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.25%)	Current Discount Rate (6.25%)	1% Increase (7.25%)
Town Pension Plan	\$ 12,914,481	\$ 651,362	\$ (9,710,059)
Police Pension Plan	8,562,484	1,081,689	(5,091,200)

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plans (Continued)

D. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$3,761,505 for the Town Pension Plan, and \$2,149,685 for the Police Pension Plan, totaling \$5,911,190. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		
	Town Pension Plan	Police Pension Plan	Total
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 3,042,105	\$ 938,946	\$ 3,981,051
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earning on Pension Plan Investments	1,477,494	793,504	2,270,998
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	740,108	617,772	1,357,880
Total	\$ 5,259,707	\$ 2,350,222	\$ 7,609,929

	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	Town Pension Plan	Police Pension Plan	Total
Changes in Assumptions	\$ (310,223)	\$ -	\$ (310,223)
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(2,386,736)	-	(2,386,736)
Total	\$ (2,696,959)	\$ -	\$ (2,696,959)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	Town Pension Plan	Police Pension Plan	Total
2024	\$ 1,012,021	\$ 1,019,172	\$ 2,031,193
2025	(744,742)	(298,960)	(1,043,702)
2026	2,810,893	1,767,821	4,578,714
2027	(401,194)	(137,811)	(539,005)
2028	(114,230)	-	(114,230)
Thereafter	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,562,748	\$ 2,350,222	\$ 4,912,970

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension

A. Plan Description

Teachers, principals, superintendents, or supervisors engaged in service of public schools are provided with pensions through the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by the Teachers Retirement Board. Chapter 167a of the state statutes grants authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the Teachers Retirement Board. The Teachers Retirement Board issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ct.gov.

B. Benefit Provisions

The plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Employees are eligible to retire at age 60 with 20 years of credited service in Connecticut, or 35 years of credited service including at least 25 years of service in Connecticut.

Normal Retirement

Retirement benefits for employees are calculated as 2% of the average annual salary times the years of credited service (maximum benefit is 75% of average annual salary during the three years of highest salary).

Early Retirement

Employees are eligible after 25 years of credited service including 20 years of Connecticut service, or age 55 with 20 years of credited service including 15 years of Connecticut service with reduced benefit amounts.

Disability Retirement

Employees are eligible for service-related disability benefits regardless of length of service. Five years of credited service is required for nonservice-related disability eligibility. Disability benefits are calculated as 2% of average annual salary times credited service to date of disability, but not less than 15% of average annual salary, nor more than 50% of average annual salary.

C. Contributions

Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-183z (which reflects Public Act 79-436 as amended), contribution requirements of active employees and the state of Connecticut are approved, amended, and certified by the State Teachers Retirement Board and appropriated by the General Assembly.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)

C. Contributions (Continued)

Employer (School Districts)

School District employers are not required to make contributions to the plan.

The statutes require the state of Connecticut to contribute 100% of each school districts' required contributions, which are actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of the benefits earned by employees during the year, with any additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the amount of "on-behalf" contributions made by the state was \$16,098,967 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

Employees

Effective July 1, 1992, each teacher is required to contribute 6% of salary for the pension benefit.

Effective January 1, 2018, the required contribution increased to 7% of pensionable salary.

D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the Town reports no amounts for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows, due to the statutory requirement that the state pay 100% of the required contribution. The amount recognized by the Town as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Town were as follows:

Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State's Proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Town	<u>204,190,748</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 204,190,748</u></u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the Town has no proportionate share of the net pension liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense and revenue of \$19,735,264 in Exhibit II.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increase	3.00% - 6.50%, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%, Net of Pension Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above), projected generationally with MP-2019 for the period after service retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019.

Assumption changes since the prior year are as follows:

- There were no changes in assumptions that affected the measurement of the TPL since the prior measurement date.

Benefit changes since the prior year are as follows:

- Legislation was passed restoring the 25% wear down of Plan N benefits to vested members as of June 30, 2019.

Cost-of-Living Allowance

For teachers who retired prior to September 1, 1992, pension benefit adjustments are made in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index, with a minimum of 3% and a maximum of 5% per annum.

For teachers who were members of the Teachers' Retirement System before July 1, 2007, and retire on or after September 1, 1992, pension benefit adjustments are made that are consistent with those provided for Social Security benefits on January 1 of the year granted, with a maximum of 6% per annum. If the return on assets in the previous year was less than 8.5%, the maximum increase is 1.5%.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Cost-of-Living Allowance (Continued)

For teachers who were members of the Teachers' Retirement System after July 1, 2007, pension benefit adjustments are made that are consistent with those provided for Social Security benefits on January 1 of the year granted, with a maximum of 5% per annum. If the return on assets in the previous year was less than 11.5%, the maximum increase is 3%, and if the return on the assets in the previous year was less than 8.5%, the maximum increase is 1.0%.

Long-Term Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The current capital market assumptions and the target asset allocation as provided by the State of Connecticut Treasurer's Office are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Expected Return</u>		<u>Target Allocation</u>	
Domestic Equity Fund	5.40	%	20.00	%
Developed Market Intl. Stock Fund	6.40		11.00	
Emerging Market Intl. Stock Fund	8.60		9.00	
Core Fixed Income Fund	0.80		13.00	
Private Credit	6.50		5.00	
Emerging Market Debt Fund	3.80		5.00	
High Yield Bond Fund	3.40		3.00	
Real Estate Fund	5.20		19.00	
Private Equity	9.40		10.00	
Alternative Investments	3.10		3.00	
Liquidity Fund	-0.40		2.00	
Total			<u>100.00</u>	%

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)

F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that state contributions will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates in the future years. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability is \$-0- and, therefore, the change in the discount rate would only impact the amount recorded by the state of Connecticut.

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial statements available at www.ct.gov.

I. Other Information

Additional information is included in the required supplementary information section of the financial statements. A schedule of contributions is not presented as the Town has no obligation to contribute to the plan.

Defined Contribution Plan

A. Town of Darien DC Plan

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town established a defined contribution plan known as the Town of Darien DC Plan. Initially, newly hired Telecommunications Dispatchers had the option of selecting the Town's Retirement Plan (if eligible to participate) or selecting to participate in the defined contribution plan. The plan was expanded in Fiscal Year 2021 through settlement of the Public Works Parks & Recreation (PWPR) union contract. All (PWPR) bargaining unit employees hired after May 10, 2021, shall participate in the defined contribution plan. The plan was expanded again in Fiscal Year 2022 through the settlement of the Darien Town Hall Employees (DTHE) union contract. All DTHE bargaining unit employees, including all Telecommunications Dispatchers, hired after March 1, 2022, shall participate in the defined contribution plan. The benefits and contribution requirements were established through administrative action. Employees are required to contribute 5% of wages. The employer contribution is 5% and is vested after five years.

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NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Contribution Plan (Continued)

A. Town of Darien DC Plan (Continued)

During Fiscal Year 2023, there were 11 participants in the plan. Employer and employee contributions were each \$23,106.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town established a defined contribution plan known as the Town of Darien - BOE Non Certified 401A Plan. All School Security Officers are required to participate in the plan. Employees are required to contribute 5% of wages. The employer contribution is 5% and is vested after five years.

During the Fiscal Year 2023, there were six participants in the plan. Employer and Employee contributions were each \$3,647.

In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Neither plan is reported as a fiduciary fund by the Town as they do not meet the reporting criterion.

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Post-Retirement Medical Programs

A. Plan Description

The Town, in accordance with various collective bargaining agreements and state statutes, is committed to providing health and other benefits to certain eligible retirees and their spouses. The Town has two single-employer, defined benefit post-retirement medical programs, the Police Plan, and the Nonpolice Plan. The Police Plan covers sworn personnel employed as of July 1, 1999, and hired on or before November 20, 2007. The Nonpolice Plan covers all other Town and Board of Education employees, including teachers. Under the Police Plan, the Police Union, retirees, and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute specified percentages towards the cost of receiving those benefits. The percentage retirees are required to contribute for these benefits vary and are detailed within the Police Union bargaining agreements. The Town does not issue a separate stand-alone financial statement for this program.

Other postemployment benefits are established through state statute or the collective bargaining process. The Human Resources Director is the administrator of the plans. Investment authority is vested with the Town and Police Pension Boards.

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NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

Membership in the plans consisted of the following at July 1, 2021:

	Police Postretirement Medical Program	Nonpolice Postretirement Medical Program
Plan Membership:		
Retirees, Surviving Spouses, and Beneficiaries	38	39
Active Plan Members	29	595
Total Participants	67	634

B. Funding Policy

The Town established a trust fund to irrevocably segregate assets to fund the liability associated with postemployment benefits. The fund is reported as a trust fund in accordance with GASB guidelines. The annual actuarially determined contribution payment is transferred into this account annually from the General Fund and budgeted as a part of the budgeting process, which is approved by the Representative Town Meeting (RTM).

The Town plans to continue a funding strategy that provides for normal cost and the amortization of the accrued liability. The Town’s funding strategy for postemployment obligations is based upon characteristics of benefits on several distinct groups of employees established within their respective collective bargaining units or required by the state and includes the following:

- Eligibility for benefits and the level of benefits range from 5 to 25 years of service at time of retirement determined by collective bargaining unit and date of hire.
- Medical benefits funded by the Town range from 72% cost of coverage for the retiree and dependents up until the employee’s death, to retirees paying the full cost of the coverage.
- Some retirees receive a stipend from the state of Connecticut towards the cost of their coverage.

C. Investments

Investment Policy

OPEB Benefits Plan’s policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Town and Police Pension Boards by a majority vote of its members.

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NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

C. Investments (Continued)

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 7.51% and 7.27% for the Police and the Nonpolice Retiree Benefit OPEB plans, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

D. Net OPEB Liability of the Town

The Town's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The components of the net OPEB liability of the Town at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Police Medical Program	Nonpolice Medical Program	Total
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 7,694,064	\$ 5,520,479	\$ 13,214,543
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	6,124,171	5,073,935	11,198,106
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,569,893	\$ 446,544	\$ 2,016,437
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the total OPEB Liability	79.60%	91.91%	84.74%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023, was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

	Police Post-Retirement Medical Program	Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program
Inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Salary Increases	Graded Based on Service	Graded Based on Service for Teachers and Administrators; 3.5% for All Others
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%	6.25%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.00% to 4.20% Over 51 Years	6.00% to 4.20% Over 51 Years

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NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

D. Net OPEB Liability of the Town (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Mortality for teachers and administrators is based on the PubT-2010 Mortality table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above) with generational projection of future improvements per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale and set forward 1 year for both males and females is used for survivors and beneficiaries. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.

Mortality for police is based on PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following tables:

Asset Class	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity (Large Cap)	60.00%
Fixed Income	40.00
Total	100.00%

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity (Large Cap)	5.15%
Fixed Income	1.37

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the Town contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

E. Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Police Post-Retirement Medical Program		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 7,217,467	\$ 5,788,935	\$ 1,428,532
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	250,998	-	250,998
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	451,717	-	451,717
Changes in Assumptions	263,285		263,285
Employer Contributions	-	398,361	(398,361)
Net Investment Income	-	440,429	(440,429)
Benefit Payments, Including Refund to Employee Contributions	(489,403)	(489,403)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(14,151)	14,151
Net Changes	476,597	335,236	141,361
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 7,694,064</u>	<u>\$ 6,124,171</u>	<u>\$ 1,569,893</u>

	Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 4,984,442	\$ 4,646,426	\$ 338,016
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	272,327	-	272,327
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	322,745	-	322,745
Changes in Assumptions	129,521		129,521
Employer Contributions	-	273,176	(273,176)
Net Investment Income	-	355,978	(355,978)
Benefit Payments, Including Refund to Employee Contributions	(188,556)	(188,556)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(13,089)	13,089
Net Changes	536,037	427,509	108,528
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 5,520,479</u>	<u>\$ 5,073,935</u>	<u>\$ 446,544</u>

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

F. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (5.25%)	Current Discount Rate (6.25%)	1% Increase (7.25%)
Police Post-Retirement Medical Program:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,198,464	\$ 1,569,893	\$ 996,901
Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program:			
Net OPEB Liability	945,000	446,544	(5,208)

G. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease 5.00% Decreasing to 3.20%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (6.00% Decreasing to 4.20%)	1% Increase (7.00% Decreasing to 5.20%)
Police Post-Retirement Medical Program:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 716,212	\$ 1,569,893	\$ 2,553,505
Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program:			
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(253,714)	446,544	1,286,233

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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Programs (Continued)

H. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$11,114 for the Police Post-Retirement Medical Program, and \$137,781 for the Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program, for a total OPEB expense of \$148,895. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		
	Police Post-Retirement Medical Program	Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program	Total
	Changes in Assumptions Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earning on Pension Plan Investments	\$ 181,008	\$ 437,644
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	77,160	57,344	134,504
Total	\$ 258,168	\$ 550,839	\$ 809,007

	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	Police Post-Retirement Medical Program	Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program	Total
	Changes in Assumptions Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ (114,628)	\$ (294,621)
Total	\$ (670,583)	\$ (1,924,948)	\$ (2,595,531)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	Police Post-Retirement Medical Program	Nonpolice Post-Retirement Medical Program
2024	\$ (356,816)	\$ (180,231)
2025	(205,813)	(238,929)
2026	166,617	(170,809)
2027	(16,403)	(306,695)
2028	-	(294,050)
Thereafter	-	(183,395)
Total	\$ (412,415)	\$ (1,374,109)

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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan

A. Plan Description

Teachers, principals, superintendents, or supervisors engaged in service of public schools plus professional employees at State Schools of higher education are eligible to participate in the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System Retiree Health Insurance Plan (TRS-RHIP), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan administered by the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB), if they choose to be covered.

Chapter 167a of the state statutes grants authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the TRB. TRS-RHIP issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ct.gov/trb.

B. Benefit Provisions

There are two types of the health care benefits offered through the system. Subsidized Local School District Coverage provides a subsidy paid to members still receiving coverage through their former employer and the CTRB Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans provide coverage for those participating in Medicare but not receiving Subsidized Local School District Coverage.

Any member who is not currently participating in Medicare Parts A & B is eligible to continue health care coverage with their former employer. A subsidy of up to \$220 per month for a retired member plus an additional \$220 per month for a spouse enrolled in a local school district plan is provided to the school district to first offset the retiree's share of the cost of coverage, and any remaining portion is used to offset the district's cost. The subsidy amount is set by statute. A subsidy amount of \$440 per month may be paid for a retired member, spouse or the surviving spouse of a member who has attained the normal retirement age to participate in Medicare, is not eligible for Part A of Medicare without cost and contributes at least \$440 per month towards coverage under a local school district plan.

Any member who is currently participating in Medicare Parts A & B is eligible to either continue health care coverage with their former employer, if offered, or enroll in the plan sponsored by the System. If they elect to remain in the plan with their former employer, the same subsidies as above will be paid to offset the cost of coverage.

If a member participating in Medicare Parts A & B so elects, they may enroll in one of the CTRB Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans. Effective July 1, 2018, the System added a Medicare Advantage Plan option. Active members, retirees and the state pay equally toward the cost of the basic coverage (medical and prescription drug benefits) under the Medicare Advantage Plan. Retired members who choose to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan are responsible for the full difference in the premium cost between the two plans. Additionally, effective July 1, 2018, retired members who cancel their health care coverage or elect to not enroll in a CTRB sponsored health care coverage option must wait two years to re-enroll.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan
(Continued)**

B. Benefit Provisions (Continued)

Survivor Health Care Coverage

Survivors of former employees or retirees remain eligible to participate in the plan and continue to be eligible to receive either the \$220 monthly subsidy or participate in the TRB-Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans, as long as they do not remarry.

C. Eligibility

Any member who is currently receiving a retirement or disability benefit is eligible to participate in the plan.

Credited Service

One month for each month of service as a teacher in Connecticut public schools, maximum 10 months for each school year. Ten months of credited service constitutes one year of credited service. Certain other types of teaching services, state employment or wartime military service may be purchased prior to retirement if the member pays one-half the cost.

Normal Retirement

Age 60 with 20 years of credited service in Connecticut, or 35 years of credited service including at least 25 years of service in Connecticut.

Early Retirement

Age 55 with 20 years of credited service including 15 years of Connecticut service, or 25 years of credited service including 20 years of Connecticut service.

Proratable Retirement

Age 60 with 10 years of credited service.

Disability Retirement

No service requirement if incurred in the performance of duty, and five years of credited service in Connecticut if not incurred in the performance of duty.

Termination of Employment

Ten or more years of credited service.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan
(Continued)**

D. Contributions

State of Connecticut

Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-183z, contribution requirements of active employees and the state of Connecticut are approved, amended, and certified by the State Teachers' Retirement Board and appropriated by the General Assembly. The state appropriates from the General Fund one third of the annual costs of the Plan. Administrative costs of the Plan are financed by the state. Based upon Chapter 167a, Subsection D of Section 10-183t of the Connecticut statutes, it is assumed the state will pay for any long-term shortfall arising from insufficient active member contributions.

Employer (School Districts)

School District employers are not required to make contributions to the plan.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the amount of "on-behalf" contributions made by the state was \$227,703 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

Employees/Retirees

The cost of providing plan benefits is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis as follows: active teachers' pay for one-third of the Plan costs through a contribution of 1.25% of their pensionable salaries, and retired teachers pay for one third of the Plan costs through monthly premiums, which helps reduce the cost of health insurance for eligible retired members and dependents.

E. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2023, the Town reports no amounts for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows, due to the statutory requirement that the state pay 100% of the required contribution. The amount recognized by the Town as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the Town was as follows:

Town's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability	\$ -
State's Proportionate share of the OPEB Liability Associated with the Town	17,882,426
Total	<u><u>\$ 17,882,426</u></u>

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan
(Continued)**

**E. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the Town has no proportionate share of the net OPEB liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized OPEB expense and revenue of \$1,077,907 in Exhibit II.

F. Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Health Care Costs Trend Rate	Known increases until calendar year 2024 then general trend decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2031
Salary Increase	3.00% - 6.50%, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	3.53%, Net of OPEB Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation
Year Fund Net Position Will be Depleted	2027

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above), projected generationally with MP-2019 for the period after service retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2019.

The changes in the assumptions since the prior year are as follows:

- Discount rate changed from 2.17% to 3.53%;
- Expected annual per capita claims costs were updated to better reflect anticipated medical and prescription drug claim experience;
- The assumed age-related annual percentage increases in expected annual per capita health care claim costs were updated;
- Long-term health care cost trend rates were updated; and
- The percentages of participating retirees who are expected to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan and the Medicare Advantage Plan options were updated to better reflect anticipated plan experience.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan
(Continued)**

F. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The changes in the benefit terms since the prior year are as follows:

- There was a change in the maximum monthly subsidy amounts offered to retirees and their dependents from \$110/\$220 to \$220/\$440.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the GASB Statement No. 75 valuation process. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including the plan's current asset allocations and a log-normal distribution analysis using the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class.

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years. The plan is 100% invested in U.S. Treasuries (Cash Equivalents) for which the expected 10-Year Geometric Real Rate of Return is (0.98%).

G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.53%. was performed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75. The projection was based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2022.

In addition to the actuarial methods and assumptions of the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation, the following actuarial methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total payroll for the initial projection year consists of the payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date. In subsequent projection years, total payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution rate. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Annual state contributions were assumed to be equal to the most recent five-year average of state contributions toward the fund.

Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2027 and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent rate.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 12 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan
(Continued)**

H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate and the Discount Rate

The Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability is \$-0- and, therefore, the change in the health care cost trend rate or the discount rate would only impact the amount recorded by the state of Connecticut.

I. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Connecticut State Teachers OPEB Plan fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of Connecticut Annual Comprehensive Financial Report at www.ct.gov.

J. Other Information

Additional information is included in the required supplementary information section of the financial statements. A schedule of contributions is not presented as the Town has no obligation to contribute to the plan.

NOTE 13 COMBINING TRUST FUNDS

Combining Statement of Net Position

	Pension Trust Funds		OPEB Trust Funds		Total Pension and OPEB Trust Funds
	Police Pension Trust Fund	Town Pension Trust Fund	Police Retiree Medical Reserve Trust Fund	Nonpolice Retiree Benefit Trust Fund	
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,211,436	\$ 2,634,157	\$ 151,136	\$ 109,776	\$ 4,106,505
Investments:					
Equity Securities	32,406,321	57,584,896	3,431,280	2,831,402	96,253,899
Mutual Funds	23,672,564	41,539,643	2,538,688	2,130,248	69,881,143
Receivables:					
Interest and Dividends	29,634	52,566	3,131	2,589	87,920
Total Assets	<u>57,319,955</u>	<u>101,811,262</u>	<u>6,124,235</u>	<u>5,074,015</u>	<u>170,329,467</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts and Other Payables	1,461	2,492	64	80	4,097
Total Liabilities	<u>1,461</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>4,097</u>
NET POSITION					
Restricted for Pension Benefits and Postemployment Benefits	<u>\$ 57,318,494</u>	<u>\$ 101,808,770</u>	<u>\$ 6,124,171</u>	<u>\$ 5,073,935</u>	<u>\$ 170,325,370</u>

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
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JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 13 COMBINING TRUST FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

	Pension Trust Funds		OPEB Trust Funds		Total Pension and OPEB Trust Funds
	Police Pension Trust Fund	Town Pension Trust Fund	Police Retiree Medical Reserve Trust Fund	Nonpolice Retiree Benefit Trust Fund	
ADDITIONS					
Contributions:					
Employer	\$ 908,965	\$ 2,392,514	\$ 398,361	\$ 273,176	\$ 3,973,016
Plan Members	347,939	1,361,549			1,709,488
Total Contributions	<u>1,256,904</u>	<u>3,754,063</u>	<u>398,361</u>	<u>273,176</u>	<u>5,682,504</u>
Investment Income:					
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	2,930,924	5,123,729	292,197	236,293	8,583,143
Interest and Dividends	1,347,947	2,363,755	169,403	137,093	4,018,198
Total Investment Income	<u>4,278,871</u>	<u>7,487,484</u>	<u>461,600</u>	<u>373,386</u>	<u>12,601,341</u>
Less Investment Expense:					
Investment Management Fees	198,773	347,248	21,171	17,408	584,600
Net Investment Income	<u>4,080,098</u>	<u>7,140,236</u>	<u>440,429</u>	<u>355,978</u>	<u>12,016,741</u>
Total Net Additions	5,337,002	10,894,299	838,790	629,154	17,699,245
DEDUCTIONS					
Benefits	3,191,309	4,826,309	489,403	188,556	8,695,577
Administration	35,271	64,070	14,151	13,089	126,581
Total Deductions	<u>3,226,580</u>	<u>4,890,379</u>	<u>503,554</u>	<u>201,645</u>	<u>8,822,158</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	2,110,422	6,003,920	335,236	427,509	8,877,087
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>55,208,072</u>	<u>95,804,850</u>	<u>5,788,935</u>	<u>4,646,426</u>	<u>161,448,283</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 57,318,494</u>	<u>\$ 101,808,770</u>	<u>\$ 6,124,171</u>	<u>\$ 5,073,935</u>	<u>\$ 170,325,370</u>

NOTE 14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received or receivable from federal and state grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The Town is a defendant in various lawsuits, and the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable. In the opinion of management and the Town attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Town, and any potential liabilities that may arise from an unfavorable judgement would be covered by the Town's general liability insurance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property Taxes:				
Property Taxes Current	\$ 150,950,898	\$ 150,950,898	\$ 151,448,992	\$ 498,094
PILOT - The Royle	9,256	9,256	9,257	1
Property Taxes Prior	300,000	300,000	241,296	(58,704)
Suspense Tax Collections	1,000	1,000	2,003	1,003
Telecommunication Property Tax	48,000	48,000	53,388	5,388
Interest and Liens	250,000	250,000	331,783	81,783
Total Property Taxes	151,559,154	151,559,154	152,086,719	527,565
Licenses and Permits:				
Town Clerk	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,849,091	49,091
Building, Plumbing, and Other	1,302,704	1,302,704	1,365,310	62,606
Refuse Disposal Permits	280,000	280,000	301,430	21,430
Food Establishment	83,500	83,500	77,521	(5,979)
Private Disposal and Water Supply	30,000	30,000	26,700	(3,300)
Fire Marshal's Revenue	167,200	167,200	120,284	(46,916)
Other	40,900	40,900	42,825	1,925
Total Licenses and Permits	3,704,304	3,704,304	3,783,161	78,857
Intergovernmental:				
Taxes on State Owned Land	66,106	66,106	68,170	2,064
MRSA Sales Tax Sharing	-	-	185,642	185,642
Disabled Persons	-	-	201	201
Veterans' Exemption	1,000	1,000	879	(121)
Court Fines	11,000	11,000	18,717	7,717
Education Cost Sharing Grant	471,487	471,487	769,214	297,727
Town Aid Road	-	-	337,864	337,864
Other	10,000	10,000	28,178	18,178
Total Intergovernmental	559,593	559,593	1,408,865	849,272
Charges for Services:				
Sale of Codes, Regulations, etc.	800	800	-	(800)
Planning and Zoning Application	166,500	166,500	179,514	13,014
Services for Sewer Commission Authority	73,072	73,072	73,072	-
Solid Waste Fees	400,000	400,000	647,967	247,967
Services for Parking Fund	54,556	54,556	54,556	-
Parking Fees	215,000	215,000	215,295	295
Youth Commission Fees	244,250	244,250	298,963	54,713
Parks and Recreation	168,000	168,000	154,528	(13,472)
Beach Parking Permits	400,000	400,000	402,908	2,908
Senior Center Programs	63,500	63,500	41,539	(21,961)
Other	51,650	51,650	62,429	10,779
Total Charges for Services	1,837,328	1,837,328	2,130,771	293,443

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 15,513	\$ (8,487)
Investment Income	71,689	71,689	1,895,849	1,824,160
Miscellaneous:				
Metro Mobile Rent	163,800	163,800	147,237	(16,563)
Coin Operated Xerox Machine	15,000	15,000	19,067	4,067
Commission on Aging - Van	45,227	45,227	37,994	(7,233)
Sale of Recyclables/Metal/Compost	57,000	57,000	68,190	11,190
Other Rents	90,637	90,637	83,991	(6,646)
Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Insurance Recoveries	40,000	40,000	119,108	79,108
Other	-	-	126,101	126,101
Total Miscellaneous	<u>411,664</u>	<u>411,664</u>	<u>601,688</u>	<u>190,024</u>
Total Revenues	158,167,732	158,167,732	161,922,566	3,754,834
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In:				
Sewer Assessment Fund	200,000	200,000	228,319	28,319
Sewer Operating Fund	13,425	13,425	13,425	-
Special Education Reserve	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Recreation program Fund	275,000	275,000	264,947	(10,053)
Debt Service Fund	197,933	197,933	198,429	496
Other Funds	90,000	90,000	68,108	(21,892)
Total Transfers In	<u>876,358</u>	<u>876,358</u>	<u>873,228</u>	<u>(3,130)</u>
Appropriation of Fund Balance	-	3,797,108	-	(3,797,108)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>876,358</u>	<u>4,673,466</u>	<u>873,228</u>	<u>(3,800,238)</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 159,044,090</u>	<u>\$ 162,841,198</u>	162,795,794	<u>\$ (45,404)</u>

Budgetary revenues are different than GAAP revenues because:

State of Connecticut on-behalf contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System for for Town teachers is not budgeted.	16,098,967
State of Connecticut on-behalf contributions to the Teachers' Retirement OPEB Plan for Town teachers is not budgeted.	227,703
Lease Issuance is not budgeted.	664,413
Transfers from funds consolidated with the General Fund are eliminated for financial reporting purposes.	(100,000)
Land Purchase Option Fund revenues consolidated with General Fund	531,832
The receipt of bond premiums is not budgeted	125,000
Under liquidation of prior year encumbrances is recorded as miscellaneous revenue for budgetary reporting. This amount is excluded for financial reporting purposes.	(46,775)
The Board of Education does not budget for certain intergovernmental grants which are credited against expenditures for budgetary reporting. These amounts are recorded as revenues and expenditures for financial reporting purposes.	<u>3,138,193</u>

Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources as Reported on the Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV

\$ 183,435,127

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government:				
Board of Selectmen:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 221,426	\$ 229,361	\$ 229,360	\$ 1
Part Time Salary	28,000	26,490	26,489	1
Overtime	-	201	201	-
Travel	2,500	2,500	1,253	1,247
Conferences and Meetings	775	775	661	114
Dues and Professional Licenses	23,072	23,072	23,072	-
Professional Services	5,200	6,700	6,031	669
Software Maint. and Support	3,150	3,150	1,675	1,475
Office Supplies	1,500	1,098	1,097	1
Total Board of Selectmen	285,623	293,347	289,839	3,508
Town Administrator:				
Full Time Salary	203,416	213,247	213,247	-
Conferences and Meetings	2,836	2,936	2,936	-
Dues and Professional Licenses	2,040	2,007	1,950	57
Professional Services	4,910	4,910	4,748	162
Telecommunications	500	534	533	1
Publications	500	400	152	248
Total Town Administrator	214,202	224,034	223,566	468
Administrative Officer/Support Services:				
Full Time Salary	14,726	14,726	14,724	2
Overtime	-	3	2	1
Channel 79 Operators	23,000	23,000	23,000	-
Professional Services	17,740	12,318	12,318	-
Printing	5,800	3,995	3,673	322
Advertising	1,500	2,140	2,139	1
Mailing and Shipping	58,350	52,757	50,255	2,502
Copy Equipment Lease/Rental	45,920	51,513	51,513	-
Software Maint. and Support	2,500	2,500	1,396	1,104
Office Equipment Repair/Maint.	500	513	512	1
Office Supplies	4,100	4,669	4,668	1
Operating Supplies	150	150	-	150
Supplies Employee Lounge	2,500	2,500	1,861	639
Total Admin Officer/Support Services	176,786	170,784	166,061	4,723
Human Resources:				
Full Time	199,106	188,754	188,044	710
Conferences and Meetings	4,150	3,150	2,840	310
Training Services	1,100	470	-	470
Dues and Professional Licenses	538	741	740	1
Professional Services	1,300	13,247	13,246	1
Advertising	650	500	150	350
Medical Services	4,565	4,565	4,530	35
Office Supplies	500	630	438	192
Employee Recognition Event	5,250	5,250	4,220	1,030
Total Human Resources	217,159	217,307	214,208	3,099

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Finance Department:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 396,429	\$ 407,865	\$ 407,864	\$ 1
Overtime	-	66	66	-
Travel	112	46	-	46
Conferences and Meetings	4,700	4,700	4,574	126
Training Services	4,500	4,500	4,153	347
Dues and Professional Licenses	860	860	745	115
Professional Services	35,200	64,594	40,931	23,663
Office Supplies	1,875	2,455	2,455	-
Total Finance Department	443,676	485,086	460,788	24,298
Treasurer:				
Part Time Salary	29,847	29,847	29,835	12
Office Supplies	40	40	-	40
Total Treasurer	29,887	29,887	29,835	52
Board of Finance - Audit:				
Clerical Services	2,400	2,391	130	2,261
Independent Audit	42,202	42,211	42,211	-
Total Board of Finance - Audit	44,602	44,602	42,341	2,261
Assessor:				
Full Time Salary	313,811	317,363	317,363	-
Part Time Salary	18,011	18,559	16,111	2,448
Overtime Salary	100	99	41	58
Travel	790	825	825	-
Conferences and Meetings	3,310	2,550	2,411	139
Training Services	2,900	1,723	1,398	325
Dues and Professional Licenses	945	1,267	1,267	-
Professional Services	12,000	12,000	11,967	33
Printing	1,930	2,335	2,334	1
Software Maint. and Support	26,900	27,255	27,254	1
Office Supplies	1,000	1,000	573	427
Informational Materials	1,580	2,400	2,395	5
Uniforms	200	200	160	40
Total Assessor	383,477	387,576	384,099	3,477
Board of Assessment Appeals:				
Overtime	3,000	3,000	1,703	1,297
Total Board of Assessment Appeals	3,000	3,000	1,703	1,297
Tax Collector:				
Full Time Salary	240,252	240,252	240,207	45
Part Time Salary	18,274	14,679	13,067	1,612
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	2,567	4,737	4,737	-
Overtime Salary	125	125	5	120
Travel	1,055	1,483	1,482	1
Conferences and Meetings	1,450	1,460	1,460	-
Dues and Professional Licenses	175	175	175	-
Professional Services	300	300	300	-
Printing	14,600	14,834	14,833	1
Advertising	495	495	417	78
Mailing and Shipping	200	200	-	200
Software Maint. and Support	15,594	14,922	14,915	7
Recording/Filing Fees	250	250	250	-
Office Supplies	1,200	2,625	2,537	88
Total Tax Collector	296,537	296,537	294,385	2,152

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Legal Counsel:				
Town Counsel	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 300,726	\$ 89,274
Labor Counsel	36,000	36,000	14,323	21,677
Regulatory Counsel - P&Z	305,000	305,000	145,557	159,443
Total Legal Counsel	<u>731,000</u>	<u>731,000</u>	<u>460,606</u>	<u>270,394</u>
Town Clerk:				
Full Time Salary	303,347	303,347	303,340	7
Overtime Salary	500	500	-	500
Travel	350	350	307	43
Conferences and Meetings	1,300	1,300	605	695
Training Services	600	600	300	300
Clerical Services	1,800	1,800	1,300	500
Dues and Professional Licenses	480	480	315	165
Professional Services	5,050	5,050	4,400	650
Printing	1,200	1,200	55	1,145
Advertising	850	850	421	429
Indexing Services	8,500	8,500	5,710	2,790
Microfilming Services	9,000	9,000	5,303	3,697
Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	752	748
Total Town Clerk	<u>334,477</u>	<u>334,477</u>	<u>322,808</u>	<u>11,669</u>
Voter Registry:				
Part Time Salary	105,604	99,555	99,555	-
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	-	500	500	-
Overtime	-	719	718	1
Travel	750	344	344	-
Conferences and Meetings	2,200	1,992	1,992	-
Dues and Professional Licenses	175	2,400	2,400	-
Printing	900	210	209	1
Advertising	600	78	78	-
Mailing and Shipping	900	975	975	-
Office Supplies	850	850	850	-
Total Voter Registry	<u>111,979</u>	<u>107,623</u>	<u>107,621</u>	<u>2</u>
Elections:				
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	22,000	30,001	30,001	-
Travel	50	41	41	-
Training Services	4,125	99	98	1
Professional Services	8,000	5,383	4,414	969
Printing	12,500	7,624	7,623	1
Program Expenses	6,020	22,512	22,512	-
Special Equip. Repair/Maint.	500	358	358	-
Office Supplies	500	377	376	1
Food and Related Supp Poll Wkrs	3,850	4,809	4,809	-
Small Tools	150	-	-	-
Total Elections	<u>57,695</u>	<u>71,204</u>	<u>70,232</u>	<u>972</u>
Information Technology:				
Software Maint. and Support	145,498	145,423	135,073	10,350
Telecommunications	49,010	38,603	35,639	2,964
Information Systems Operations	229,553	229,553	229,553	-
Information Systems Equipment	850	925	924	1
Total Information Technology	<u>424,911</u>	<u>414,504</u>	<u>401,189</u>	<u>13,315</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Probate Court:				
Professional Services	\$ 2,200	\$ 3,786	\$ 3,785	\$ 1
Printing	-	18	18	-
Office Equip. Repair and Maint.	816	833	832	1
Telecommunications	1,368	1,396	1,396	-
Office Supplies	1,700	1,237	1,237	-
Total Probate Court	6,084	7,270	7,268	2
Total General Government	3,761,095	3,818,238	3,476,549	341,689
Community Environment:				
Development Planning:				
Full Time Salary	673,632	688,070	688,070	-
Seasonal and Temporary	3,500	-	-	-
Overtime Salary	9,700	15,384	15,384	-
Travel	252	452	439	13
Conferences and Meetings	3,845	8,472	8,472	-
Training Services	2,130	3,300	3,299	1
Clerical Services	21,311	16,065	16,064	1
Dues and Professional Licenses	2,440	1,990	1,989	1
Professional Services	3,500	2,584	2,100	484
Printing	1,000	1,000	853	147
Advertising	12,840	13,495	13,495	-
Consulting Services	46,250	48,001	48,001	-
Software Maint. and Support	30,500	26,394	25,216	1,178
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	270	275	275	-
Office Supplies	3,000	3,126	2,545	581
Total Development Planning	814,170	828,608	826,202	2,406
Beautification:				
Groundskeeping Services	31,500	31,500	25,143	6,357
Total Beautification	31,500	31,500	25,143	6,357
Celebrations and Community Grants:				
Memorial Day/Other Ceremonies	2,500	1,165	1,164	1
Facility Repair/Maintenance	4,000	-	-	-
Chamber of Commerce	5,000	13,669	13,669	-
Holiday Lights Grant	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
Historical Society Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
The Depot	53,500	53,500	53,500	-
Kids In Crisis	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Total Celebrations and Community Grants	111,500	114,834	114,833	1
Harbor Master:				
Conferences and Meetings	100	100	-	100
Program Expenses	500	220	-	220
Telecommunications	500	500	-	500
Operating Supplies	2,000	2,280	2,279	1
Total Harbor Master	3,100	3,100	2,279	821
Total Community Environment	960,270	978,042	968,457	9,585

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Public Safety:				
Building Department:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 510,791	\$ 512,259	\$ 438,230	\$ 74,029
Seasonal and Temporary	3,900	5,117	5,117	-
Overtime	2,389	2,389	86	2,303
Conferences and Meetings	2,180	1,269	200	1,069
Dues and Professional Licenses	540	565	565	-
Professional Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Microfilming Services	350	362	361	1
Software Maint. and Support	19,000	19,000	18,631	369
Motorized Equip Repair/Maint.	-	257	256	1
Telecommunications	4,497	4,497	2,560	1,937
Office Supplies	4,750	4,738	4,249	489
Informational Materials	3,200	3,829	3,828	1
Uniforms	2,000	2,000	1,956	44
Total Building Department	556,597	559,282	479,039	80,243
Police Department:				
Administration:				
Full Time Salary	792,520	781,897	692,188	89,709
Overtime Salary	500	1,886	1,885	1
Holiday Pay	5,315	5,863	5,862	1
Contract Settlement	-	1,500	1,500	-
Conferences and Meetings	14,632	17,828	11,364	6,464
Clerical Services	1,620	2,100	2,100	-
Dues and Professional Licenses	2,365	2,365	2,290	75
Professional Services	11,000	10,320	6,424	3,896
Mailing and Shipping	5,000	5,000	1,664	3,336
Medical Services	6,900	6,900	2,950	3,950
Clothing Allowance	25,560	25,560	24,810	750
Informational Materials	590	803	803	-
Uniforms	62,500	62,812	62,812	-
Operating Supplies	200	200	24	176
Food and Related Supplies	500	967	967	-
Total Administration	929,202	926,001	817,643	108,358
Investigation and Youth:				
Full Time Salary	691,258	594,129	594,128	1
Overtime Salary	35,000	26,855	22,777	4,078
Holiday Pay	24,491	24,491	22,700	1,791
Stand-by Pay	5,475	5,475	5,459	16
Shift Differential	6,283	6,283	4,464	1,819
Contract Settlement	-	7,500	7,500	-
Conferences and Meetings	800	800	688	112
Equipment Rental/Lease	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Clothing Allowance	7,000	7,000	4,500	2,500
Program Expenses	10,000	-	-	-
Special Equip. Repair and Maint.	750	815	815	-
Technical Investigation Unit	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Operating Supplies	5,000	5,487	5,486	1
Total Investigation and Youth	795,057	687,835	677,517	10,318

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Patrol:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 3,900,789	\$ 3,942,856	\$ 3,942,856	\$ -
Seasonal and Temporary	1,350	2,873	2,873	-
Overtime Salary	671,814	671,814	670,803	1,011
Holiday Pay	154,770	154,770	152,372	2,398
Shift Differential	184,000	184,000	170,176	13,824
Contract Settlement	-	55,500	55,500	-
Medical Services	700	700	-	700
Special Equip. Repair and Maint.	6,300	6,300	5,677	623
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	4,020	4,020	3,918	102
Emergency Response Team	18,963	17,999	16,496	1,503
Personal Protection Gear	14,160	14,160	9,746	4,414
Medical Supplies	7,100	7,100	6,469	631
Marine Gear and Supplies	15,320	15,320	11,811	3,509
Intoxilizer Supplies	500	500	495	5
MDT Upgrades	250	250	250	-
Radar Replacement	3,045	3,145	3,145	-
Total Patrol	4,983,081	5,081,307	5,052,587	28,720
Records:				
Full Time Salary	240,486	243,190	243,190	-
Part Time	17,508	18,380	18,379	1
Overtime Salary	2,500	2,500	1,090	1,410
Holiday Pay	4,129	4,891	4,890	1
Contract Settlement	-	1,500	1,500	-
Copy Equipment Lease/Rental	14,500	14,500	13,808	692
Software Maint. and Support	248,414	241,725	229,030	12,695
Office Equip. Repair and Maint.	2,000	2,000	1,399	601
Office Supplies	8,150	8,150	7,733	417
Total Records	537,687	536,836	521,019	15,817
Professional Standards:				
Full Time Salary	130,588	130,588	82,743	47,845
Overtime	-	1,653	1,653	-
Holiday Pay	5,134	5,799	5,798	1
Contract Settlement	-	1,500	1,500	-
Travel	2,370	2,370	1,665	705
Conferences and Meetings	1,500	1,627	1,626	1
Training Services	56,487	53,164	52,469	695
Employee Education/Tuition	5,250	5,250	5,250	-
Special Equip. Repair/Maint.	1,875	1,875	1,875	-
Informational Materials	3,500	3,500	3,293	207
Operating Supplies	18,945	18,945	18,219	726
Total Professional Standards	225,649	226,271	176,091	50,180
School Crossing:				
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	64,792	64,792	63,269	1,523
Uniforms	1,500	1,500	1,108	392
Total School Crossing	66,292	66,292	64,377	1,915
Communications:				
Full Time	625,345	625,345	437,881	187,464
Overtime	65,446	70,552	70,551	1
Holiday Pay	33,351	31,376	22,228	9,148
Shift Differential	-	700	699	1
Office Equipment Repair/Maint.	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Radio Repair and Maint.	11,716	11,716	11,521	195
Telecommunications	30,436	30,436	24,983	5,453
Total Communications	777,694	781,525	579,263	202,262

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Fleet Services:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 82,213	\$ 82,215	\$ 82,215	\$ -
Overtime Salary	3,000	3,000	951	2,049
Tool Allowance	500	500	500	-
Motorcycle Lease	5,200	200	-	200
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	34,000	34,000	27,752	6,248
Uniforms	1,100	1,100	742	358
Operating Supplies	4,000	4,000	1,345	2,655
Tires	8,200	8,200	8,129	71
Total Fleet Services	138,213	133,215	121,634	11,581
Station Operation:				
Full Time Salary	61,928	61,928	58,337	3,591
Part Time	30,386	30,386	25,192	5,194
Overtime Salary	2,000	2,000	873	1,127
Solid Waste Disposal Services	1,440	2,080	2,079	1
Program Expenses	350	480	480	-
Facility Repair and Maintenance	35,245	50,245	47,266	2,979
Equipment Maint. Contract	73,741	73,741	71,438	2,303
Electricity	112,000	112,000	88,993	23,007
Potable Water	3,000	4,274	4,273	1
Sewer Use Charges	3,000	3,000	2,780	220
Heating Fuel	22,000	26,508	26,508	-
Operating Supplies	8,300	8,437	8,436	1
Total Station Operation	353,390	375,079	336,655	38,424
Animal Control:				
Full Time Salary	82,013	82,015	82,014	1
Overtime Salary	-	938	937	1
Training Services	300	300	300	-
Advertising	200	200	-	200
Veterinary Service	3,000	3,000	1,838	1,162
Uniforms	450	450	416	34
Operating Supplies	1,000	1,000	658	342
Total Animal Control	86,963	87,903	86,163	1,740
Total Police Department	8,893,228	8,902,264	8,432,949	469,315
Fire and Emergency Services:				
Darien Fire Department:				
Training Services	3,800	3,800	3,732	68
Professional Services	3,850	2,500	2,500	-
Snow Removal Services	3,500	975	975	-
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	32,000	39,145	39,145	-
Facility Repair/Maintenance	29,600	37,063	37,063	-
Radio Repair and Maint.	3,000	3,000	2,833	167
Telecommunications	500	-	-	-
Electricity	15,267	12,076	12,076	-
Potable Water	1,000	1,081	1,081	-
Sewer Use Charges	800	1,019	1,018	1
Life and AD&D Insurance	2,060	2,060	1,601	459
Office Supplies	1,326	837	518	319
Heating Fuel	5,872	6,404	6,403	1
Uniforms	5,500	6,107	6,106	1
Operating Supplies	9,300	12,473	12,473	-
Turnout Gear	18,500	18,500	18,464	36
Hazardous Materials Handling	1,000	1,013	1,013	-
Radio Systems Equipment	6,060	6,304	6,303	1
Fire Fighting and Rescue Equip.	4,000	6,261	6,261	-

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Medical Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 217	\$ 217	\$ -
Air Cylinder Replacement	6,025	-	-	-
Breathing Apparatus	6,875	-	-	-
DFD Grants	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total Darien Fire Department	170,835	170,835	169,782	1,053
Noroton Fire Department:				
Training Services	10,000	13,511	13,510	1
Professional Services	2,650	3,150	3,150	-
Snow Removal Services	2,000	150	150	-
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	27,500	25,569	25,568	1
Facility Repair/Maintenance	40,000	45,093	45,092	1
Radio Repair and Maint.	3,300	1,800	1,692	108
NFD Marine Repair and Maintenance	6,000	2,120	2,089	31
Telecommunications	2,640	2,944	2,944	-
Electricity	11,000	11,125	11,125	-
Potable Water	1,400	1,400	1,205	195
Sewer Use Charges	300	300	267	33
Life and AD&D Insurance	2,060	1,601	1,601	-
Office Supplies	1,150	1,752	1,751	1
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	1,800	1,458	1,165	293
Heating Fuel	8,035	5,744	5,247	497
Uniforms	4,810	4,810	4,282	528
Operating Supplies	16,000	16,521	16,520	1
Tires	2,000	2,000	1,105	895
Turnout Gear	29,350	27,915	27,156	759
Marine Gear and Supplies	2,000	3,882	3,881	1
Radio Systems Equipment	9,000	10,400	10,391	9
Fire Fighting and Rescue Equip.	1,500	1,500	1,497	3
Air Cylinder Replacement	4,400	4,400	4,400	-
Breathing Apparatus	3,600	3,350	2,675	675
Noroton Fire Department Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total Noroton Fire Department	202,495	202,495	198,463	4,032
Noroton Heights Fire Department:				
Training Services	15,600	16,175	16,175	-
Professional Services	1,150	1,350	1,350	-
Snow Removal Services	3,500	1,036	1,036	-
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	30,000	30,810	30,809	1
Facility Repair/Maintenance	34,000	33,225	32,942	283
Radio Repair and Maint.	3,000	3,000	2,264	736
Telecommunications	6,400	5,590	5,420	170
Electricity	15,000	13,729	13,245	484
Potable Water	1,100	1,100	1,099	1
Sewer Use Charges	1,000	2,271	2,270	1
Life and AD&D Insurance	2,061	2,061	1,601	460
Office Supplies	1,500	1,598	1,597	1
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	2,800	2,800	2,513	287
Heating Fuel	6,000	9,349	9,349	-
Uniforms	6,000	6,000	5,997	3
Operating Supplies	13,200	13,102	13,001	101
Tires	1,200	1,200	1,196	4
Turnout Gear	38,000	36,923	36,915	8
Hazardous Materials Handling	4,400	4,391	4,243	148
Radio Systems Equipment	6,750	6,750	6,729	21
Fire Fighting and Rescue Equip.	9,500	9,692	9,692	-

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Air Cylinder Replacement	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,009	\$ 8,008	\$ 1
Breathing Apparatus	2,000	2,000	1,980	20
NHFD Grants	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total Noroton Heights Fire Department	222,161	222,161	219,431	2,730
Fire Commission:				
Training Services	16,800	16,800	16,788	12
Dues and Professional Licenses	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Professional Services	43,630	43,630	41,763	1,867
Medical Services	57,000	57,000	35,000	22,000
Software Maint and Support	7,340	7,340	5,220	2,120
Equip. Repair/Maint.	12,300	12,300	12,300	-
Facility Repair/Maintenance	7,500	7,500	7,278	222
Computer Equip. Repair/Maint.	5,000	5,000	460	4,540
Telecommunications	10,020	10,020	9,968	52
Electricity	1,500	1,368	649	719
Potable Water	11,400	11,532	11,531	1
Wireless Communications Serv.	11,300	11,300	11,213	87
Emergency Communications Serv.	59,965	59,965	59,965	-
Office Supplies	50	50	-	50
Operating Supplies	5,100	5,100	4,620	480
Total Fire Commission	251,905	251,905	219,755	32,150
Fire Marshal:				
Full Time Salary	341,235	346,142	333,442	12,700
Part Time	104,592	107,243	72,451	34,792
Overtime Salary	3,335	3,335	2,253	1,082
Travel	145	45	-	45
Conferences and Meetings	5,690	4,225	4,221	4
Dues and Professional Licenses	2,235	2,026	1,933	93
Software Maint and Support	3,800	3,800	2,675	1,125
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	2,030	2,083	2,029	54
Office Equipment Repair/Maint.	450	250	158	92
Wireless Communications Serv.	6,500	6,500	6,152	348
Office Supplies	1,600	1,504	1,379	125
Informational Materials	3,000	4,345	3,692	653
Uniforms	4,000	4,672	4,671	1
Operating Supplies	2,275	2,504	2,504	-
Small Tools	900	1,041	1,041	-
Public Information Materials	600	230	178	52
Total Fire Marshal	482,387	489,945	438,779	51,166
Hydrants and Water Mains:				
Hydrant Charges	527,000	527,000	509,422	17,578
Total Hydrants and Water Mains	527,000	527,000	509,422	17,578
Emergency Management:				
Full Time	58,355	59,872	59,872	-
Conferences and Meetings	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
Dues and Professional Licenses	295	295	199	96
Program Expenses	2,000	2,000	683	1,317
Software Maint. and Support	17,588	17,588	17,102	486
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	1,000	1,000	248	752
Radio Repair/Maintenance	141,296	141,296	140,932	364
Electricity	1,600	1,746	1,746	-
Wireless Communications Serv.	4,126	4,126	2,577	1,549
Heating Fuel	250	104	-	104
Operating Supplies	3,000	3,000	445	2,555
Total Emergency Management	231,610	233,127	223,804	9,323

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Emergency Medical Service:				
Paramedic Services	\$ 80,000	\$ 109,902	\$ 109,901	\$ 1
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	600	249	249	-
Radio Repair and Maint.	930	531	530	1
Equipment Maint. Contract	1,542	1,469	1,469	-
Wireless Communications Serv.	252	231	231	-
C-MED Emergency Communications	60,485	60,485	60,485	-
Total Emergency Medical Service	<u>143,809</u>	<u>172,867</u>	<u>172,865</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Fire and Emergency Services	<u>2,232,202</u>	<u>2,270,335</u>	<u>2,152,301</u>	<u>118,034</u>
Total Public Safety	11,682,027	11,731,881	11,064,289	667,592
Public Works:				
Administration:				
Full Time Salary	373,920	382,073	382,073	-
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	7,840	11,540	11,540	-
Overtime	-	68	67	1
Conferences and Meetings	750	750	-	750
Training Services	1,000	1,000	600	400
Dues and Professional Licenses	4,040	4,040	2,459	1,581
Professional Services	23,350	24,795	24,795	-
Telecommunications	1,360	1,360	1,106	254
Office Supplies	2,058	2,058	1,800	258
Total Administration	<u>414,318</u>	<u>427,684</u>	<u>424,440</u>	<u>3,244</u>
Roadway and Walkway Maintenance:				
Full Time Salary	1,140,675	1,048,934	1,044,560	4,374
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	9,600	9,600	7,632	1,968
Overtime Salary	116,654	92,699	29,483	63,216
Traffic Marking Services	34,440	34,440	15,660	18,780
Paving Services	82,100	82,100	59,281	22,819
Software Maint. and Support	5,300	5,300	2,475	2,825
Tree Maintenance	150,000	150,000	105,506	44,494
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	79,700	88,733	88,732	1
Facility Repair and Maintenance	17,300	17,300	14,301	2,999
Radio Repair and Maint.	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Street Light Maintenance	9,000	9,000	5,732	3,268
Telecommunications	10,519	10,605	10,604	1
Electricity	95,050	95,050	89,650	5,400
Potable Water	3,960	3,960	3,752	208
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	202,725	202,725	184,043	18,682
Heating Fuel	18,983	23,068	23,067	1
Uniforms	10,000	10,000	8,929	1,071
Operating Supplies	10,242	10,242	7,454	2,788
Tires	12,200	12,200	11,047	1,153
Ice Control Materials	85,475	85,475	75,526	9,949
Total Roadway and Walkway Maintenance	<u>2,095,423</u>	<u>1,992,931</u>	<u>1,787,434</u>	<u>205,497</u>

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Waste Management:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 155,219	\$ 155,219	\$ 155,080	\$ 139
Overtime Salary	12,768	12,768	8,417	4,351
Professional Services	21,850	26,811	26,810	1
Solid Waste Disposal Services	1,088,983	1,134,414	1,134,413	1
Hazardous Waste Disposal	11,874	11,874	9,797	2,077
Facility Repair/Maintenance	3,800	3,800	910	2,890
Telecommunications	9,600	9,600	9,600	-
Operating Supplies	6,770	7,623	7,622	1
Small Tools	150	150	-	150
Public Information Materials	2,500	2,720	2,720	-
Total Waste Management	1,313,514	1,364,979	1,355,369	9,610
Public Building Management:				
Full Time Salary	456,887	456,887	456,877	10
Overtime Salary	17,250	19,365	19,364	1
Security Services	10,270	13,243	13,243	-
Software Maint. and Support	10,000	10,000	7,180	2,820
Facility Repair and Maintenance	52,900	52,900	48,853	4,047
Telecommunications	4,320	4,320	3,319	1,001
Electricity	119,400	146,327	146,326	1
Potable Water	14,330	14,330	11,664	2,666
Sewer Use Charges	8,015	8,015	4,594	3,421
Heating Fuel	54,522	67,746	67,745	1
Uniforms	4,200	4,200	4,040	160
Operating Supplies	13,491	13,491	10,433	3,058
Total Public Building Management	765,585	810,824	793,638	17,186
Parking Operations:				
Full Time Salary	28,095	28,095	7,178	20,917
Overtime Salary	2,160	2,160	681	1,479
Professional Services	6,000	8,066	8,065	1
Snow Removal Services	19,800	19,800	1,800	18,000
Facility Repair and Maintenance	10,070	10,070	544	9,526
Total Parking Operations	66,125	68,191	18,268	49,923
Total Public Works	4,654,965	4,664,609	4,379,149	285,460
Health and Social Services:				
Human Services:				
Full Time Salary	195,719	200,577	200,577	-
Part Time Salary	29,812	29,999	29,601	398
Seasonal and Temporary	-	288	288	-
Overtime	100	100	-	100
Travel	660	660	298	362
Conferences and Meetings	925	1,014	1,013	1
Dues and Professional Licenses	470	510	390	120
Printing	500	345	130	215
Software Maint. and Support	1,594	1,620	1,620	-
Office Supplies	1,000	1,000	669	331
Total Human Services	230,780	236,113	234,586	1,527

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Outside Assistance:				
Essential Needs Payments	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,598	\$ 2,402
Program Expenses	5,000	5,000	4,400	600
Blight Remediation Assistance	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Total Outside Assistance	18,000	18,000	12,998	5,002
Senior Center:				
Full Time Salary	175,503	179,891	163,385	16,506
Part Time Salary	120,163	121,590	76,942	44,648
Overtime	1,000	1,000	355	645
Travel	763	763	232	531
Conferences and Meetings	550	550	50	500
Clerical Services	1,485	1,485	1,020	465
Dues and Professional Licenses	800	800	-	800
Printing	1,000	1,000	790	210
Advertising	150	150	-	150
Program Expenses	63,525	63,525	49,364	14,161
Facility Repair and Maintenance	22,578	23,678	18,397	5,281
Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	1,561	939
Uniforms	1,518	1,518	1,028	490
Food and Related Supplies	48,406	48,406	30,913	17,493
Facility Maint. Materials	7,500	6,400	4,353	2,047
Total Senior Center	447,441	453,256	348,390	104,866
Senior Transportation:				
Part Time Salary	41,939	41,939	37,793	4,146
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	3,288	3,288	201	3,087
Total Senior Transportation	45,227	45,227	37,994	7,233
Youth Services:				
Full Time Salary	107,238	109,920	109,919	1
Part Time Salary	17,827	11,491	11,491	-
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	118,025	120,825	120,825	-
Travel	950	882	881	1
Conferences and Meetings	515	225	225	-
Clerical Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Printing	950	950	950	-
Program Expenses	128,250	153,740	153,739	1
Office Supplies	750	121	121	-
Total Youth Services	376,005	399,654	399,651	3
Health Department:				
Full Time Salary	266,473	272,418	272,417	1
Part Time Salary	65,632	66,509	60,435	6,074
Seasonal and Temporary	-	973	973	-
Overtime	500	-	-	-
Travel	2,500	1,999	905	1,094
Conferences and Meetings	6,500	6,500	387	6,113
Dues and Professional Licenses	1,184	1,184	872	312
Professional Services	5,000	5,000	3,819	1,181
Water Testing	2,800	2,800	2,357	443
Program Expenses	3,000	3,000	2,676	324
Software Maint. and Support	10,200	10,211	10,210	1
Telecommunications	3,200	3,200	2,471	729
Office Supplies	1,000	1,091	1,090	1
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	-	40	40	-
Total Health Department	367,989	374,925	358,652	16,273
Total Health and Social Services	1,485,442	1,527,175	1,392,271	134,904

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Parks and Recreation:				
Administration:				
Full Time Salary	\$ 468,790	\$ 478,867	\$ 478,867	\$ -
Part Time	18,054	18,796	18,788	8
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	8,000	10,013	9,435	578
Overtime	-	75	71	4
Travel	2,610	2,593	2,591	2
Conferences and Meetings	7,550	3,312	3,312	-
Training Services	750	2,025	2,025	-
Clerical Services	1,400	1,880	1,720	160
Dues and Professional Licenses	1,410	1,410	1,310	100
Professional Services	-	3,170	3,170	-
Office Supplies	1,500	1,529	1,529	-
Total Administration	510,064	523,670	522,818	852
Beach and Court Facilities:				
Part Time	38,000	38,000	37,893	107
Beach and Court Seasonal and Temp.	100,385	107,652	107,651	1
Overtime Salary	2,000	3,477	3,476	1
Training Services	5,300	5,585	5,585	-
Printing	2,810	3,130	3,129	1
Security Services	114,200	85,894	84,401	1,493
Uniforms	2,750	2,750	2,559	191
Operating Supplies	7,750	10,849	10,849	-
Facility Maint Materials	7,800	11,755	11,755	-
Rescue Equipment	3,000	2,799	2,778	21
Total Beach and Court Facilities	283,995	271,891	270,076	1,815
Facilities Maintenance:				
Full Time Salary	438,020	432,985	395,691	37,294
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	23,800	16,033	15,702	331
Overtime Salary	19,100	21,540	21,441	99
Clothing Allowance	3,000	3,671	3,671	-
Motorized Equip. Repair/Maint.	4,900	5,764	5,757	7
Motor Fuel and Lubricants	400	370	369	1
Operating Supplies	1,550	1,550	1,548	2
Small Tools	400	291	291	-
Tires	2,500	1,901	1,775	126
Equipment Maint. Parts and Supply	8,000	8,319	8,319	-
Grounds Maintenance Equipment	1,000	1,250	1,233	17
Total Facilities Maintenance	502,670	493,674	455,797	37,877
Organized Recreation and Events:				
Part Time Salary	9,083	8,108	4,444	3,664
Seasonal and Temporary Salary	-	2,039	588	1,451
Jr. Sailing Program	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Printing	13,280	16,340	16,174	166
Mailing and Shipping	2,800	2,800	2,800	-
Program Expenses	24,350	21,290	20,987	303
Operating Supplies	4,400	3,920	3,750	170
Total Organized Recreation and Events	58,413	58,997	53,243	5,754

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Grounds, Fields, and Buildings:				
Groundskeeping Services	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,360	\$ 18,359	\$ 1
Pest Control	20,000	20,020	20,019	1
Tree Maintenance	16,000	17,111	17,110	1
Facility Repair/Maintenance	111,000	106,633	106,632	1
Telecommunications	14,240	16,086	16,073	13
Electricity	22,000	19,500	18,864	636
Potable Water	20,450	24,721	24,720	1
Sewer Use Charges	2,900	2,915	2,915	-
Portable Toilet Rental	2,400	2,497	2,494	3
Heating Fuel	7,000	9,360	9,358	2
Small Tools	200	365	365	-
Facility Maint Materials	58,500	66,930	66,929	1
Waste Containers	5,000	5,561	5,560	1
Total Grounds, Fields, and Buildings	<u>297,690</u>	<u>310,059</u>	<u>309,398</u>	<u>661</u>
Total Parks and Recreation	1,652,832	1,658,291	1,611,332	46,959
Overhead and Miscellaneous:				
Employee Benefits:				
Employee Education/Tuition	19,175	19,175	15,665	3,510
Professional Services	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Medical Insurance	3,333,935	3,199,129	3,029,732	169,397
Dental Insurance	134,025	134,025	134,025	-
Wellness	8,332	8,332	5,800	2,532
Life and AD&D Insurance	36,561	36,561	34,672	1,889
Long Term Disability	26,849	26,849	24,447	2,402
Social Security	880,326	880,326	834,223	46,103
Pension Fund Contribution	706,152	706,152	706,152	-
Accrued Leave Redemption	100,000	225,524	225,524	-
Unemployment Compensation	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Actuarial Services	3,000	4,935	4,935	-
Defined Contribution-Employer	16,207	23,554	23,553	1
Police Pension Contributions	908,965	908,965	908,965	-
Police Retiree Medical Contributions	398,361	398,361	398,361	-
Total Employee Benefits	<u>6,626,888</u>	<u>6,626,888</u>	<u>6,371,054</u>	<u>255,834</u>
Risk Management:				
General Property and Crime Insurance	69,547	75,815	75,814	1
Boiler and Machinery Insurance	7,701	7,870	7,870	-
Heart and Hypertension	18,600	162,904	162,903	1
Workers Compensation Insurance	556,343	537,158	523,907	13,251
General Liability Insurance	219,311	224,133	224,133	-
Auto Insurance Premiums	61,186	62,313	62,312	1
Umbrella Liability	160,225	163,971	163,971	-
Public Officials Liability	66,227	67,690	67,689	1
Safety Program	225	225	-	225
Total Risk Management	<u>1,159,365</u>	<u>1,302,079</u>	<u>1,288,599</u>	<u>13,480</u>
Contingency:				
Employee Salary Increase	299,039	208,200	-	208,200
BOF Contingency	250,000	159,234	-	159,234
Total Contingency	<u>549,039</u>	<u>367,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367,434</u>
Total Overhead and Miscellaneous	8,335,292	8,296,401	7,659,653	636,748

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Public Library:				
Public Library Grant	\$ 4,212,865	\$ 4,212,865	\$ 4,212,865	\$ -
Total Public Library	4,212,865	4,212,865	4,212,865	-
Board of Education-Operations:				
Board of Education Operating	110,607,016	110,607,016	109,796,649	810,367
Total Board of Education-Operations	110,607,016	110,607,016	109,796,649	810,367
Debt Service:				
School Debt Service:				
School Bonds - Principal	4,117,985	4,117,985	4,117,985	-
School Bonds - Interest	2,043,937	2,043,937	2,043,936	1
Total School Debt Service	6,161,922	6,161,922	6,161,921	1
Town Debt Service:				
General Purpose Bond-Principal	3,282,015	3,282,015	3,282,015	-
General Purpose Bonds-Interest	645,030	645,030	645,029	1
Total Town Debt Service	3,927,045	3,927,045	3,927,044	1
Sewer Debt Service:				
Sewer Bonds - Principal	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Sewer Bonds - Interest	57,100	57,100	57,099	1
Total Sewer Debt Service	307,100	307,100	307,099	1
Total Debt Service	10,396,067	10,396,067	10,396,064	3
Total Expenditures	157,747,871	157,890,585	154,957,278	2,933,307
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers Out:				
Transfer Out - RFCNRE	1,296,219	4,950,613	4,860,451	90,162
Transfer to OPEB Trust	-	-	-	-
Transfer Out - To Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Uses	1,296,219	4,950,613	4,860,451	90,162
Total	\$ 159,044,090	\$ 162,841,198	159,817,729	\$ 3,023,469

Budgetary expenditures are different than GAAP expenditures because:

State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers is not budgeted.	16,098,967
State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Teachers' Retirement OPEB Plan for Town teachers is not budgeted.	227,703
Lease Issuance	664,413
Transfers to funds consolidated with the General Fund are eliminated for financial reporting purposes.	-
Land purchase option expenditures that are consolidated with General Fund	59,750
Storm Hazard Mitigation expenditures that are consolidated with General Fund	40,709
Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year received for financial reporting purposes.	525,656
The Town budgeted for the receipt of bond premiums against debt issuance costs that are reported as expenditures for financial reporting purposes.	125,000
The Board of Education does not budget for certain intergovernmental grants which are credited against expenditures for budgetary reporting. These amounts are recorded as revenues and expenditures for financial reporting purposes.	3,138,193

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV

\$ 180,698,120

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SEWER OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Licenses and Permits	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,200	\$ 2,200
Charges for Services	4,096,135	4,096,135	4,167,092	70,957
Fines and Forfeits	40,000	40,000	42,089	2,089
Investment Income	1,225	1,225	6,635	5,410
Total Revenues	<u>4,147,360</u>	<u>4,147,360</u>	<u>4,228,016</u>	<u>80,656</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Sewer Operations:				
Administration	386,154	386,154	402,047	(15,893)
Collection and Pumping	513,612	516,868	482,158	34,710
Treatment Service	2,820,000	2,820,000	2,820,000	-
Overhead and Miscellaneous	291,569	288,313	232,486	55,827
Total Expenditures	<u>4,011,335</u>	<u>4,011,335</u>	<u>3,936,691</u>	<u>74,644</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	136,025	136,025	291,325	155,300
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers Out	(166,025)	(166,025)	(166,025)	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(166,025)</u>	<u>(166,025)</u>	<u>(166,025)</u>	<u>-</u>
Appropriation of Fund Balance	30,000	30,000	-	(30,000)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 125,300</u>	<u>\$ 125,300</u>

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS
TOWN PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability:										
Service Cost	\$ 3,737,744	\$ 3,520,363	\$ 3,413,825	\$ 3,081,785	\$ 3,085,417	\$ 3,008,156	\$ 2,684,605	\$ 2,520,756	\$ 2,187,552	\$ 2,272,712
Interest	6,171,170	6,039,848	5,723,419	5,299,869	5,004,595	4,616,537	4,340,501	4,091,560	3,909,003	3,653,413
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	(1,441,240)	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(2,423,203)	-	(1,634,289)	-	5,180,768	-	-	(989,032)	-
Changes of Assumptions	-	1,329,851	-	5,018,496	-	(2,171,561)	-	-	5,995,377	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(4,826,309)	(4,553,040)	(4,015,637)	(3,698,621)	(3,393,602)	(3,208,883)	(2,998,318)	(2,895,921)	(2,694,202)	(2,348,549)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	5,082,605	3,913,819	5,121,607	8,067,240	4,696,410	5,983,777	4,026,788	3,716,395	8,408,698	3,577,576
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	97,377,527	93,463,708	88,342,101	80,274,861	75,578,451	69,594,674	65,567,886	61,851,491	53,442,793	49,865,217
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	102,460,132	97,377,527	93,463,708	88,342,101	80,274,861	75,578,451	69,594,674	65,567,886	61,851,491	53,442,793
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:										
Contributions - Employer	2,392,514	2,511,663	2,306,412	1,679,958	1,738,851	1,325,367	1,347,529	1,628,802	1,716,498	1,667,416
Contributions - Employee	1,361,549	1,308,929	1,287,022	1,271,714	1,230,098	1,193,027	1,149,812	1,108,161	1,041,347	1,000,728
Net Investment Income	7,140,236	(7,257,257)	23,182,563	(1,237,205)	4,680,114	4,007,564	8,556,388	2,236,389	3,925,756	8,969,636
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(4,826,309)	(4,553,040)	(4,015,637)	(3,698,621)	(3,393,602)	(3,208,883)	(2,998,318)	(2,895,921)	(2,694,202)	(2,348,549)
Administrative Expense	(64,070)	(74,787)	(57,065)	(59,598)	(46,416)	(69,921)	(56,482)	(315,272)	(289,154)	(265,239)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	6,003,920	(8,064,492)	22,703,295	(2,043,752)	4,209,045	3,247,154	7,998,929	1,762,159	3,700,245	9,023,992
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	95,804,850	103,869,342	81,166,047	83,209,799	79,000,754	75,753,600	67,754,671	65,992,512	62,292,267	53,268,275
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	101,808,770	95,804,850	103,869,342	81,166,047	83,209,799	79,000,754	75,753,600	67,754,671	65,992,512	62,292,267
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending (a)-(b)	\$ 651,362	\$ 1,572,677	\$ (10,405,634)	\$ 7,176,054	\$ (2,934,938)	\$ (3,422,303)	\$ (6,158,926)	\$ (2,186,785)	\$ (4,141,021)	\$ (8,849,474)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	99.36%	98.38%	111.13%	91.88%	103.66%	104.53%	108.85%	103.34%	106.70%	116.56%
Covered Payroll	\$ 25,658,713	\$ 25,658,713	\$ 24,660,978	\$ 24,660,978	\$ 23,158,921	\$ 23,158,921	\$ 19,953,035	\$ 19,953,035	\$ 19,045,747	\$ 18,342,993
Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	2.54%	6.13%	(42.19%)	29.10%	(12.67%)	(14.78%)	(30.87%)	(10.96%)	(21.74%)	(48.24%)

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS
POLICE PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability:										
Service Cost	\$ 1,193,922	\$ 1,119,663	\$ 1,099,799	\$ 997,292	\$ 961,290	\$ 913,729	\$ 949,016	\$ 891,095	\$ 687,778	\$ 738,659
Interest	3,530,590	3,402,987	3,304,396	3,087,842	2,992,110	2,840,366	2,752,033	2,646,463	2,889,227	2,761,581
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	773,129	-	742,773	-	1,767,698	-	-	(1,152,181)	-
Changes of Assumptions	-	817,751	-	2,109,415	-	(820,737)	-	-	663,780	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(3,191,309)	(2,968,298)	(2,789,513)	(2,634,980)	(2,401,873)	(2,425,961)	(2,191,303)	(1,758,160)	(1,812,572)	(1,784,531)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	1,533,203	3,145,232	1,614,682	4,302,342	1,551,527	2,275,095	1,509,746	1,779,398	1,276,032	1,715,709
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	56,866,980	53,721,748	52,107,066	47,804,724	46,253,197	43,978,102	42,468,356	40,688,958	39,412,926	37,697,217
Total Pension Liability - Ending	58,400,183	56,866,980	53,721,748	52,107,066	47,804,724	46,253,197	43,978,102	42,468,356	40,688,958	39,412,926
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:										
Contributions - Employer	908,965	845,273	645,987	181,357	256,426	231,886	278,285	588,454	1,073,353	1,220,507
Contributions - Employee	347,939	325,867	329,397	316,152	312,312	303,416	297,257	307,577	299,971	265,826
Net Investment Income	4,080,098	(4,219,756)	13,857,494	(743,061)	2,975,534	2,626,946	5,761,015	1,568,200	2,752,388	6,338,904
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(3,191,309)	(2,968,298)	(2,789,513)	(2,634,980)	(2,401,873)	(2,425,961)	(2,191,303)	(1,758,160)	(1,812,572)	(1,784,531)
Administrative Expense	(35,271)	(47,679)	(34,181)	(36,198)	(26,313)	(39,956)	(44,345)	(230,849)	(202,504)	(194,924)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	2,110,422	(6,064,593)	12,009,184	(2,916,730)	1,116,086	696,331	4,100,909	475,222	2,110,636	5,845,782
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	55,208,072	61,272,665	49,263,481	52,180,211	51,064,125	50,367,794	46,266,885	45,791,663	43,681,027	37,835,245
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	57,318,494	55,208,072	61,272,665	49,263,481	52,180,211	51,064,125	50,367,794	46,266,885	45,791,663	43,681,027
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending	\$ 1,081,689	\$ 1,658,908	\$ (7,550,917)	\$ 2,843,585	\$ (4,375,487)	\$ (4,810,928)	\$ (6,389,692)	\$ (3,798,529)	\$ (5,102,705)	\$ (4,268,101)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	98.15%	97.08%	114.06%	94.54%	109.15%	110.40%	114.53%	108.94%	112.54%	110.83%
Covered Payroll	\$ 5,490,561	\$ 5,490,561	\$ 5,207,086	\$ 5,207,086	\$ 4,794,634	\$ 4,794,634	\$ 5,059,519	\$ 5,059,519	\$ 4,888,424	\$ 3,710,557
Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	19.70%	30.21%	(145.01%)	54.61%	(91.26%)	(100.34%)	(126.29%)	(75.08%)	(104.38%)	(115.03%)

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
TOWN PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2019	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 2,392,514	\$ 2,511,663	\$ 2,306,412	\$ 1,679,958	\$ 1,738,851	\$ 1,325,367	\$ 1,347,529	\$ 1,628,802	\$ 1,716,498	\$ 1,667,416
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	2,392,514	2,511,663	2,306,412	1,679,958	1,738,851	1,325,367	1,347,529	1,628,802	1,716,498	1,667,416
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 25,658,713	\$ 25,658,713	\$ 24,660,978	\$ 24,660,978	\$ 23,158,921	\$ 23,158,921	\$ 19,953,035	\$ 19,953,035	\$ 19,045,747	\$ 18,342,993
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	9.3%	9.8%	9.4%	6.8%	7.5%	5.7%	6.8%	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2021
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2023
 Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of July 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percent
Amortization Period	10 Years, Closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	3.50%
Investment Rate of Return	6.25% (Prior: 6.38%)
Retirement Age	Assumptions related to age and service are used for participants not yet receiving payments.
Mortality	PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale. (Prior: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP Ultimate scale.)

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
POLICE PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 908,965	\$ 845,273	\$ 645,987	\$ 181,357	\$ 256,426	\$ 231,886	\$ 278,285	\$ 588,454	\$ 1,073,353	\$ 1,220,507
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	908,965	845,273	645,987	181,357	256,426	231,886	278,285	588,454	1,073,353	1,220,507
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 5,490,561	\$ 5,490,561	\$ 5,207,086	\$ 5,207,086	\$ 4,794,634	\$ 4,794,634	\$ 5,059,519	\$ 5,059,519	\$ 4,888,424	\$ 3,710,557
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	16.6%	15.4%	12.4%	3.5%	5.3%	4.8%	5.5%	11.6%	22.0%	32.9%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date: July 1, 2021
 Measurement date: June 30, 2023
 Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percent
Amortization Period	10 Years, Closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	Graded by Service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25% (Prior: 6.38%)
Retirement Age	Assumptions related to age and service are used for participants not yet receiving payments.
Mortality	PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale. (Prior: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP Ultimate scale.)

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
TOWN PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	7.42%	(6.94%)	28.27%	(1.48%)	5.88%	5.28%	12.58%	3.37%	6.24%	16.62%

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
POLICE PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	7.47%	(6.95%)	28.52%	(1.45%)	5.93%	5.31%	12.65%	3.45%	6.28%	16.63%

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS***

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Town	204,190,748	166,739,194	210,527,033	190,360,237	146,778,802	143,992,876	151,913,587	116,930,465	108,078,782
Total	\$ 204,190,748	\$ 166,739,194	\$ 210,527,033	\$ 190,360,237	\$ 146,778,802	\$ 143,992,876	\$ 151,913,587	\$ 116,930,465	\$ 108,078,782
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 51,002,791	\$ 50,304,174	\$ 48,755,634	\$ 47,723,685	\$ 46,066,266	\$ 45,642,348	\$ 44,253,946	\$ 42,596,996	\$ 41,007,425
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	54.06%	60.77%	49.24%	52.00%	61.51%	55.93%	52.26%	59.50%	61.51%

Changes in Benefit Terms	Legislation was passed restoring the 25% wear down of Plan N benefits to vested members as of June 30, 2019.
Changes of Assumptions	None
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay, Closed, grading to a level dollar amortization method for the June 30, 2024 valuation.
Single Equivalent Amortization Period	27.8 years
Asset Valuation Method	4-Year Smoothed Market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increase	3.00%-6.50%, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%, Net of Investment Related Expense

Notes:

* This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.
 - The measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
POLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service Cost	\$ 250,998	\$ 239,488	\$ 253,588	\$ 257,989	\$ 260,709	\$ 183,880	\$ 213,204
Interest	451,717	516,462	495,972	547,747	526,961	408,832	396,202
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(1,067,819)	-	(500,924)	-	(59,792)	-
Changes of Assumptions	263,285	(109,505)	-	(493,071)	-	1,670,021	-
Benefit Payments	(489,403)	(426,789)	(414,206)	(492,963)	(438,222)	(485,822)	(288,840)
Net Change In Total OPEB Liability	476,597	(848,163)	335,354	(681,222)	349,448	1,717,119	320,566
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning (a)	7,217,467	8,065,630	7,730,276	8,411,498	8,062,050	6,344,931	6,024,365
Total OPEB Liability - Ending (b)	7,694,064	7,217,467	8,065,630	7,730,276	8,411,498	8,062,050	6,344,931
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:							
Contributions - Employer	398,361	587,479	580,926	593,615	538,408	458,670	398,165
Net Investment Income (Loss)	440,429	(440,302)	1,373,318	(72,828)	253,067	200,323	290,907
Benefit Payments	(489,403)	(426,789)	(414,206)	(492,963)	(438,222)	(485,822)	(288,840)
Administrative Expense	(14,151)	(18,837)	(16,049)	(17,260)	(18,159)	(23,030)	(5,628)
Net Change In Plan Fiduciary Net Position	335,236	(298,449)	1,523,989	10,564	335,094	150,141	394,604
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	5,788,935	6,087,384	4,563,395	4,552,831	4,217,737	4,067,596	3,672,992
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	6,124,171	5,788,935	6,087,384	4,563,395	4,552,831	4,217,737	4,067,596
Net OPEB Liability - Ending (a)-(b)	\$ 1,569,893	\$ 1,428,532	\$ 1,978,246	\$ 3,166,881	\$ 3,858,667	\$ 3,844,313	\$ 2,277,335
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	79.60%	80.21%	75.47%	59.03%	54.13%	52.32%	64.11%
Covered - Employee Payroll	\$ 3,428,382	\$ 3,568,593	\$ 3,568,593	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,427,252
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	45.79%	40.03%	55.43%	64.23%	78.26%	77.97%	51.44%

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TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
NONPOLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service Cost	\$ 272,327	\$ 283,364	\$ 199,910	\$ 209,590	\$ 170,691	\$ 261,917	\$ 250,303
Interest	322,745	299,260	278,081	430,464	411,820	341,961	323,329
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	270,968	-	198,135	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	66,911	-	(2,627,712)	-	(389,989)	-
Changes of Assumptions	129,521	(228,678)	-	(177,841)	-	1,278,745	-
Benefit Payments	(188,556)	(232,998)	(225,566)	(339,421)	(329,897)	(323,500)	(274,200)
Net Change In Total OPEB Liability	536,037	458,827	252,425	(2,306,785)	252,614	1,169,134	299,432
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning (a)	4,984,442	4,525,615	4,273,190	6,579,975	6,327,361	5,158,227	4,858,795
Total OPEB Liability - Ending (b)	5,520,479	4,984,442	4,525,615	4,273,190	6,579,975	6,327,361	5,158,227
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:							
Contributions - Employer	273,176	319,247	290,848	428,451	395,119	446,816	425,482
Net Investment Income (Loss)	355,978	(362,075)	1,137,561	(47,974)	214,986	189,692	329,734
Benefit Payments	(188,556)	(232,998)	(225,566)	(339,421)	(329,897)	(323,500)	(274,200)
Administrative Expense	(13,089)	(26,599)	(17,855)	(25,545)	(16,572)	(28,296)	(9,913)
Net Change In Plan Fiduciary Net Position	427,509	(302,425)	1,184,988	15,511	263,636	284,712	471,103
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	4,646,426	4,948,851	3,763,863	3,748,352	3,484,716	3,200,004	2,728,901
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	5,073,935	4,646,426	4,948,851	3,763,863	3,748,352	3,484,716	3,200,004
Net OPEB Liability - Ending (a)-(b)	\$ 446,544	\$ 338,016	\$ (423,236)	\$ 509,327	\$ 2,831,623	\$ 2,842,645	\$ 1,958,223
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	91.91%	93.22%	109.35%	88.08%	56.97%	55.07%	62.04%
Covered - Employee Payroll	\$ 55,931,275	\$ 51,487,193	\$ 51,487,193	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 45,122,787
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.80%	0.66%	(0.82%)	1.05%	5.82%	5.84%	4.34%

*Note: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
POLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially Determined Contribution (1)	\$ 398,361	\$ 587,479	\$ 580,926	\$ 593,615	\$ 538,408	\$ 458,670	\$ 488,165	\$ 733,556	\$ 465,340	\$ 444,733
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	398,361	587,479	580,926	593,615	538,408	458,670	398,165	643,556	465,340	354,733
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000
Covered Payroll	\$ 3,428,382	\$ 3,568,593	\$ 3,568,593	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,930,775	\$ 4,427,252	\$ 4,427,252	\$ 4,277,538	\$ 4,333,838
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	11.62%	16.46%	16.28%	12.04%	10.92%	9.30%	8.99%	14.54%	10.88%	8.19%

(1) Actuarially Determined Contributions prior to fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, is based on the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) calculated in accordance with GASB No. 45.

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2021
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2023

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percent
Amortization Period	16 Years, Closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Inflation	2.75%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.00% - 4.20% over 51 years (Prior: 5.60% - 4.30% over 51 years)
Salary Increases	Graded Based on Service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%, Net of Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation (Prior: 6.375%, Net of Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation)
Retirement Age	Retirement rates of 10% for all years of eligibility, with 100% retirement at age 65. Upon attainment of 20 years of service, the retirement rate is increased by an additional 25% for that year.
Mortality	PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date. (Prior: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2014 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.)

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
NONPOLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially Determined Contribution (1)	\$ 273,176	\$ 319,247	\$ 275,662	\$ 428,451	\$ 395,119	\$ 446,816	\$ 425,482	\$ 606,153	\$ 566,010	\$ 367,484
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	273,176	319,247	290,848	428,451	395,119	446,816	425,482	606,153	566,010	367,484
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,186)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 55,931,275	\$ 51,487,193	\$ 51,487,193	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 48,644,707	\$ 45,122,787	\$ 45,122,787	\$ 42,742,437	\$ 44,403,093
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.49%	0.62%	0.56%	0.88%	0.81%	0.92%	0.94%	1.34%	1.32%	0.83%

(1) Actuarially Determined Contributions prior to fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, is based on the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) calculated in accordance with GASB No. 45.

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2021
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2023
 Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:

- Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal
- Amortization Method: Level Percent
- Amortization Period: 16 Years, Closed
- Asset Valuation Method: Market Value
- Inflation: 2.75%
- Healthcare Cost Trend Rates: 6.00% - 4.20% over 51 years
(Prior: 5.60% - 4.30% over 51 years)
- Salary Increases: Graded Based on Service for Teachers and Administrators, 3.50% for All Others
- Investment Rate of Return: 6.25%, Net of Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation
(Prior: 6.375%, Net of Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation)
- Retirement Age: Based on Age, Eligibility for Pension Benefits and Gender.
- Mortality: Teachers and Administrators: Current PubT-2010 Mortality Table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above) with generational projection of future improvements per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale and set forward 1 year for both males and females is used for survivors and beneficiaries. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.
(Prior: For healthy retirees and beneficiaries, the RPH-2014 White Collar Mortality table with employee and annuitant rates blended from ages 50 to 80 projected to the year 2020 using the BB improvement scale and further adjusted to grade in increases (5% for females and 8% for males) to rates over age 80. This assumption includes a margin for mortality improvement beyond the valuation date.)

All Others: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.
(Prior: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2014 ultimate scale, with employee rates before benefit commencement and healthy or disabled annuitant rates after benefit commencement. This assumption includes a margin for improvements in longevity beyond the valuation date.)

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
POLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	7.51%	(6.87%)	28.15%	(1.51%)	5.67%	4.78%	7.41%

*Note: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
NONPOLICE POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PROGRAM
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	7.27%	(6.91%)	29.81%	(1.16%)	5.59%	5.26%	10.58%

*Note: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS***

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Town's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Town	17,882,426	18,165,930	31,400,115	29,687,752	29,342,043	37,062,146
Total	<u>\$ 17,882,426</u>	<u>\$ 18,165,930</u>	<u>\$ 31,400,115</u>	<u>\$ 29,687,752</u>	<u>\$ 29,342,043</u>	<u>\$ 37,062,146</u>
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 51,002,791	\$ 50,304,174	\$ 48,755,634	\$ 47,723,685	\$ 46,066,266	\$ 45,642,348
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	9.46%	6.11%	2.50%	2.08%	1.49%	1.79%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes in Benefit Terms There was a change in the maximum monthly subsidy amounts offered to retirees and their dependents from \$110/\$220 to \$220/\$440.
Changes of Assumptions Based on the procedure described in GASB 74, the discount rate used to measure plan obligations for financial accounting purposes as of June 30, 2022, was updated to equal the SEIR of 3.53% as of June 30, 2022;
Expected annual per capita claims costs were updated to better reflect anticipated medical and prescription drug claim experience;
The assumed age-related annual percentage increases in expected annual per capita health care claims costs were updated;
Long-term health care cost trend rates were updated; and
The percentages of participating retirees who are expected to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan and the Medicare Advantage Plan options were updated to better reflect anticipated plan experience.

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age
Amortization Method Level Percent of Payroll Over an Open Period
Remaining Amortization Period 30 Years
Asset Valuation Method Market Value of Assets
Investment Rate of Return 3.00%, Net of Investment Related Expense Including Price Inflation
Price Inflation 2.50%

Notes:

- This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.
- The measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date.

APPENDIX B-1 – FORM OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL – THE BONDS

April __, 2024

Town of Darien, Connecticut
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the “Town”) in connection with the issuance by the Town of its \$_____ General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024, dated April __, 2024 (the “Bonds”). In such capacity, we have examined records of proceedings of the Town authorizing the Bonds, a Tax Compliance Agreement of the Town dated April __, 2024 (the “Agreement”), such law and such other proceedings, certifications, and documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

We are of the opinion that when the Bonds are duly certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, the Bonds will be valid and legally binding general obligations of the Town payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Town without limitation as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to Connecticut statutes. We are further of the opinion that the Agreement is a valid and binding agreement of the Town and was duly authorized by the Town.

The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) establishes certain requirements that must be satisfied at and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be excluded from gross income. In the Agreement, the Town has made covenants and representations designed to assure compliance with such requirements of the Code. The Town has covenanted in the Agreement that it will at all times comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds to ensure that interest on the Bonds shall not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds, including covenants regarding, among other matters, the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds.

In rendering the below opinions regarding the federal treatment of interest on the Bonds, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Agreement, and (ii) continuing compliance by the Town with the covenants set forth in the Agreement as to such tax matters.

In our opinion, under existing statutes and court decisions, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (ii) such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. We express no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Bonds.

We are further of the opinion that, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other state income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Bonds.

We express no opinion herein regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement and other offering material relating to the Bonds.

The foregoing opinion is based upon existing laws, regulations, rules and court decisions. We undertake no responsibility to inform you of changes in law or fact occurring after the date hereof which may affect the conclusions herein. In addition, we have not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events after the date of issuance of the Bond, including the adoption of federal tax legislation, may affect the tax status of interest on the Bonds.

Respectfully,

PULLMAN & COMLEY, LLC

APPENDIX B-2 – FORM OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL – THE NOTES

April __, 2024

Town of Darien, Connecticut
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the “Town”) in connection with the issuance by the Town of its \$_____ General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, dated April __, 2024 (the “Notes”). In such capacity, we have examined records of proceedings of the Town authorizing the Notes, a Tax Compliance Agreement of the Town dated April __, 2024 (the “Agreement”), such law and such other proceedings, certifications, and documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

We are of the opinion that when the Notes are duly certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, the Notes will be valid and legally binding general obligations of the Town payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Town without limitation as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to Connecticut statutes. We are further of the opinion that the Agreement is a valid and binding agreement of the Town and was duly authorized by the Town.

The rights of the holders of the Notes and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) establishes certain requirements that must be satisfied at and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be excluded from gross income. In the Agreement, the Town has made covenants and representations designed to assure compliance with such requirements of the Code. The Town has covenanted in the Agreement that it will at all times comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Notes to ensure that interest on the Notes shall not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Notes, including covenants regarding, among other matters, the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Notes.

In rendering the below opinions regarding the federal treatment of interest on the Notes, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Agreement, and (ii) continuing compliance by the Town with the covenants set forth in the Agreement as to such tax matters.

In our opinion, under existing statutes and court decisions, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (ii) such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. We express no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Notes.

We are further of the opinion that, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other state income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Notes.

We express no opinion herein regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement and other offering material relating to the Notes.

The foregoing opinion is based upon existing laws, regulations, rules and court decisions. We undertake no responsibility to inform you of changes in law or fact occurring after the date hereof which may affect the conclusions herein. In addition, we have not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events after the date of issuance of the Notes, including the adoption of federal tax legislation, may affect the tax status of interest on the Notes.

Respectfully,

PULLMAN & COMLEY, LLC

APPENDIX C-1 – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT – THE BONDS

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

**In Connection With the Issuance and Sale of
\$ _____ General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024**

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (“Agreement”) is executed and delivered as of April __, 2024, by the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the “Issuer”) acting by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, in connection with the issuance of its \$ _____ General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024, dated April __, 2024 (the “Bonds”).

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the terms defined above, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto:

“Annual Report” shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Section 2 of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

“Business Day” shall mean any day, other than Saturday, Sunday or a federal holiday, and shall consist of the time period from 12:01 a.m. through 12:00 midnight Eastern Time.

“EMMA” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access System as described in the 1934 Act Release #59062 and maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board for the purposes of the Rule and as further described in Section 13 hereof.

“Final Official Statement” means the official statement of the Issuer dated April __, 2024, prepared in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

“Fiscal Year End” shall mean the last day of the Issuer’s fiscal year, currently June 30.

“Listed Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 4 of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto.

“Rule” means rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the date of this Agreement.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States, or any successor thereto.

Section 2. Annual Reports.

(a) The Issuer shall provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB, in accordance with the provisions of the Rule and of this Agreement, the following annual financial information and operating data regarding the Issuer (commencing with the information and data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024):

(i) Audited financial statements of the Issuer as of and for the year ending on its Fiscal Year End prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board from time to time or mandated state statutory principles as in effect from time to time. As of the date of this Agreement, the Issuer is required to prepare audited financial statements of its various funds and accounts. If audited financial statements for any Fiscal Year End are not available to be provided to the MSRB through EMMA by the Deadline (as hereinafter defined in Section 3 hereof), the Issuer shall provide to the MSRB through EMMA: i) unaudited financial statements for such Fiscal Year End, and when available; ii) audited financial statements for such Fiscal Year End, as soon as practicable after its receipt thereof.

(ii) To the extent not included in the audited financial statements described in (i) above, financial information and operating data as of and for the year ending on its Fiscal Year End of the following type:

(A) the amounts of the gross and net taxable grand list;

(B) the percentage and amount of the annual property tax levy collected and uncollected;

(C) a listing of the ten largest taxpayers on the grand list, together with each such taxpayer's taxable valuation thereon;

(D) a schedule of the long-term debt through maturity on outstanding long-term bonded indebtedness;

(E) a calculation of the total net direct debt, total direct debt, and total overall net debt (reflecting overlapping and underlying debt);

(F) the total direct debt, total net direct debt and total overall net debt of the Issuer per capita;

(G) the ratios of total direct debt and total overall net debt of the Issuer to the Issuer's net taxable grand list;

(H) a statement of statutory debt limitations and debt margins; and

(I) the funding status of the Issuer's pension benefit obligations.

(b) The above-referenced information is expected to be provided by the filing of and cross reference to the Issuer's audited financial statements. The information may be provided in whole or in part by cross-reference to other documents provided to the MSRB, including official statements of the Issuer which will be available from the MSRB's internet web site or filed with the SEC. All or a portion of the financial information and operating data may be provided in the form of a comprehensive annual financial report or the annual adopted budget.

(c) Subject to the requirements of Section 8 hereof, the Issuer reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information or data provided or the format of the presentation of such information or data, to the extent necessary or appropriate; provided that the Issuer agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule. The Issuer also reserves the right to modify the preparation and presentation of financial statements described herein as may be required to conform with changes in Connecticut law applicable to municipalities or any changes in generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board from time to time.

Section 3. Timing. The Issuer shall provide the information and data referenced in Section 2(a) to the MSRB through EMMA not later than eight months after each Fiscal Year End for which such information is being provided (the "Deadline").

Section 4. Event Notices.

(a) The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB, within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, notice of the occurrence of such event:

(i) principal and interest payment delinquencies;

(ii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

(iii) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

(iv) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

(v) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service or proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other events affecting the tax status of the security;

(vi) tender offers;

(vii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or a similar proceeding by the Issuer;

- (viii) Bond defeasances;
- (ix) rating changes; and
- (x) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation* of the Town, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB, within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, notice of the occurrence of such event, if material:

- (i) non-payment related defaults;
 - (ii) modifications to rights of Bond holders;
 - (iii) Bond calls;
 - (iv) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds;
 - (v) consummation of a merger, consolidation, acquisition involving the Issuer, other than the ordinary course of business, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Issuer, or the entry into a definitive agreement to engage in such a transaction, or a termination of such an agreement, other than in accordance with its terms;
 - (vi) appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change in the name of the trustee;
- and
- (vii) incurrence of a Financial Obligation* of the Town or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation* of the Town, any of which affect bondholders.

* *Note to clauses (a)(x) and (b)(vii): For purposes of the events identified in clauses(a)(x) and (b)(vii), the term “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.*

Section 5. Notice of Failure. The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner to the MSRB, notice of any failure by the Issuer to provide the annual financial information described in Section 2(a) of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement on or before the date set forth in Section 3 hereof.

Section 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer’s obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

Section 7. Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage an agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor agent.

Section 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Issuer may amend this Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer, and is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws, to the effect that (i) such amendment or waiver would not materially adversely affect the beneficial owners of the Bonds and (ii) the Agreement as so amended would have complied with the requirements of the Rule as of the date of the Agreement, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule as well as any changes in circumstances. A copy of any such amendment will be filed in a timely manner with the MSRB. The annual financial information provided on the first date following adoption of any such amendment will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating or financial information provided.

Section 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communications, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Continuing Disclosure Agreement. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Continuing Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 10. Enforceability. The Issuer agrees that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of and enforceable by the beneficial owners of the Bonds. In the event the Issuer shall fail to perform its duties hereunder, the Issuer shall have the option to cure such failure after its receipt of written notice from any beneficial owner of the Bonds of such failure. The present address of the Issuer is Town of Darien, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820, Attn: First Selectman. In the event the Issuer does not cure such failure, the right of any beneficial owner of the Bonds to enforce the provisions of this undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the Issuer's obligations hereunder. No monetary damages shall arise or be payable hereunder nor shall any failure to comply with this Agreement constitute default of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds.

Section 11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

Section 12. Method of Filing. To the extent filings are required to be made to the MSRB under this Agreement, the Issuer shall transmit such filings or notices in an electronic format to the continuing disclosure service portal provided through MSRB's EMMA as provided at <http://emma.msrb.org/> or any similar system that is acceptable to the SEC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed in its name by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, all as of the date first above written.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

By: _____
Jon E. Zagrodzky
First Selectman

APPENDIX C-2 – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT – THE NOTES

**In Connection With The Issuance and Sale of
\$ _____ General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, dated April __, 2024**

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (“Agreement”) is executed and delivered as of April __, 2024, by the Town of Darien, Connecticut (the “Issuer”) acting by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, in connection with the issuance of its \$ _____ General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes dated April __, 2024 (the “Notes”).

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the terms defined above, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto:

“EMMA” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access System as described in the 1934 Act Release #59062 and maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board for the purposes of the Rule and as further described in Section 13 hereof.

“Final Official Statement” means the official statement of the Issuer dated April __, 2024, prepared in connection with the issuance of the Notes.

“Fiscal Year End” shall mean the last day of the Issuer’s fiscal year, currently June 30.

“Listed Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 2 of this Agreement.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto.

“Rule” means rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the date of this Agreement.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States, or any successor thereto.

Section 2. Event Notices.

(a) The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB, within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes, notice of the occurrence of such event:

- (i)** principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii)** unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iii)** unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv)** substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (v)** adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service or proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (vi)** tender offers;
- (vii)** bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or a similar proceeding by the Issuer;
- (viii)** Bond defeasances;
- (ix)** rating changes; and
- (x)** default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB, within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes, notice of the occurrence of such event, if material:

- (i) non-payment related defaults;
 - (ii) modifications to rights of Bond holders;
 - (iii) Bond calls;
 - (iv) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes;
 - (v) consummation of a merger, consolidation, acquisition involving the Issuer, other than the ordinary course of business, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Issuer, or the entry into a definitive agreement to engage in such a transaction, or a termination of such an agreement, other than in accordance with its terms;
 - (vi) appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change in the name of the trustee;
- and
- (vii) incurrence of a financial obligation of the Issuer or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders.

Note to clauses (a)(x) and (b)(vii): For purposes of the events identified in clauses(a)(x) and (b)(vii), the term “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

Section 3. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer’s obligations under this Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Notes.

Section 4. Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage an agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor agent.

Section 5. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Issuer may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer, and is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws, to the effect that (i) such amendment or waiver would not materially adversely affect the beneficial owners of the Notes and (ii) the Agreement as so amended would have complied with the requirements of the Rule as of the date of the Agreement, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule as well as any changes in circumstances. A copy of any such amendment will be filed in a timely manner with the MSRB. The annual financial information provided on the first date following adoption of any such amendment will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating or financial information provided.

Section 6. Additional Information. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communications, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 7. Enforceability. The Issuer agrees that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule set forth in this Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of and enforceable by the beneficial owners of the Notes. In the event the Issuer shall fail to perform its duties hereunder, the Issuer shall have the option to cure such failure after its receipt of written notice from any beneficial owner of the Notes of such failure. The present address of the Issuer is Town of Darien, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820, Attention: First Selectman. In the event the Issuer does not cure such failure, the right of any beneficial owner of the Notes to enforce the provisions of this undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the Issuer's obligations hereunder. No monetary damages shall arise or be payable hereunder nor shall any failure to comply with this Agreement constitute default of the Issuer with respect to the Notes.

Section 8. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

Section 9. Method of Filing. To the extent filings are required to be made to the MSRB under this Agreement, the Issuer shall transmit such filings or notices in an electronic format to the continuing disclosure service portal provided through MSRB's EMMA as provided at <http://emma.msrb.org/> or any similar system that is acceptable to the SEC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, all as of the date first above written.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

By: _____
Jon E. Zagrodzky
First Selectman

APPENDIX D-1 – NOTICE OF SALE – THE BONDS

NOTICE OF SALE

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
\$33,045,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY
(the “Bonds”)**

ELECTRONIC BIDS via *PARITY*® will be received by the **TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT** (the “Town”) at the Office of the Finance Director, Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820 until **11:30 A.M. (Eastern Time), TUESDAY**

APRIL 9, 2024

(the “Bid Date”) for the purchase of all (but not less than all) of \$33,045,000* General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024 of the Town (the “Bonds”), when issued, at not less than par, which mature on April 15 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>
2027	1,215,000	2036	1,860,000
2028	1,270,000	2037	1,935,000
2029	1,335,000	2038	2,010,000
2030	1,400,000	2039	2,095,000
2031	1,470,000	2040	2,175,000
2032	1,545,000	2041	2,265,000
2033	1,625,000	2042	2,355,000
2034	1,705,000	2043	2,450,000
2035	1,790,000	2044	2,545,000

The Issue

The full faith and credit of the Town will be pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town payable, unless paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Town without limit as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, with interest payable on October 15, 2024 and semiannually thereafter on each April 15 and October 15 each year until maturity, or earlier redemption. The information in this Notice of Sale is only a brief summary of certain provisions of the Bonds. For further information about the Bonds, reference is hereby made to the Preliminary Official Statement, dated March 28, 2024.

***Preliminary, subject to change. See “Adjustment to Maturity Schedule” herein.**

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on April 15, 2032 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the election of the Town, on or after April 15, 2031, at any time, in whole or in part and by lot within a maturity, in such amounts and in such order of maturity as the Town may determine at the following redemption price (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed) plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date:

<u>Redemption Period</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
April 15, 2031 and thereafter	100%

The Town, so long as a book-entry system is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption only to DTC (or a successor securities depository) or its nominee. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant, or of any DTC Participant or Indirect Participant to notify any Indirect Participant or Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bonds called for redemption.

Ratings

The Town has applied to Moody's Investors Services, Inc. for a rating on the Bonds. The assigned ratings may be obtained from the rating agency or will be posted through the facilities of *PARITY*[®] prior to sale.

Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Agreement

The Town has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds which is dated March 28, 2024, which is deemed final as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for omissions permitted thereby, but is subject to revision or amendment. The Town will provide the winning bidder, at its request, hard copies of the Official Statement at the Town's expense. The copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the winning bidder at delivery of the Bonds or by the 7th business day after the day bids on the Bonds are received. If the Town's municipal advisor is provided with the necessary information from the winning bidder by noon of the date following the day bids on the Bonds are received, the copies of the Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages indicating the interest rates, ratings, yields or reoffering prices, the name of the winning bidder and the name of the insurer, if any, and any corrections. Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained by the winning bidder at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

The winning bidder agrees to promptly file a final Official Statement with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board rules governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the ultimate purchasers.

The Town will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Bonds, substantially in the form attached as Appendix C-1 to the Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), (i) annual financial information and operating data including audited financial statements, (ii) notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Bonds within ten (10) business days of such event, and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Town to provide the required annual financial information. The winning bidder's obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Bonds.

Electronic Proposals Bidding Procedure

Electronic bids for the purchase of the Bonds must be submitted electronically via *PARITY*[®], in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until 11:30 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified herein. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in *PARITY*[®] shall conflict with information in this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about *PARITY*[®], including any fee charged, potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone: (212) 849-5021. Any prospective bidder must be a subscriber of i-Deal LLC's BiDCOMP competitive bidding system. The Town neither will confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe.

Once an electronic bid made through the facilities of *PARITY*[®] is communicated to the Town, it shall constitute an irrevocable offer, in response to this Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Town. By submitting a bid for the Bonds via *PARITY*[®], the bidder represents and warrants to the Town that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Town will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Bonds on the terms described in this Notice of Sale. **The Town shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of *PARITY*[®], or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by *PARITY*[®], the use of *PARITY*[®] facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.**

For the purpose of the electronic bidding process, the time maintained on *PARITY*[®] shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their bids the true interest cost to the Town, as described under "Award, Delivery and Payment" below, represented by the rate or rates of interest and the bid price specified in their respective bids. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

Disclaimer. Each *PARITY*[®] prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access *PARITY*[®] for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Town nor *PARITY*[®] shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such arrangements to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any prospective bidder, and neither the Town nor *PARITY*[®] shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, *PARITY*[®]. The Town is using *PARITY*[®] as a communication mechanism, and not as the Town's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. The Town is not bound by any advice and determination of *PARITY*[®] to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via *PARITY*[®] are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Town is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Bonds, the prospective bidder should telephone *PARITY*[®] at (212) 849-5021.

Bid Requirements

Each bid must be for the entire \$33,045,000* of the Bonds. Each proposal must specify the amount bid for the Bonds (which shall be the aggregate par value of the Bonds, and, at the option of the bidder, a premium), and must specify in a multiple of one-twentieth of one percent (1/20 of 1%) or one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, provided that such proposal shall not state (a) more than one interest rate for any Bonds having a like maturity or (b) any interest rate for any Bonds of one maturity which exceeds the interest rate stated in such proposal for Bonds of a different maturity by more than two (2) percentage points. Interest shall be computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months and a 360 day year. No bid for less than par will be considered.

Establishment of Issue Price

In order to provide the Town with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Town at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the "Initial Offering Price") or the actual sales price or prices of the Bonds, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. For purposes of this "Establishment of Issue Price" section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Town.

The Town intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "Competitive Sale Rule") because:

- (1) The Town shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Town anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Town anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest TIC, as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid. Acceptance by the Town of a bid pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall constitute a written contract between the Town and the winning bidder.

***Preliminary, subject to change.**

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Town shall so advise the successful bidder in writing on the sale date. The Town may treat the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the bonds (the "Actual Sale Rule") is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The successful bidder shall advise the Town if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the Actual Sale Rule as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds.

Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the Actual Sale Rule has been satisfied as to each maturity of the bonds, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the Town the prices at which the unsold Bonds of each maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until the Actual Sale Rule has been satisfied for each maturity or until all Bonds of that maturity have been sold.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public.

Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (1) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (2) *Related Party* generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (3) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of the selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public)

Award, Delivery and Payment

Unless all bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid will result in the lowest true interest cost ("TIC") to the Town. The purchase price must be paid in Federal Funds.

Promptly upon verbal notification that a bidder's proposal may be accepted, the bidder shall confirm to the Town the reoffering prices of all the Bonds of each maturity.

Bids will be finally accepted or rejected promptly after opening and not later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Bid Date in accordance with the provisions herein.

At or prior to the delivery of the Bonds the successful bidder shall be furnished, without cost, with the approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, substantially in the form set out in Appendix B-1 to the Official Statement. The successful bidder will also be furnished with a receipt of payment for the Bonds, a Signature and No Litigation Certificate dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, stating that there is no litigation pending, or to the knowledge of the signers thereof, threatened, affecting the validity of the Bonds or the power of the Town to levy and collect taxes to pay them. A copy of the final Official Statement prepared for this Bond issue will also be furnished together with a certificate of Town Officials relating to the accuracy and completeness of the Official Statement.

The Bonds **SHALL NOT BE** designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for federal income tax purposes of a portion of interest expense allocable to tax exempt obligations.

The Town will have no responsibility to pay for any expenses of the winning bidder except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The winning bidder will have no responsibility to pay for any of the Town's costs of issuance except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale.

The winning bidder will be responsible for the clearance or exemption with respect to the status of the Bonds for sale under securities or "Blue Sky" laws and the preparation of any surveys or memoranda in connection with such sale. The Town shall have no responsibility for such clearance, exemption or preparation.

The Bonds will be delivered to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or its agent via Fast Automated Securities Transfer ("FAST") on or about April 25, 2024 against payment in immediately available Federal Funds. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery, and the Town will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the Town in a timely manner. The Town assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers, which charges shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the winning bidder.

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule

After the receipt of bids, the Town reserves the right to adjust the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and to increase or decrease the principal amount of individual maturities of the Bonds and the final purchase price of the Bonds. The Town anticipates the adjustments to eliminate excess premium proceeds and to achieve level debt service. Prior to award, the successful bidder will be required to provide the coupon, yield and reoffering price information to be included in the issue price certificate, if requested, for purposes of determining the adjustment. The Town will make every effort to maintain the underwriting discount percentage based on the bid and reoffering price information.

The adjustments are at the sole discretion of the Town, a bidder may not withdraw its bid for the Bonds or change interest rates or reoffering prices of its bid, as a result of any changes made, and agrees to purchase the Bonds based on the adjustments, if any, described herein

Right to Reject Bids; Waiver

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

Postponement; Change of Terms

The Town reserves the right to alter any terms of the Bonds or this Notice of Sale and to postpone, from time to time, the date or time established for the receipt of the bids.

Book-Entry-Only Form

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in registered form and one bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to DTC, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its Participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its Participants. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Town or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest payments by DTC to Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest payments to Beneficial Owners by Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such Participants and other nominees of Beneficial Owners. The Town will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its Participants or by DTC Participants to Beneficial Owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its Participants or persons acting through such Participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Town fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, or (b) the Town determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds, the Town will authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bond certificates directly to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds or their nominees. (The record dates for the Bonds will be the close of business on the last day of March and September in each year, or the preceding business day if such last day is not a business day.)

Additional Information

More information concerning the issue and the Town may be obtained from Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, CT 06443; (203) 421-2087.

JON E. ZAGRODZKY
First Selectman

JOAN D. HENDRICKSON
Treasurer

JENNIFER A. CHARNESKI
Finance Director

March 28, 2024

APPENDIX D-2 – NOTICE OF SALE – THE NOTES

NOTICE OF SALE

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT \$49,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

NOTICE IS GIVEN that ELECTRONIC BIDS via **PARITY**® (as described herein) will be received by the TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT (the “Issuer”) at the office of the Finance Director, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820, until 11:00 A.M. (E.T.) on **TUESDAY**,

APRIL 9, 2024

(the “Sale Date”) for the purchase of the Issuer’s \$49,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”). Electronic bids must be submitted via **PARITY**® (see “Electronic Bidding Procedures”).

The Notes

The Notes are expected to be dated April 25, 2024 and will mature and be payable to the registered owner on April 24, 2025 as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined). The Notes will bear interest (which interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) payable at maturity at the rate or rates per annum fixed in the proposal or proposals accepted for their purchase, which rates shall be in multiples of 1/100 of 1% per annum.

Nature of Obligation

The Notes will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the Issuer will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes when due. Unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Issuer without limit as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The information in this Notice of Sale is only a brief summary of certain provisions of the Notes. For further information about the Notes, reference is hereby made to the Preliminary Official Statement.

Bank Qualification

The Notes SHALL NOT be designated by the Issuer as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Notes.

Registration

The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public. The Notes will be issued in registered form and one note certificate for each interest rate will be issued to The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Notes in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The purchaser(s), as a condition to delivery of the Notes, will be required to deposit the Note certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Issuer or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Principal and interest payments by DTC to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The Issuer will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants or indirect participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. Upon receipt from the Issuer, the Paying Agent will pay principal of and interest on the Notes directly to DTC so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co, is the Noteholder.

Bid Specifications; Basis of Award; Right to Reject Proposals; Waiver; Postponement; Change of Terms

Each bid for the purchase of the Notes must be in accordance with the requirements prescribed herein. A proposal may be for all or any part of the Notes but any proposal for a part must be for at least \$100,000, or a whole multiple thereof, and a separate proposal will be required for each part of the Notes for which a separate interest rate is bid. Unless all bids are rejected, the Notes will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost (“NIC”), computed as to each interest rate stated by adding the total interest which will be paid at such rate and deducting therefrom the premium offered, if any. As between proposals resulting in the same lowest net interest cost to the Issuer, the award will be made on the basis of the highest principal amount of the Notes specified. No bid for less than par and accrued interest, if any, will be considered and the Issuer reserves the right to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes bid for in its proposal. If a bidder is awarded only a part of the Notes bid for in its proposal, any premium offered in such proposal will be proportionately reduced so that the resulting net interest cost to the Issuer with respect to the Notes awarded is the same as that contained in the bidder’s proposal with respect to the entire amount bid, carried to six decimal places. The purchase price must be paid in immediately available federal funds.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

The Issuer further reserves the right to postpone the sale to another time and date in its sole discretion for any reason, including Internet difficulties. The Issuer will use its best efforts to notify prospective bidders in a timely manner of any need for a postponement. Upon the establishment of an alternative sale date, any bidder may submit proposals for the purchase of the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

Electronic Bidding Procedures

Any prospective bidder intending to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of **PARITY**[®]. Subscription to i-Deal LLC’s BidCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid and the Issuer will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of **PARITY**[®] shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Issuer. By submitting a bid for the Notes via **PARITY**[®], the bidder represents and warrants to the Issuer that such bidder’s bid for the purchase of the Notes is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Issuer will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Notes on the terms described in this Notice of Sale. **The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of PARITY[®], or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by PARITY[®], the use of PARITY[®] facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.**

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by **PARITY**[®] as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about **PARITY**[®], including any fee charged, may be obtained from **PARITY**[®], 1359 Broadway, 36th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, Attention: Customer Service Department (telephone: (212) 849-5021 - email notice: www.parity@i-deal.com).

For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by **PARITY**[®] shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their bids the net interest cost to the Issuer, as described under “Bid Specifications; Basis of Award; Right to Reject Proposals; Waiver; Postponement; Change of Terms” above, and in the written form of Proposal for Notes. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and form of Proposal for Notes.

Disclaimer. Each *PARITY*[®] prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access *PARITY*[®] for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Issuer nor *PARITY*[®] shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such arrangements to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any prospective bidder, and neither the Issuer nor *PARITY*[®] shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, *PARITY*[®]. The Issuer is using *PARITY*[®] as a communication mechanism, and not as the Issuer's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. The Issuer is not bound by any advice and determination of *PARITY*[®] to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via *PARITY*[®] are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Issuer is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Notes, the prospective bidder should telephone *PARITY*[®] at (212) 849-5021.

CUSIP Numbers

The deposit of the Notes with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to apply for CUSIP numbers for the Notes prior to delivery. Neither the failure to print such CUSIP number on any note, nor any error with respect thereto, shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes shall be paid for by the Issuer; provided, however, that the Issuer assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers, which charges shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

Certifying Agent, Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent

The Notes will be authenticated by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Hartford, Connecticut. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association will also act as Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent.

Delivery, Payment and Closing Requirements

At or prior to the delivery of the Notes the winning bidder shall be furnished, without cost, with (a) the approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel ("Bond Counsel"); (b) a signature and no litigation certificate, in form satisfactory to said firm, dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes, and stating that there is no litigation pending, or to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof threatened, affecting the validity of the Notes or the power of the Issuer to levy and collect taxes to pay them; (c) a copy of the Official Statement prepared for this note issue; (d) a certificate of Issuer Officials relating to the accuracy and completeness of the Official Statement; (e) a Continuing Disclosure Agreement; and (f) a receipt of payment for the Notes.

The Notes will be delivered against payment in immediately available federal funds through the facilities of DTC, New York, New York or its agent via Fast Automated Securities Transfer ("FAST") on or about April 25, 2024 (the "Closing Date").

The Issuer will have no responsibility to pay for any expenses of the purchaser except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The purchaser will have no responsibility to pay for any of the Issuer's costs of issuance except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale.

The purchaser will be responsible for the clearance or exemption with respect to the status of the Notes for sale under securities or "Blue Sky" laws and the preparation of any surveys or memoranda in connection with such sale. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for such clearance, exemption or preparation.

Bond Counsel Opinion

The legality of the issue will be passed upon by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, and the purchaser will be furnished with its opinion, without charge, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B-2 to the Official Statement. The opinion will state that the Notes are valid and binding obligations of the Issuer. Bond Counsel will require as a precondition to release of its opinion that the purchaser of such Notes deliver to it a completed "issue price" certificate, or similar certificate, regarding expectations or public offering prices, as applicable, with respect to the Notes awarded to such bidder, as described below under "Establishment of Issue Price". In rendering such legal opinion, Pullman & Comley, LLC will rely upon and assume the material accuracy of the representations and statements of expectation contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement entered into by the Issuer for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, and further, will assume compliance by the Issuer with the covenants and procedures set forth in such Tax Regulatory Agreement.

Establishment of Issue Price

In order to provide the Issuer with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Notes from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Issuer at or prior to the delivery of the Notes an “issue price” or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the “Initial Offering Price”) or the actual sales price or prices of the Notes, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. Communications relating to this “Establishment of Issue Price” section, the completed certificate(s) and any supporting information shall be delivered to (1) Bond Counsel at Marie V. Phelan, Esq., Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Telephone: (860) 424-4337, E-mail: mphelan@pullcom.com and (2) the Municipal Advisor at Mark Chapman, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, CT 06443, Telephone: (203) 421-2087, E-mail: Mark.Chapman@munistat.com (the “Municipal Advisor”). Questions related to this “Establishment of Issue Price” section should be directed to Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor. For purposes of this “Establishment of Issue Price” section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Issuer and the Municipal Advisor may act on behalf of the Issuer.

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a “courtesy bid” being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the “issue price” of the Notes pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds or notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes.

By submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the Issuer that it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes such as the Notes, represents that such bidder’s bid is submitted for or on behalf of such bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Notes, and understands that upon award by the Issuer that this Notice of Sale constitutes a written contract between such bidder, as winning bidder, and the Issuer.

By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that if the Competitive Sale Rule (as set forth below) is not met, it will satisfy either the Actual Sales Rule (as set forth below) or the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule (as set forth below).

Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

Notification of Contact Information of Winning Bidder. Promptly upon award, the winning bidder shall notify the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel of the contact name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person(s) of the winning bidder for purposes of communications concerning this “Establishment of Issue Price” section.

Competitive Sale Rule. The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Notes (the “Competitive Sale Rule”) because:

- (1) the Issuer shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Issuer anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds or notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes; and
- (4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost, as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Competitive Sale Rule Met. The Issuer, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Issuer, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Rule has been met. The winning bidder will be required to deliver to Bond Counsel on behalf of the Issuer prior to the delivery of the Notes a completed “Certificate as to Issue Price” (in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel) for such Notes, setting forth the Initial Offering Price.

Competitive Sale Rule Not Met. In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the Issuer, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Issuer, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder. The Issuer may determine to treat (i) the first price at which ten percent (10%) of a Maturity of the Notes (the “Actual Sales Rule”) is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity, and/or (ii) the Initial Offering Price to the Public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Notes as the issue price of that Maturity (the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule”), in each case applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis. In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the winning bidder, by 4:30 p.m. (E.T.) on the Sale Date, shall notify and provide, via e-mail, Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor (I) of the first price at which ten percent (10%) of each Maturity has been sold to the Public and (II) reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such price the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel; i.e., those Maturities that satisfy the Actual Sales Rule as of the Sale Date. After such receipt, the Issuer, or Bond Counsel on behalf of the Issuer, shall promptly confirm with the winning bidder, via e-mail, which Maturities of the Notes shall be subject to the Actual Sales Rule and which Maturities shall be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule.

For those Maturities of Notes subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, the winning bidder shall (i) provide Bond Counsel (via e-mail) a copy of pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Notes (ii) confirm that each Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or will offer all of the Notes to the Public on or before the date of award at the Initial Offering Prices and (ii) agree, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Notes, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell unsold Notes of any Maturity to which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Notes to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, via e-mail, when the Underwriters have sold ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Notes to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity or all Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity or all Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale.

Definitions. For purposes of this “Establishment of Issue Price” section:

- (1) “Maturity” means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (2) “Public” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (3) “Related Party” generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.

- (4) “Underwriter” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

Official Statement

For more information regarding the Notes or the Issuer, reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement dated March 28, 2024 (the “Official Statement”) describing the Notes and the financial condition of the Issuer. The Preliminary Official Statement is available in electronic format at www.i-dealprospectus.com and www.munistat.com, and such electronic access is being provided as a matter of convenience only. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from Mark Chapman, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, CT 06443, Telephone: (203) 421-2087, E-mail: Mark.Chapman@munistat.com. The Issuer deems such Official Statement to be a final official statement for purposes of complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), but such Official Statement is subject to revision or amendment as appropriate. The Issuer will make available to the purchaser a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the Issuer’s expense, and the final Official Statement will be made available to the purchaser by no later than the earlier of the delivery of the Notes or by the seventh (7th) business day after the day bids on the Notes are received. If the Issuer’s Municipal Advisor, is provided with the necessary information from the purchaser by 12:00 o’clock noon on the day after the Sale Date, the copies of the final Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages, if necessary, indicating the interest rates, rating(s), yields or reoffering prices and the name of the managing underwriter of the Notes, and any corrections. The purchaser shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the final Official Statement to the purchaser. Additional copies of the final Official Statement may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

Continuing Disclosure Agreement

As required by the Rule, the Issuer will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the “Agreement”), to provide notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Notes within ten (10) business days of such event. A form of the Agreement is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix C-2. The purchaser’s obligation to purchase the Notes shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to delivery of the Notes, an executed Agreement.

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

JON E. ZAGRODZKY
First Selectman

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March 28, 2024