

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 10, 2024**

**NEW MONEY ISSUE – Book Entry Only**

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the Town with its representations and covenants relating to certain requirements contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), based on existing law, interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals 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 under the Code. Interest on the Notes may be includable in the calculation of certain taxes under the Code, as described under Appendix B - "Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Exemption" herein. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, 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 in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.*

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**

**\$3,600,000**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
(BANK QUALIFIED)**

**Dated: July 30, 2024**

**Due: July 29, 2025**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP (1)</u>
\$ 3,600,000	%	%	961114***

The Notes will be general obligations of the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town") and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and the 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.**

Unless requested by the successful purchaser as described under "Option For No Book Entry" herein for the Notes, the Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry transfer system and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Noteowner, respectively, and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes. Ownership of the Notes will be in the denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof plus any odd amount. The Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. Principal and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Town or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. So long as Cede & Co. is the Noteowner as nominee for DTC, reference herein to the or Noteowner or owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) of the Notes. (See "Book-Entry-Only Transfer System" herein).

If requested by the successful purchaser as described under "Option For No Book Entry" herein, the Notes will be issued in the form of a single fully-registered physical certificate in the par amount of the Notes.

Unless the successful bidder on the Notes is designated as the certifying bank, registrar, transfer and paying agent for the Notes as provided in "Option For No Book Entry" herein, the Notes will be certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Hartford, Connecticut, which will also act as transfer and paying agent and registrar.

**The Notes are being offered for sale in accordance with an official Notice of Sale dated July 10, 2024. Telephone bids and electronic bids via *PARITY*<sup>®</sup> for the Notes will be received until 11:00 A.M. (E.T.) on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at the offices of Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut, as described in the official Notice of Sale. (See "Appendix D" herein).**

*The Notes are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to the final approving opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Bond Counsel, of Hartford, Connecticut. It is expected that delivery of the Notes in definitive form will be made on or about July 30, 2024 through the facilities of DTC.*

(1) CUSIP<sup>®</sup> 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 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 Notes or as indicated above. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of 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 Notes.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town") or the Municipal Advisor to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Town or the Municipal Advisor. 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 Notes by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained by the Town from sources which are believed to be reliable but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

The Official Statement has been prepared only in connection with the initial offering and sale of the Notes and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement, nor any sale made hereunder, shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Town since the date of this Official Statement.

Other than as to matters expressly set forth in Appendix A – "Basic Financial Statements" to this Official Statement, the independent auditors for the Town are not passing on, and do not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy or adequacy of the statements made in this Official Statement and make no representation that they have independently verified the same.

Other than matters expressly set forth in Appendix B to this Official Statement, Bond Counsel is not passing on, and does not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy or adequacy of the statements made in this Official Statement and makes no representation that they have independently verified the same.

The Town deems this Official Statement to be "final" as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1).

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.

The Municipal Advisor to the Town has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to the Town and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Municipal Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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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## NOTE ISSUE SUMMARY

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*The information in this Note Issue Summary and the front cover 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.*

<b>Date of Sale:</b>	<b><u>Thursday, July 18, 2024, 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time).</u></b>
<b>Location of Sale:</b>	Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443.
<b>Issuer:</b>	Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town").
<b>Issue:</b>	\$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes").
<b>Dated Date:</b>	Date of delivery.
<b>Interest Due:</b>	At maturity, July 29, 2025.
<b>Principal Due:</b>	At maturity, July 29, 2025.
<b>Purpose and Authority:</b>	The proceeds of the Notes will be used to fund Town Road Improvement projects as authorized by the voters of the Town. See "Authorization and Use of Proceeds" herein.
<b>Redemption:</b>	The Note are <b><u>NOT</u></b> subject to redemption prior to maturity as more fully described herein.
<b>Security:</b>	The Note 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.
<b>Credit Rating:</b>	The Town has not applied for a rating on the Notes. Currently, the Town's outstanding bonds are rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. See "Ratings" herein.
<b>Basis of Award:</b>	Lowest Net Interest Cost ("NIC"), as of dated date.
<b>Tax Exemption:</b>	See Appendix B to this Official Statement.
<b>Bank Qualification:</b>	The Notes <b><u>SHALL BE</u></b> designated by the Town as qualified as amended, tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for certain interest expenses allocable to the Notes.
<b>Continuing Disclosure:</b>	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 not in excess of 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 to this Official Statement.
<b>Registrar, Transfer Agent, Certifying Agent and Paying Agent:</b>	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06013.
<b>Legal Opinion:</b>	Shipman & Goodwin LLP of Hartford, Connecticut will act as Bond Counsel.
<b>Delivery and Payment:</b>	It is expected that delivery of the Notes in book-entry-only form will be made to The Depository Trust Company on or about July 30, 2024 against payment in <b>Federal Funds</b> .
<b>Issuer Official:</b>	Questions concerning the Official Statement should be directed to Richard Darling, Assistant Town Administrator/Director of Finance/Treasurer, Town of Weston, 56 Norfield Road, Weston, Connecticut 06883. Telephone: 203-222-2678.
<b>Municipal Advisor:</b>	Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, attention: Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Telephone: 203-421-2087.

## I. SECURITIES OFFERED

### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices, is provided for the purpose of presenting certain information relating to the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the “Town”) in connection with the issuance of \$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town, and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

The Notes are being offered for sale at public bidding. A Notice of Sale dated July 10, 2024 has been furnished to prospective bidders. Reference is made to the Notice of Sale (See Appendix D to this Official Statement) for the terms and conditions of the bidding on 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 Notes and the proceedings of the Town relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of 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 opinion in Appendix B) and they make no representation that they have independently verified the same.

### 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 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. Unless required by the successful purchaser as described under the “Option for No Book Entry” herein, a book-entry-only transfer system will be employed evidencing ownership of the Notes with transfers of ownership on the records of DTC, and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. See "Book-Entry-Only Transfer System" herein. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Town or its agent to the successful purchaser, as registered owner of the Notes.

Unless the successful purchaser of the Notes is designated as the Certifying Agent, Registrar, Transfer and Paying Agent for the Notes as provided in “Option For No Book Entry” herein, the Certifying Agent, Paying Agent, Registrar, and Transfer Agent will be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. The legal opinion on the Notes will be rendered by Shipman & Goodwin LLP will act as Bond Counsel., in substantially the form set forth in Appendix B to this Official Statement.

### AUTHORIZATION AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The Notes are being issued for the following project pursuant to a bond resolution recommended and adopted by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance and approved by the voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting in accordance with the Town Charter.

The Notes will be used to finance the following projects authorized by the Town:

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Total Authorization</b>	<b>Notes Outstanding</b>	<b>Additions / (Reductions)</b>	<b>The Notes (This Issue)</b>
Town Road Improvement Plan - 2024.....	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000

## **RATINGS**

The Town has not applied for a rating on the Notes. Currently, the Town's bond rating is "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Such rating reflects only the views of such organization and any explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same, at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, Inc., 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. The Town furnished certain information and materials to the rating agency, some of which may not have been included in this Official Statement. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that the rating will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by the 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 outstanding bonds and notes, including the Notes.

## **SECURITY AND REMEDIES**

The 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 Notes when due.

Unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from general property tax revenues. 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 land taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts. The Town may place a lien on the property for the amount of tax relief granted, plus interest, with respect to dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or qualified disabled persons. Under existing statutes, the State of Connecticut is obligated to pay the Town the amount of tax revenue that the Town would have received except for the limitation upon its power to tax such dwelling houses.

Payment of 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 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 Notes or judgments thereon, in priority to other claims.

The Town is subject to suit on its general obligation bonds and notes (the "obligations") and a court of competent jurisdiction has the power in appropriate proceedings to render a judgment against the Town. Courts of competent jurisdiction also have the power in appropriate proceedings to order payment of a judgment on such obligations from funds lawfully available therefor 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 Notes would also be subject to the applicable provisions of Federal bankruptcy laws as well as other bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted by the Congress or the Connecticut General Assembly and to the exercise of judicial discretion. Under the Federal bankruptcy code, the Town may seek relief only, among other requirements, if it is specifically authorized in its capacity as a municipality or by name, to be a debtor under Chapter 9 thereof, or by State law or a governmental officer or organization empowered by State law to authorize such entity to become a debtor under such Chapter. Section 7-566 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that no Connecticut municipality shall file a petition in bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the United States Code 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 notes or other obligations.

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## **OPTION FOR NO BOOK ENTRY**

As described in the official Notice of Sale dated July 10, 2024, a bidder for the Notes may request that the Notes be issued in the form of a single fully-registered physical certificate in the par amount of the Notes, rather than in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC, provided the bid is for all the Notes at the same interest rate. A bidder for the Notes requesting that the Notes be issued in non-book-entry form may request that it be designated by the Town as the certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes if it is a bank or trust company authorized to act in such capacity pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town reserves the right to decline any request to issue the Notes in non-book-entry form, or to designate the successful bidder as certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes, if it should determine, in its sole discretion, that issuing the Notes in this manner is not in its best interests. If the Notes are issued in non-book-entry form, they are non-transferable and must be held until maturity by the winning bidder requesting the No Book Entry Option. The successful bidder shall not impose or charge the Town for any costs or expenses related to the services as certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes if the successful bidder is so designated.

Unless the successful purchaser makes a request for no book entry as described herein and in the official Notice of Sale, the Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public.

## **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 Notes. 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 Notes and will be deposited with DTC.

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](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each 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 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 Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all 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 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 Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such 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 Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Note documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding 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 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 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 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 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, 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, 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 NOTES**

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

## **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 comprehensive procedures relating to the security of the Town's government networks. Additionally, the Town purchases cybersecurity insurance, so that a claim can be made to the insurance provider in the event of a cyber-attack. To date no breaches have occurred. 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 inland wetland, small river and stream flooding. 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. While the Town cannot predict the timing, extent or severity of climate change and its impact on the Town's operations and finances, the Town believes it holds sufficient reserves and annually budgets for contingencies to address unforeseen expenses resulting from the increasing frequency of severe weather. The Town is prepared to quickly respond and recover from any such events that would exceed its annual operating budget. The Town has designated \$20,000 toward the development of a Sustainability Plan as a small part of their American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

The Notes **SHALL 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.

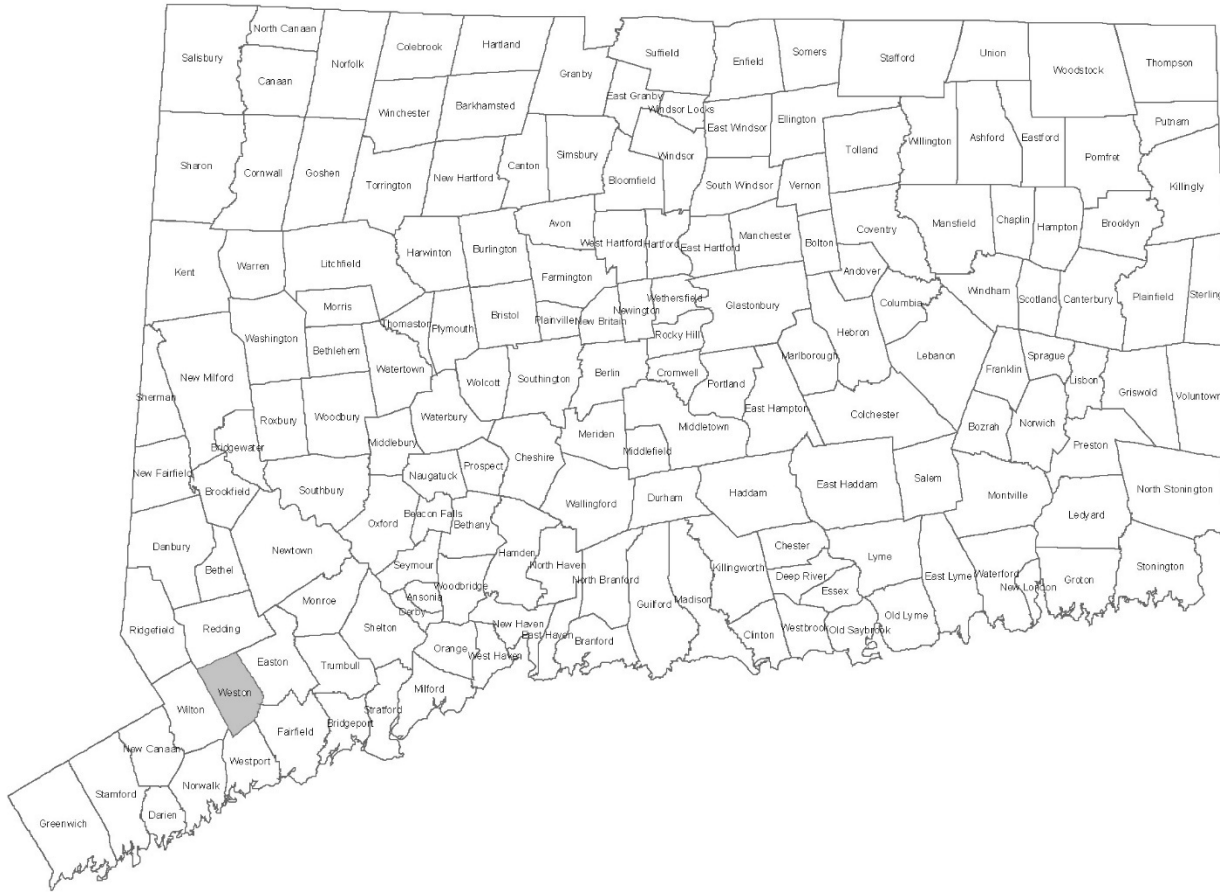
## **AVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

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 timely notice of the occurrence of certain events not in excess of ten (10) business days of the occurrence of such events with respect to the Notes. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Notes shall be executed by the Town in substantially the form contained in Appendix C to this Official Statement.

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

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## II. THE ISSUER



### DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN

The Town, first settled in 1670, was taken from Fairfield and incorporated as Connecticut's ninety-ninth town in October 1787. In 1845, the Town was divided and the Town of Easton was created east and separate from Weston. The Town encompasses approximately 20.8 square miles within Fairfield County. The Town is bounded on the east by Easton; on the north by Redding; on the south by Westport and Fairfield; and on the west by Westport and Wilton. The Town is primarily a suburban residential community with high quality single-family homes. Most residents are in the executive, professional, technical, and managerial categories employed in New York City, Westchester County, New York and Fairfield County, Connecticut. The 2022 estimated population of the Town was 10,336 persons versus the 2010 U. S. Census population of 10,179 persons. The Town is accessible by bus, air and rail service from the nearby Norwalk, Stamford and New York areas.

The Town is served by a primary business area in Weston center, located on approximately six acres of property on the west side of Route 57, in the southwestern quadrant of Town. Also within close proximity are Westport (5 miles), the Boston Post Road (Route 1) (5 miles), Norwalk (8 miles), Stamford (15 miles) and New York City (50 miles).

The Town has utilized an adopted Plan of Conservation and Development since 1969, and its land use regulations, to maintain the rural character of the Town and to guide Weston's development and conservation efforts. The most recent Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted on July 1, 2010. Zoning regulations were first adopted in 1950 and were modified in 1953 to include the entire town area in a single "residential and farming district", with a minimum two acre lot size. A small neighborhood shopping center district is located within the Town Center. Subdivision regulations require paved streets, curbing, storm drainage and street signs to be installed by the developer. Sales of homes in Weston averaged approximately \$880,000 during a recent six month period excluding foreclosure transactions. The Town maintains 81 miles of Town roads which are easily accessible by the Connecticut Turnpike (Interstate 95), the Merritt Parkway (Route 15), the Boston Post Road (Route 1), Weston Road (Route 57), and Norfield Road (Route 53). All routes provide easy access to the Town center and adjacent shopping centers.

The Town provides full-time police protection, established in 1975, with a Chief of Police, Police Captain, three Sergeants, one Detective and 10 full-time officers. Fire protection is furnished by a 70 member volunteer fire department that is supported by Town and fire company funds. The fire company has two stations and seven fire fighting vehicles. Emergency medical service is supplied by the 60 member volunteer Weston Emergency Medical Technicians Service, established in 1967, and two emergency vehicles. All residential and commercial facilities' sewage is collected in individual septic systems. Water for most residential property is provided by individual wells and in a limited area in the southern edge of Town by the Aquarion Water Company. A Town-operated water system serves the Town center, Town Hall complex, Library, and the schools. The system has a capacity of 50,000 gallons per day and storage tanks for 25,000 gallons. In the northern portion of Town, a limited system supports 29 properties. This system has a capacity of 15,000 gallons per day and storage capacity of 15,000 gallons. Solid waste removal is provided by private contractors. The Town operates its own transfer station and is currently in a three year contract with City Carting for solid waste hauling from its transfer station.

As part of the Town Plan of Development, open space and preservation of the rural character of the Town are major goals. To that end, the Town has two large parks and several natural areas with walking trails and pathways. Currently, there are over 3,800 acres of public and private conservation and recreation land in the Town, which is approximately 28% of all land in Town.

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Weston operates under the Home Rule Law of Connecticut pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The Town adopted a charter on November 8, 1966, which became effective November 7, 1967. The Town retains the traditional town meeting form of government with a three member Board of Selectmen. The First Selectman is the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Town, while a professional Town Administrator is the chief operating officer. The Board of Finance guides the Town finances.

The legislative power of the Town is vested in the Board of Selectmen, which consists of an elected First Selectman and two elected Selectmen, and the Town Meeting. Other elected officials include members of the Board of Finance, the Board of Assessment Appeals, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Police Commissioners and the Board of Education, as well as the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters and Justice of the Peace. The Board of Selectmen appoints the Town Attorney, Tax Assessor, Town Administrator, Fire Marshall, Southwest Regional Planning Authority Representatives, Dog Warden, Health Officer, Welfare Director, Treasurer and Conservation Planner as well as members of the Library Board, Historic District Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Commission on the Elderly. The Town's annual budget is subject to approval by eligible voters at a Town Meeting and an annual Town Budget Referendum.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
	<b>November</b>
<b>Board of Selectmen:</b>	
Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman.....	2025
Anthony Pesco.....	2025
Kerem Dinlenc.....	2025
<b>Board of Finance:</b>	
Michael Imber, Chairman.....	2027
Jeffrey Farr, Vice Chairman.....	2025
Theresa Brasco.....	2025
Christopher Bryant.....	2025
Rone Baldwin.....	2025
Amy Gare.....	2027
Jeff Goldstein.....	2027
<b>Other Officials:</b>	
Karl Kilduff, Town Administrator	
Richard Darling, Assistant Town Administrator/Director of Finance/Treasurer	
Donna M. Anastasia, Town Clerk	
Cathleen Neblett, Tax Collector	
Lisa Barbiero, Superintendent of Schools	
Ira Bloom, Esq., Town Attorney	

**EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

The Town's school system consists of four schools located on a 120 acre educational complex near the Town center. The schools consist of a four-wing elementary school for grades Pre-K through 2, an intermediate school for grades 3 through 5, a middle school for grades 6 through 8 and a high school for grades 9 through 12. The schools are governed by a seven member Board of Education.

**EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Date Occupied</u>	<u>Additions/ Renovations</u>	<u>Enrollment 10/01/23</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Hurlbutt Elementary.....	Pre K-2	1950	1991/92/96/97/01	463 (1)	940
Intermediate School.....	3-5	2005		463	800
Middle School.....	6-8	1960	1972/96/97/04	519	960
High School.....	9-12	1968	2005/2006	707	1,200
Out of District.....				12	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>				<u>2,164</u>	<u>3,900</u>

(1) Includes 45 pre-school students.

Source: Board of Education

**EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT**

<u>As of October 1</u>	<u>Actual</u>					<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pre-K-2</u>	<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9 - 12</u>		
2014	468	548	603	781	2,400	
2015	447	531	582	840	2,400	
2016	441	521	585	814	2,361	
2017	429	507	584	809	2,329	
2018	418	507	582	802	2,309	
2019	409	497	580	792	2,278	
2020	419	493	558	803	2,273	
2021	456	469	541	760	2,226	
2022	474	454	537	737	2,202	
2023	463	463	519	707	2,152	
	<u>Projected</u>					
2024	459	480	483	710	2,132	
2025	491	461	469	709	2,130	
2026	490	469	492	682	2,133	

Note: Does not include out placed special education students.

Source: Board of Education; NESDEC projections.

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**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Board of Education.....	362	356	358	359	361	364
General Government.....	74	72	71	71	71	71
Totals .....	<u>436</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>435</u>

Source: Town Officials

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BY CATEGORY**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employees</u>
<b><u>General Government</u></b>	
Administration & Finance.....	7.31
Assessor's Office.....	2.00
Town Clerk.....	2.00
Tax Collector.....	1.50
Registrar of Voters .....	0.84
Land Use.....	4.52
Library.....	6.33
Human Services .....	2.31
Commission for the Elderly.....	2.91
Fire Marshal.....	0.67
Police.....	18.00
Public Works.....	12.00
Sanitation.....	2.00
Parks and Recreation.....	5.44
Communications Center.....	5.25
Animal Control.....	1.20
Subtotal.....	<u>74.28</u>
<b><u>Board of Education</u></b>	
Administration.....	22.00
Teachers and special services.....	221.80
Clerical/office.....	15.30
Nurses.....	4.00
Maintenance.....	24.00
Paraprofessionals.....	59.70
Other.....	15.40
Subtotal.....	<u>362.20</u>
Total Town Employees.....	<u><u>436.48</u></u>

Source: Town Officials

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**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNITS**

<u>Employees Represented</u>	<u>Union Representation</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>		
4	AFSCME, Council # 4, Local 1303-212 Dispatch.....	6/30/25
15	AFSCME, Council # 15, Local 1393 Police Officers.....	6/30/25
9	AFSCME, Council # 4, Local 1303-41 Highway.....	6/30/25
33	AFSCME, Council # 4, Local 866.....	6/30/25
<b><u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u></b>		
13	Weston Administrators' Association.....	6/30/26
222	Weston Teachers Association.....	6/30/26
102	AFSCME, Council #4, Local 1303.....	6/30/26

Currently, 38 Town and school employees are not represented by collective bargaining agreements.

Source: Town of Ashford.

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 contracts, in assessing the financial capability of a municipal entity, there is an irrefutable presumption that a budget reserve of (i) 5% or less with respect to teachers' contracts, and (ii) 15% or less with respect to municipal employees, 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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town of Weston</u>	<u>Western CT Planning Region (1)</u>	<u>State of Connecticut</u>
1980	8,284	807,143	3,107,564
1990	8,648	857,270	3,287,116
2000	10,037	882,567	3,405,565
2010	10,179	916,829	3,574,097
2022	10,336	620,666	3,611,317

(1) Starting with the 2018-2022 American Community Survey data, the area was adjusted to reflect the Western Connecticut Planning Region. Previous to the 2022 data, Fairfield County data is shown.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

#### AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF POPULATION

<u>Age</u>	<u>Town of Weston</u>		<u>Western CT Planning Region (1)</u>		<u>State of Connecticut</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 5.....	404	3.9	33,159	5.3	182,768	5.1
5 - 9.....	603	5.8	37,759	6.1	196,600	5.4
10 - 14.....	989	9.6	40,714	6.6	222,267	6.2
15 - 19.....	1,009	9.8	41,945	6.8	247,501	6.9
20 - 24.....	482	4.7	37,793	6.1	241,391	6.7
25 - 34.....	544	5.3	71,391	11.5	449,466	12.4
35 - 44.....	926	9.0	78,976	12.7	445,052	12.3
45 - 54.....	2,100	20.3	87,952	14.2	475,109	13.2
55 - 59.....	1,084	10.5	47,119	7.6	266,117	7.4
60 - 64.....	688	6.7	43,193	7.0	255,938	7.1
65 - 74.....	933	9.0	57,523	9.3	362,365	10.0
75 - 84.....	410	4.0	29,279	4.7	178,746	4.9
85 and over.....	164	1.6	13,863	2.2	87,997	2.4
Total.....	<u>10,336</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>620,666</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>3,611,317</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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#### INCOME DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Town of Weston</u>		<u>Western CT Planning Region (1)</u>		<u>State of Connecticut</u>	
	<u>Families</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than \$10,000.....	14	0.5	2,622	1.6	21,866	2.4
\$ 10,000 to 14,999.....	0	0.0	1,712	1.1	13,844	1.5
\$ 15,000 to 24,999.....	26	0.9	5,086	3.2	32,363	3.5
\$ 25,000 to 34,999.....	78	2.6	5,632	3.5	38,177	4.2
\$ 35,000 to 49,999.....	71	2.4	9,563	6.0	65,393	7.2
\$ 50,000 to 74,999.....	199	6.6	15,789	9.9	112,628	12.4
\$ 75,000 to 99,999.....	90	3.0	14,065	8.8	109,739	12.0
\$100,000 to 149,999.....	299	9.9	25,902	16.2	184,504	20.2
\$150,000 to 199,999.....	407	13.5	19,808	12.4	125,406	13.8
\$200,000 or more.....	1,836	60.8	59,899	37.4	207,948	22.8
Total .....	<u>3,020</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>160,078</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>911,868</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

**SELECTED WEALTH AND INCOME LEVELS**

	<u>Median Family Income</u>		<u>Per Capita Income</u>	
	<u>(2000)</u>	<u>(2022)</u>	<u>(2000)</u>	<u>(2022)</u>
Town of Weston.....	\$ 162,032	\$ 233,571	\$ 74,817	\$ 112,725
Western CT Planning Region (1)...	77,690	149,207	38,350	76,090
Connecticut.....	65,521	115,539	28,766	52,034
United States.....	49,600	92,148	21,690	41,804

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**  
Years of School Completed Age 25 and Over

	<u>Town of Weston</u>		<u>Western CT Planning Region (1)</u>		<u>State of Connecticut</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than 9th grade.....	62	0.9	19,871	4.6	101,820	4.0
9th to 12th grade.....	45	0.7	16,038	3.7	118,256	4.7
High School Graduate.....	459	6.7	79,350	18.5	650,788	25.8
Some College.....	525	7.7	56,397	13.1	414,533	16.4
Associate Degree.....	352	5.1	24,810	5.8	192,167	7.6
Bachelor Degree.....	2,335	34.1	126,881	29.6	573,917	22.8
Graduate or Professional Degree.....	3,071	44.8	105,949	24.7	469,309	18.6
Total.....	<u>6,849</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>429,296</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2,520,790</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Percent High School Graduate or Higher.....		98.4%		91.6%		91.3%
Percent Bachelor Degree or Higher.....		78.9%		54.2%		41.4%

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

**MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Entity</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>
Town of Weston.....	Municipality.....	436
Aspetuck Valley Country Club (1).....	Recreation.....	47
Peter's Weston Market.....	Grocery and Deli Stores.....	35

(1) Seasonal employment increases to approximately 145 employees.

Source: Town Officials and Town businesses

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## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment Sector	Western CT					
	Town of Weston		Planning Region (1)		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting & Mining	0	0.0	707	0.2	7,460	0.4
Construction.....	107	2.1	21,569	6.7	112,421	6.1
Manufacturing.....	328	6.3	24,353	7.6	194,805	10.6
Wholesale Trade.....	197	3.8	8,046	2.5	40,518	2.2
Retail Trade.....	412	7.9	32,977	10.2	196,267	10.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities.....	192	3.7	11,544	3.6	82,215	4.5
Information.....	217	4.2	9,385	2.9	36,440	2.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.....	924	17.8	41,623	12.9	164,811	9.0
Professional, Scientific & Management.....	1,237	23.8	54,588	17.0	217,442	11.9
Educational Services & Health Care.....	819	15.8	67,919	21.1	485,013	26.5
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Food Services.	497	9.6	24,602	7.6	148,594	8.1
Other Service (including nonprofit).....	175	3.4	16,815	5.2	80,864	4.4
Public Administration.....	91	1.8	7,915	2.5	65,675	3.6
Total.....	<u>5,196</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>322,043</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,832,525</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STATISTICS

Yearly Average	Town of Weston Percent	Bridgeport-Stamford Labor Market Percent	State of Connecticut Percent	United States Percent
2014	4.8	6.4	6.6	6.2
2015	4.3	5.5	5.6	5.3
2016	3.9	4.8	4.8	4.7
2017	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.4
2018	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.9
2019	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.7
2020	6.5	8.1	7.9	8.1
2021	5.1	6.3	6.3	5.4
2022	3.6	4.2	4.2	3.7
2023	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6

### 2024 Monthly

January	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.1
February	5.0	5.6	5.4	4.2
March	3.7	4.3	4.2	3.9
April	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.5
May	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.7

Source: Department of Labor, State of Connecticut.

## NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

<u>2022</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>% Increase 2010-2021</u>	<u>% Increase 2000-2021</u>	<u>% Increase 1990-2021</u>	<u>% Increase 1980-2021</u>
3,878	3,674	3,532	3,278	2,773	5.6%	9.8%	18.3%	39.8%

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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING UNITS

<u>Value of Owner Occupied Units</u>	<b>Western CT</b>					
	<u>Town of Weston</u>		<u>Planning Region (1)</u>		<u>State of Connecticut</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than \$50,000 .....	26	0.8	2,017	1.3	24,707	2.6
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999 .....	11	0.3	985	0.6	15,660	1.6
\$ 100,000 to \$149,999 .....	0	0.0	1,678	1.1	35,444	3.7
\$ 150,000 to \$199,999 .....	37	1.1	3,255	2.1	74,994	7.9
\$ 200,000 to \$299,999 .....	42	1.2	12,899	8.5	226,313	23.8
\$ 300,000 to \$499,999 .....	186	5.4	42,786	28.1	332,554	35.0
\$ 500,000 to \$999,999 .....	1,728	50.0	52,269	34.3	182,537	19.2
\$1,000,000 and over .....	1,423	41.2	36,515	24.0	57,630	6.1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>3,453</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>	<b><u>152,404</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>	<b><u>949,839</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>
 Median Value.....	\$927,800		\$595,600		\$347,200	

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSING

<u>Year Structure Built</u>	<b>Western CT</b>					
	<u>Town of Weston</u>		<u>Planning Region (1)</u>		<u>State of Connecticut</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1939 or earlier.....	486	12.5	40,787	16.4	308,693	20.0
1940 to 1949.....	128	3.3	13,305	5.3	88,125	5.7
1950 to 1959.....	651	16.8	33,824	13.6	224,890	14.6
1960 to 1969.....	830	21.4	36,505	14.7	200,109	13.0
1970 to 1979.....	662	17.1	35,533	14.3	203,957	13.2
1980 to 1989.....	505	13.0	29,103	11.7	203,053	13.2
1990 to 1999.....	204	5.3	18,789	7.5	118,433	7.7
2000 to 2009.....	323	8.3	21,627	8.7	104,479	6.8
2010 to 2019.....	89	2.3	18,870	7.6	76,567	5.0
2020 or later.....	0	0.0	596	0.2	11986	0.8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b><u>3,878</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>	<b><u>248,939</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>	<b><u>1,540,292</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>

(1) Starting with the 2018-2022 American Community Survey data, the area was adjusted to reflect the Western Connecticut Planning Region. Previous to the 2022 data, Fairfield County data is shown.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

**NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Residential Construction New Homes</b>		<b>Residential Construction Additions/Remodeling</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Value</b>
2024 (1)	8	\$ 4,217,390	230	\$16,732,583	238	\$ 20,949,973
2023	10	5,899,325	197	19,627,152	207	25,526,477
2022	7	6,046,300	208	15,110,717	215	21,157,017
2021	14	6,830,870	333	20,435,344	347	27,266,214
2020	5	2,322,000	191	10,933,788	196	13,255,788
2019	4	2,057,620	216	9,363,083	220	11,420,703
2018	7	4,220,796	221	10,256,880	228	14,477,676
2017	8	3,810,340	143	10,118,511	151	13,928,851
2016	14	6,778,520	145	7,906,542	159	14,685,062
2015	10	7,028,806	149	10,842,435	159	17,871,241

Source: Town Officials; Building Inspector's Office.

**BREAKDOWN OF LAND USE**

<b>Land Use Category</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Percent of Acres</b>
Residential		
Developed.....	7,891	59.5
Undeveloped.....	637	4.8
Commercial.....	15	0.1
Industrial.....	0	0.0
Public and Semi-Public.....	4,716	35.6
Total.....	<u>13,259</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Sources: Milone & MacBroom, Inc., Existing Land Use, February 2019 and as adjusted by the Land Use Director based on new houses built since 2019.

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## IV. TAX BASE DATA

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### ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

The Town had a revaluation effective on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 (2024-25 fiscal year). The next revaluation is scheduled for October 1, 2028. Under Section 12-62 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town must do a revaluation every five years and the assessor must fully inspect each parcel, including measuring or verifying the exterior dimensions of a building and entering and examining the interior of the building once every ten years. Section 12-62 also imposes a penalty on municipalities that fail to effect revaluations as required, with certain exceptions. Municipalities may choose to phase-in real property assessment increases resulting from a revaluation, but such phase-in must be implemented in less than five assessment years. The maintenance of an equitable tax base, and the location and appraisal of all real and personal property within the Town for inclusion onto the Grand List are the responsibilities of the Town's Assessor's Office. The Grand List represents the total of assessed values for all taxable real and personal property and motor vehicles located within the Town on October 1. A Board of Assessment Appeals determines whether adjustments to the Assessor's list on assessments under appeal are warranted. Assessments for real property are computed at seventy percent (70%) of the estimated market value at the time of the last general revaluation.

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

All business personal property (furniture, fixtures, equipment, machinery and leased equipment) is assessed annually. An assessor's clerk and audit is completed periodically. Assessments for both personal property and motor vehicles are computed at seventy (70%) of present market value.

Section 12-124a of the Connecticut General Statutes permits a municipality, upon approval of its legislative body, to abate property taxes on owner-occupied residences to the extent that the taxes exceed 8% of the owner's total income, from any source, adjusted for self-employed persons to reflect expenses allowed in determining adjusted gross income. The owner must agree to pay the amount of taxes abated with interest at 6% per annum, or at such rate approved by the legislative body, at such time that the residence is sold or transferred or on the death of the last surviving owner. A lien for such amounts is recorded in the land records but does not take precedence over any mortgage recorded before the lien. The Town has approved the use of this abatement provision.

### PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE

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. Payments not received by August 1 and February 1 become delinquent. Motor vehicle taxes must be paid in a single installment due July 1. Real estate and personal property taxes of less than \$100 are due in full in July. Supplemental motor vehicle taxes (those vehicles registered between October 2 and July 31) are due in one installment in January.

According to Connecticut General Statutes, delinquent property taxes are subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per annum) for all delinquent property taxes. Real estate is liened for delinquent taxes within one year after the tax due date.

### MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX RATE

Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-71e (the "General Statutes") has been amended whereby the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 32.46 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment year thereafter. Section 4-661 of the General Statutes, 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 the assessment year commencing October 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025) is 23.47 mills.

**REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS**

FY Ending 6/30	Net Taxable Grand List (000's)	Total Tax Rate (In Mills)	Adjusted Tax Levy	% Annual Levy Collected	Uncollected Taxes	
					End of Each Fiscal Year	As of 6/30/2023
2025 (1)	\$ 3,234,983.3	23.47	\$ 74,595,938	In Process	In Process	In Process
2024	2,336,482.7	33.06	77,282,723	In Process	In Process	In Process
2023	2,307,232.1	33.06	76,345,811	99.3	\$ 548,954	\$ 548,954
2022	2,255,040.0	32.92	74,400,950	99.4	468,129	209,375
2021	2,237,081.8	32.37	72,370,713	99.3	534,324	88,547
2020 (1)	2,232,859.8	32.37	72,226,125	98.9	762,400	73,790
2019	2,385,137.8	29.39	70,111,688	98.8	872,997	44,522
2018	2,370,629.6	28.91	68,506,047	99.0	664,297	8,823
2017	2,354,546.2	28.56	67,306,771	98.8	811,578	27,803
2016	2,341,794.1	28.67	67,168,117	98.7	849,721	16,156

(1) Years of revaluation.

Source: Town Officials.

**TAXABLE GRAND LIST (1)**

Grand List Dated	Real Property	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle Property	Gross Taxable Grand List	Less Exemptions	Net Taxable Grand List
10/1/2023 (1)	\$ 3,046,925.0	\$ 42,751.4	\$ 146,725.6	\$ 3,236,402.0	\$ 1,418.7	\$ 3,234,983.3
10/01/22	2,140,787.0	41,700.7	155,386.3	2,337,874.0	1,391.3	2,336,482.7
10/01/21	2,121,579.0	39,553.7	147,712.4	2,308,845.1	1,613.0	2,307,232.1
10/01/20	2,101,714.0	36,012.0	119,141.0	2,256,867.0	1,827.0	2,255,040.0
10/01/19	2,091,730.2	32,915.3	114,220.4	2,238,865.9	1,784.1	2,237,081.8
10/1/2018 (1)	2,089,347.0	31,619.2	114,156.5	2,235,122.7	2,262.9	2,232,859.8
10/01/17	2,242,023.7	29,013.0	116,091.5	2,387,128.2	1,990.4	2,385,137.8
10/01/16	2,230,180.5	27,121.3	114,995.8	2,372,297.6	1,668.0	2,370,629.6
10/01/15	2,219,125.0	24,184.9	112,826.8	2,356,136.7	1,590.5	2,354,546.2
10/01/14	2,202,528.7	23,085.9	117,719.7	2,343,334.3	1,540.2	2,341,794.1

(1) Years of revaluation.

Source: Town Officials.

**TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS**

Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Property	Valuation as of 10/1/23	Rank	Percent of Total
Eversource.....	Utility Company.....	\$ 30,751,930	1	0.95%
Aspetuck Valley Country Club.....	Private Recreation Facility.....	9,932,490	2	0.31%
Aquarion Water Company of CT.....	Utility Company.....	7,234,400	3	0.22%
Weston Shopping Center Assoc.....	Commercial Use.....	6,916,630	4	0.21%
Vranos, Michael & Anna.....	Residential.....	5,770,720	5	0.18%
Financial Services Vehicle Trust.....	Vehicle Leasing Company.....	4,619,405	6	0.14%
Eliot Peter & Svetlana.....	Residential.....	4,536,350	7	0.14%
Crown Daniel & Ellen.....	Residential.....	4,233,600	8	0.13%
Klinka Elisia Mary.....	Residential.....	4,096,120	9	0.13%
Benenson Family Realty LLC.....	Residential.....	4,001,900	10	0.12%
Total.....		<u>\$ 82,093,545</u>		<u>2.54%</u>

Source: Town Officials.

## EQUALIZED NET GRAND LIST

<u>Grand List of 10/1</u>	<u>Equalized Net Grand List</u>	<u>Percentage Growth</u>
2022	\$ 4,700,336,364	4.51%
2021	4,497,559,709	11.57%
2020	4,031,034,032	26.59%
2019	3,184,290,535	-0.42%
2018 (1)	3,197,754,780	-6.47%
2017	3,418,855,302	0.56%
2016	3,399,888,205	-4.02%
2015	3,542,264,876	-1.19%
2014	3,584,903,135	7.79%
2013 (1)	3,325,816,654	-7.29%

(1) Years of revaluation.

Source: State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management.

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## V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### FISCAL YEAR

The Town's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

The process of compiling the annual budget begins in November when guidelines are provided to individual boards, commissions and departments. Boards, commissions and departments submit budget requests to the First Selectman on or before January 1. The Board of Education must submit its budget request by February 3. All budget requests are reviewed by the First Selectman and department heads and then submitted to the Board of Selectmen not later than February 10. During February a series of meetings are held with representatives of key agencies and the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen then submits the budget to the Board of Finance not later than February 25. In March, the Board of Finance reviews and holds public hearings on the proposed budget. At the public hearing (held at least two weeks prior to the Annual Budget Meeting (the "ATBM") in March or April, the budget is presented for discussion and comment by residents. The Board of Finance then makes any adjustments it considers appropriate and recommends proposed appropriations. The budget is then submitted to the Annual Budget Meeting for approval by the voters. The ATBM is required to have at least two percent of registered voters present in order to constitute a quorum. Otherwise the ATBM is to adjourn and the budget goes directly to referendum.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE CAP

Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-661, as amended, 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.

### ANNUAL AUDIT

Pursuant to Connecticut law, the Town is required to undergo an annual examination by an independent certified public accountant. The audit must be conducted under the guidelines issued by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management and a copy of the report must be filed with such Office within six months of the end of the fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the examination was conducted by the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA") certified public accountants, of West Hartford, Connecticut. CLA will also be conducting the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 audit.

### EMPLOYEE PENSION SYSTEMS

There are two pension plans for Town employees. General government employees who work at least 20 hours per week participate in the Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund (the "MERF"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employees retirement system. MERF was established by the Connecticut General Statutes and is administered by the State Retirement Commission. It is considered to be part of the State's financial reporting entity and is included in the State's financial reports as a pension trust fund. Any local government authority in the State of Connecticut may elect to participate for one or more of its departments, including elected officials.

Town of Weston teachers participate in a contributory retirement plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. Neither the Board of Education nor the Town has a legal obligation to contribute to the retirement fund. The State makes contributions to the system based on an actuarial study performed utilizing the total payroll of covered teachers in the State. Teachers who are covered by the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System are ineligible to participate in the Town's pension plans. For further details regarding the two pension plans, see Appendix A, Notes to the Financial Statements.

**OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Town provides post-retirement benefits for certain employees for current and future health and life insurance benefit expenses through a single-employer plan. A biennial actuarial valuation is made to determine whether the contributions are sufficient to meet the plan obligations. The latest actuarial valuation was made July 1, 2023. The post-retirement plan does not issue stand-alone financial reports.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Town. The Town determines the required contribution using the Entry Age normal Actuarial Cost Method.

As of July 1, 2023, membership in the plan consisted of 412 active members and 31 retirees and dependents for a total of 381 members.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, the components of the OPEB liability of the Town's pension plan as of June 30 were as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total OPEB liability.....	\$ 11,260,963	\$ 10,984,168	\$ 9,883,957	\$ 9,724,858	\$ 10,523,390
Plan fiduciary net position.....	11,060,235	10,599,968	12,347,928	10,058,090	9,403,622
Net OPEB liability.....	<u>\$ 200,728</u>	<u>\$ 384,200</u>	<u>\$ (2,463,971)</u>	<u>\$ (333,232)</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,768</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total OPEB liability.....	98.2%	96.5%	124.9%	103.4%	89.4%

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 calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (4.50%) or 1 percentage point higher (6.50%) than the current discount rate:

	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>6.50%</b>
		<b>5.50%</b>	
Net Pension Liability.....	\$ 1,349,806	\$ 200,728	\$ (785,130)

Based upon the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation, the actuarial value of assets and actuarial liabilities for the OPEB plan were as follows:

**Schedule of Funding Progress**

<b>Actuarial</b>	<b>Actuarial</b>	<b>Actuarial</b>	<b>Unfunded</b>	<b>Funded</b>	<b>Covered</b>	<b>UAL as a</b>
<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Accrued</b>	<b>Accrued</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>of Assets</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability (UAL)</b>			<b>of Covered</b>
						<b>Payroll</b>
7/1/2015	\$ 6,964,000	\$ 10,916,000	\$ 3,952,000	63.8%	\$ 31,074,000	12.7%
7/1/2017	8,143,000	10,413,000	2,270,000	78.2%	33,693,000	6.7%
7/1/2019	9,404,000	9,543,000	139,000	98.5%	34,749,000	0.4%
7/1/2021	12,347,928	10,789,936	(1,557,992)	114.4%	33,380,531	-4.7%
7/1/2023	11,060,235	8,804,101	(2,256,134)	125.6%	35,593,050	-6.3%

### Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended June 30	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution	Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2021	\$ 259,000	\$ 758,598	292.9%
2022	270,000	737,308	273.1%
2023	110,000	208,459	189.5%
2024	117,000	244,594	209.1%
2025	71,000	-	0.0%

For further details on the plans, see Appendix A, "Notes to General Purpose Financial Statements".

### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

The Town Charter and Sections 7-400 and 7-402 of the Connecticut General Statutes govern the investments that the Town is permitted to acquire. Additionally, the Town's Board of Finance adopted an investment policy which provides further guidance on the investment of the Town's funds. Generally, the Town may invest in certificates of deposit, municipal notes and bonds, obligations of the United States of America, including joint and several obligations of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, obligations of the United States Postal Service, all the Federal Home Loan Banks, all Federal Land Banks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, or any other agency of the United States government, and certain mutual funds and money market mutual funds.

The Town's investment practices have been to invest in certificates of deposit, bank money market funds, the State of Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund ("STIF"), and certain fixed income portfolios which invest in mortgage backed securities, state and local bonds, agencies and other allowable securities that conform to State Statute. The Town does not invest in derivative based investment products. The Town Treasurer has followed these investment practices and the Town's operating funds and capital funds are currently invested in the following short-term investments: (1) various money market funds with Connecticut banks; (2) STIF; (3) an investment portfolio not to exceed \$15 million of the general fund balance in various agencies, state and local bonds and mortgage backed obligations with either the guaranteed or implied backing of the federal government; (4) a certificate of deposit portfolio; and (5) two federally insured cash accounts with financial institutions that invest exclusively in banks and credit unions.

### PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

Fiscal Year	General Fund Revenues	Property Tax Revenues	Property Tax As a % of General Fund Revenues
2025 (Adopted Budget) (1)	\$ 79,234,423	\$ 74,595,938	94.1
2024 (Estimated Actuals) (1)	81,373,418	77,079,668	94.7
2023	88,524,873	76,325,846	86.2
2022	85,715,299	74,897,902	87.4
2021	84,314,854	73,882,257	87.6
2020	82,393,554	71,989,600	87.4
2019	77,156,660	70,613,435	91.5
2018	81,232,582	69,109,039	85.1
2017	79,294,490	67,890,106	85.6
2016	75,755,510	66,993,811	88.4

(1) Budgetary figures for FYS 2024 and 2025 do not include one-time pass-through state funding for the teachers' retirement system pension liability. The figure was \$7,920,599 in FY 2023.

Source: Annual audited financial statements for FYs 2016-2023 and estimated actuals for FY 2024 and adopted budget for FY 2025. (See "Budgetary Procedures" herein).

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Federal &amp; State Aid</u>	<u>Aid As a % of General Fund Revenues</u>
2025 (Adopted Budget) (1)	\$ 79,234,423	\$ 801,085	1.0
2024 (Estimated Actuals) (1)	81,373,418	1,295,450	1.6
2023	88,524,873	9,858,647	11.1
2022	85,715,299	8,784,721	10.2
2021	84,314,854	8,604,097	10.2
2020	82,393,554	8,726,899	10.6
2019	77,156,660	4,659,389	6.0
2018	81,232,582	10,789,611	13.3
2017	79,294,490	10,023,017	12.6
2016	75,755,510	6,964,897	9.2

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Source: Annual audited financial statements for FYs 2016-2023 and estimated actuals for FY 2024 and adopted budget for FY 2025. (See "Budgetary Procedures" herein).

## EXPENDITURES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Education Percent</u>	<u>General Government Percent</u>	<u>Public Safety Percent</u>	<u>Public Works Percent</u>	<u>Debt Service Percent</u>
2025 (Adopted Budget) (1)	78.13	10.37	4.77	2.90	1.14
2024 (Estimated Actuals) (1)	76.09	9.60	4.57	3.20	3.92
2023	75.93	8.49	4.18	2.63	6.56
2022	75.41	8.30	4.01	3.35	6.76
2021	76.40	8.21	4.13	2.06	7.12
2020	75.71	7.90	3.91	3.05	7.44
2019	74.52	8.38	4.00	2.78	8.23
2018	76.65	7.48	3.43	2.78	7.79
2017	75.86	8.04	3.71	2.46	8.10
2016	74.53	8.19	3.93	2.79	8.61

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

	<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b>			<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual Operations</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>	<b>Estimated Actuals</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes.....	\$ 76,170,169	\$ 76,325,846	\$ 155,677	\$ 77,079,668	\$ 74,595,938
Intergovernmental.....	678,075	897,806	219,731	1,295,450	801,085
Investment income.....	200,000	933,395	733,395	1,750,000	1,615,000
Charges for services.....	847,400	1,309,673	462,273	1,248,300	2,222,400
<b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>	<b>77,895,644</b>	<b>79,466,720</b>	<b>1,571,076</b>	<b>81,373,418</b>	<b>79,234,423</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General government.....	7,125,710	7,119,706	6,004	7,269,358	7,877,359
Public safety.....	3,512,590	3,510,910	1,680	3,460,000	3,621,175
Public works.....	2,296,740	2,296,740	-	2,424,000	2,198,955
Health and welfare.....	499,088	499,052	36	664,762	642,031
Recreation.....	1,254,605	1,251,517	3,088	1,327,000	1,410,477
Debt service.....	5,531,395	5,531,395	-	2,967,825	864,250
Education.....	56,391,182	55,328,060	1,063,122	57,637,118	59,339,701
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>76,611,310</b>	<b>75,537,380</b>	<b>1,073,930</b>	<b>75,750,063</b>	<b>75,953,948</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures.....	1,284,334	3,929,340	2,645,006	5,623,355	3,280,475
Other financing sources (uses):					
Operating transfers in.....	1,406,250	262,500	(1,143,750)	-	
Operating transfers out.....	(2,649,470)	(2,649,470)	-	(8,889,171)	(3,280,475)
Total other financing sources (uses).....	(1,243,220)	(2,386,970)	(1,143,750)	(8,889,171)	(3,280,475)
Excess of Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses.....	\$ 41,114	\$ 1,542,370	\$ 1,501,256	\$ (3,265,816)	\$ -

Source: Annual audited financial statements for FY 2023 and estimated actuals for FY 2024. And adopted budget for FY 2025. (See "Budgetary Procedures" herein).

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**COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEETS**  
Summary of Assets and Liabilities  
(GAAP Basis)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 10,113,704	\$ 12,491,846	\$ 15,582,144	\$ 16,146,773	\$ 19,091,219
Investments.....	12,742,794	11,283,399	12,562,221	12,737,670	13,134,577
Property taxes receivable, net.....	1,878,460	2,017,121	1,139,553	865,875	978,798
Intergovernmental and other.....	1,071,024	1,303,802	632,110	477,927	687,016
Inventories and prepaids.....	173,106	-	4,926	29,060	430,252
Due from other funds.....	261,952	351,355	232,788	260,412	257,727
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,241,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,447,523</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,153,742</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,517,717</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,579,589</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable and accruals.....	\$ 2,196,738	\$ 2,784,567	\$ 3,215,717	\$ 2,717,209	\$ 3,317,385
Due to other funds.....	4,906,871	5,729,879	4,063,591	5,227,306	7,102,531
Unearned revenue.....	413,540	362,845	1,926,812	420,780	250,707
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b><u>7,517,149</u></b>	<b><u>8,877,291</u></b>	<b><u>9,206,120</u></b>	<b><u>8,365,295</u></b>	<b><u>10,670,623</u></b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes.....	2,421,772	3,048,833	1,390,004	1,075,483	1,181,771
Advance property tax collections.....	407,613	88,452	94,069	185,856	77,711
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....</b>	<b><u>2,829,385</u></b>	<b><u>3,137,285</u></b>	<b><u>1,484,073</u></b>	<b><u>1,261,339</u></b>	<b><u>1,259,482</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>					
Nonspendable.....	173,106	-	4,926	29,060	430,252
Committed.....	494,336	389,180	422,844	104,374	4,639,657
Assigned.....	674,365	581,050	1,814,121	2,099,725	801,284
Unassigned.....	14,552,699	14,462,717	17,221,658	18,657,924	16,778,291
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....</b>	<b><u>15,894,506</u></b>	<b><u>15,432,947</u></b>	<b><u>19,463,549</u></b>	<b><u>20,891,083</u></b>	<b><u>22,649,484</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES...</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,241,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,447,523</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,153,742</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,517,717</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,579,589</u></b>

Source: Annual audited financial statements.

**ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FUND EQUITY**  
(GAAP BASIS)

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2019-20</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2020-21</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2021-22</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2022-23</u>
Nonspendable.....	\$ 173,106	\$ -	\$ 4,926	\$ 29,060	\$ 430,252
Committed.....	494,336	389,180	422,844	104,374	4,639,657
Assigned.....	674,365	581,050	1,814,121	2,099,725	801,284
Unassigned.....	14,552,699	14,462,717	17,221,658	18,657,924	16,778,291
<b>Total Fund Balance.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,894,506</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,432,947</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,463,549</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,891,083</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,649,484</u></b>
Unassigned Fund Balance as % of Total Expenditures & Transfers.....	<u>19.04%</u>	<u>17.38%</u>	<u>21.38%</u>	<u>22.07%</u>	<u>19.28%</u>

Source: Annual audited financial statements.

**COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**Summary of Audited Revenues and Expenditures**  
**(GAAP Basis)**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes.....	\$ 70,613,435	\$ 71,989,600	\$ 73,882,257	\$ 74,897,902	\$ 76,325,846
Intergovernmental.....	4,659,389	8,726,899	8,604,097	8,784,721	9,858,647
Investment earning.....	842,931	750,026	99,703	(630,175)	933,395
Charges for services.....	950,045	850,879	1,567,831	1,407,740	1,347,251
Other revenues.....	90,860	76,150	160,966	1,255,111	59,734
<b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>	<b>77,156,660</b>	<b>82,393,554</b>	<b>84,314,854</b>	<b>85,715,299</b>	<b>88,524,873</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government.....	6,301,407	6,293,104	6,470,264	6,783,594	7,160,385
Public safety.....	3,009,982	3,111,017	3,255,522	3,278,432	3,529,239
Public works.....	2,091,974	2,430,330	1,621,566	2,736,153	2,222,188
Health and welfare.....	468,844	477,463	492,748	532,477	584,957
Culture and recreation.....	1,092,927	1,110,812	1,145,231	1,239,791	1,283,212
Education.....	56,018,532	60,274,111	60,225,134	61,640,847	64,068,126
Debt service.....	6,184,602	5,920,206	5,613,094	5,524,340	5,531,395
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>75,168,268</b>	<b>79,617,043</b>	<b>78,823,559</b>	<b>81,735,634</b>	<b>84,379,502</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures.....	1,988,392	2,776,511	5,491,295	3,979,665	4,145,371
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in.....	168,000	200,500	255,500	244,505	262,500
Transfers out.....	(1,261,201)	(3,579,948)	(1,716,193)	(2,796,636)	(2,649,470)
Issuance of refunding bonds.....	9,600,000	10,895,000	-	-	-
Payment to escrow agent.....	(9,718,700)	(11,375,106)	-	-	-
Bond premium.....	228,487	621,484	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses).....	(983,414)	(3,238,070)	(1,460,693)	(2,552,131)	(2,386,970)
Net change in fund balances.....	1,004,978	(461,559)	4,030,602	1,427,534	1,758,401
Fund Balance - July 1.....	14,889,528	15,894,506	15,432,947	19,463,549	20,891,083
Fund Balance - June 30.....	<u>\$ 15,894,506</u>	<u>\$ 15,432,947</u>	<u>\$ 19,463,549</u>	<u>\$ 20,891,083</u>	<u>\$ 22,649,484</u>

Source: Annual audited financial statements.

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**VI. DEBT SUMMARY**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS**

As of July 30, 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 7/30/24</u>	<u>Date of Fiscal Year Maturity</u>
<b><u>General Purpose</u></b>					
12/11/2018	Refunding - General Purpose - Series A.....	3.00 - 5.00	\$ 57,000	\$ 10,000	2025
			<b>\$ 57,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	
<b><u>Schools</u></b>					
12/11/2018	Refunding - Schools - Series A.....	3.00 - 5.00	\$ 2,693,000	\$ 475,000	2025
11/1/2119	Refunding - Schools - Series A.....	3.00 - 5.00	3,604,000	1,005,000	2027
			<b>\$ 6,297,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,000</b>	
	<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 6,354,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,490,000</b>	

**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 7/30/24</u>	<u>Date of Fiscal Year Maturity</u>
<b><u>General Purpose</u></b>					
7/30/2024	General Purpose.....	TBD	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000	2026
	<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 3,600,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,600,000</b>	

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT THROUGH MATURITY**

As of July 30, 2024  
(Pro Forma)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2025	\$ 810,000	\$ 54,250	\$ 864,250
2026	325,000	25,875	350,875
2027	355,000	8,875	363,875
	<b>\$ 1,490,000</b>	<b>\$ 89,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,579,000</b>

**THE TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT HAS NEVER DEFAULTED ON THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST ON ITS BONDS OR NOTES**

**OVERLAPPING AND UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS**

Other than the Town, the Georgetown Fire District has the power to issue debt or cause taxes to be levied on taxable property in the Town. The Georgetown Fire District is made up of Weston, Wilton and Redding and provides fire protection services. Annually, funds from the Town budget are paid to the Georgetown Fire District for the Town's share of operating expenses. As of June 30, 2024 the Town's estimated net share of the Georgetown Fire District is estimated to be \$61,886.

**DEBT STATEMENT**

As of July 30, 2024  
(Pro Forma)

<b>Long-Term Indebtedness (1)</b>	
General Purpose.....	\$ 10,000
Schools.....	1,480,000
Sewers.....	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Long-Term Indebtedness.....</b>	<b>1,490,000</b>
<b>Short-Term Indebtedness</b>	
The Notes (This Issue).....	<u>3,600,000</u>
<b>Total Direct Indebtedness.....</b>	<b>5,090,000</b>
<b>Exclusions.....</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Net Direct Indebtedness.....</b>	<b>5,090,000</b>
Net Overlapping Indebtedness (Georgetown Fire District)(2)...	<u>61,886</u>
<b>Total Net Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,151,886</u></b>

(1) Does not include authorized but unissued debt in the amount of \$3,208,040. See "Authorized but Unissued Debt" herein.

(2) Estimated for the Georgetown Fire District, as of June 30, 2024. See "Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness" herein.

**CURRENT DEBT RATIOS**

As of July 30, 2024  
(Pro Forma)

Total Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 5,090,000
Total Net Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 5,090,000
Total Net Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness.....	\$ 5,151,886
Population (1).....	10,336
Net Taxable Grand List (10/1/23).....	\$ 3,234,983,000
Estimated Full Value.....	\$ 4,621,404,286
Equalized Net Taxable Grand List (2022) (2).....	\$ 4,700,336,364
Per Capita Income (2022) (1).....	\$ 112,725
<b>Total Direct Indebtedness:</b>	
Per Capita.....	\$492.45
To Net Taxable Grand List .....	0.16%
To Estimated Full Value .....	0.11%
To Equalized Net Taxable Grand List.....	0.11%
Per Capita to Per Capita Income.....	0.44%
<b>Total Net Direct Indebtedness:</b>	
Per Capita.....	\$492.45
To Net Taxable Grand List.....	0.16%
To Estimated Full Value.....	0.11%
To Equalized Net Taxable Grand List.....	0.11%
Per Capita to Per Capita Income.....	0.44%
<b>Total Net Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness:</b>	
Per Capita.....	\$498.44
To Net Taxable Grand List.....	0.16%
To Estimated Full Value.....	0.11%
To Equalized Net Taxable Grand List.....	0.11%
Per Capita to Per Capita Income.....	0.44%

(1) U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

(2) Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.

**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 authorization by the Town’s voters at a Special Town Meeting or referendum. Refunding bonds may be issued upon resolution of the Board of Selectmen.

**TEMPORARY FINANCING**

When general obligation bonds have been authorized, bond anticipation notes may be issued. Bond anticipation 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 such 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 notes remain outstanding, in an amount equal to a minimum of 1/20<sup>th</sup> (1/30<sup>th</sup> for sewer projects, certain school projects and in certain instances, refundings) of the estimated net project cost (CGS Sec. 7-378a). The maximum term of the bond issue is reduced by the amount of time temporary financing exceeds two years.

All 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 issued to finance the operation of a waterworks system (CGS Sec. 7-244a) or a sewage system (CGS Sec. 7-264a) may be issued for up to 15 years. 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, such notes must be reduced by 1/15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**SCHOOL BUILDING GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 10-287i of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, for all school building projects approved after July 1, 1996, the State provides proportional progress payments during construction for the State’s share of the eligible construction costs. The State grant will be paid directly to the municipality after it submits its request for progress payments, and accordingly, the municipality will issue bonds only for its share of project costs.

**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.

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Section 7-374 of the Connecticut General Statutes also provides 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 (1)**  
As of July 30, 2024  
(Pro Forma)

Total tax collections (including interest and lien fees)	\$ 74,915,317
State Reimbursement for Revenue Loss on:	
Tax Relief for Elderly	604
Base for Establishing Debt Limit	\$ 74,915,921

<b>Debt Limitation</b>	<b>General Purpose</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Sewers</b>	<b>Urban Renewal</b>	<b>Past Pension</b>	<b>Total Debt</b>
(2.25 times base).....	\$ 168,560,822					
(4.50 times base).....		\$ 337,121,645				
(3.75 times base).....			\$ 280,934,704			
(3.25 times base).....				\$ 243,476,743		
(3.00 times base).....					\$ 224,747,763	
(7.00 times base).....						\$ 524,411,447
<b>Indebtedness (Including the Notes)</b>						
Bonds Payable.....	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,480,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,490,000
The Notes (This Issue).....	3,600,000	-	-	-	-	3,600,000
Authorized but Unissued Debt.....	2,406,000	802,040	-	-	-	3,208,040
Overlapping Debt (2).....	61,886	-	-	-	-	61,886
Total Indebtedness.....	6,077,886	2,282,040	-	-	-	8,359,926
Less Exclusions.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Net Indebtedness.....	6,077,886	2,282,040	-	-	-	8,359,926
Excess of Limit Over Outstanding and Authorized Debt.....	\$ 162,482,936	\$ 334,839,605	\$ 280,934,704	\$ 243,476,743	\$ 224,747,763	\$ 516,051,521

(1) Under Connecticut General Statutes total indebtedness for all classes cannot exceed seven times the base, or \$524,411,447.

(2) For the Georgetown Fire District, estimate as of June 30, 2024. See "Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness" herein.

Source: Town annual audited financial statements, Town officials.

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**AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT**

As of July 30, 2024  
(Pro Forma)

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Amount Authorized</b>	<b>Prior Financings</b>	<b>Paydowns/ Grants</b>	<b>The Notes (This Issue)</b>	<b>Authorized But Unissued</b>
Schools Septic Improvements.....	\$ 791,250	\$ 790,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250
Elementary and Middle School Fire Alarms System Upgrade.....	395,790	395,000	-	-	790
Purchase of Property on Lord's Highway East.....	2,306,000	2,300,000	-	-	6,000
Capital Improvements to the Weston Public Schools and the Weston Town Library.....	6,600,000	5,800,000	-	-	800,000
Town Road Improvement Plan - 2024.....	6,000,000	-	-	3,600,000	2,400,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 16,093,040</b>	<b>\$ 9,285,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,600,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,208,040</b>

Source: Town Officials.

**HISTORICAL DEBT STATEMENT**

	<b>2023-24 (1)</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Population (2).....	10,336	10,336	10,336	10,336	10,336
Net taxable grand list.....	\$ 2,336,482,718	\$ 2,307,232,100	\$ 2,255,040,000	\$ 2,237,081,831	\$ 2,232,859,800
Estimated full value.....	\$ 3,337,832,454	\$ 3,296,045,857	\$ 3,221,485,714	\$ 3,195,831,187	\$ 3,189,799,714
Equalized net taxable grand list (3).....	\$ 4,700,336,364	\$ 4,497,559,709	\$ 4,031,034,032	\$ 3,184,290,535	\$ 3,197,754,780
Per capita income (2).....	\$ 112,725	\$ 112,725	\$ 112,725	\$ 112,725	\$ 112,725
Short-term debt.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term debt.....	\$ 1,490,000	\$ 4,330,000	\$ 9,590,000	\$ 14,630,000	\$ 19,570,000
Total Direct Indebtedness.....	\$ 1,490,000	\$ 4,330,000	\$ 9,590,000	\$ 14,630,000	\$ 19,570,000
Net Direct Indebtedness	\$ 1,490,000	\$ 4,330,000	\$ 9,590,000	\$ 14,630,000	\$ 19,570,000
Net Overlapping Debt.....	\$ 61,886	\$ 66,914	\$ 75,789	\$ 65,100	\$ 85,197
Net Direct and Net Overlapping Indebtedness.....	\$ 1,551,886	\$ 4,396,914	\$ 9,665,789	\$ 14,695,100	\$ 19,655,197

(1) Unaudited Estimates.

(2) U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

(3) Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements 2020-2023.

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**HISTORICAL DEBT RATIOS**

	<b>2023-24 (1)</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
<b>Total Direct Indebtedness:</b>					
Per capita.....	\$144.16	\$418.92	\$927.83	\$1,415.44	\$1,893.38
To net taxable grand list.....	0.06%	0.19%	0.43%	0.65%	0.88%
To estimated full value.....	0.04%	0.13%	0.30%	0.46%	0.61%
To equalized net taxable grand list.....	0.03%	0.10%	0.24%	0.46%	0.61%
Debt per capita to per capita income.....	0.13%	0.37%	0.82%	1.26%	1.68%
<b>Net Direct Indebtedness:</b>					
Per capita.....	\$144.16	\$418.92	\$927.83	\$1,415.44	\$1,893.38
To net taxable grand list.....	0.06%	0.19%	0.43%	0.65%	0.88%
To estimated full value.....	0.04%	0.13%	0.30%	0.46%	0.61%
To equalized net taxable grand list.....	0.03%	0.10%	0.24%	0.46%	0.61%
Debt per capita to per capita income.....	0.13%	0.37%	0.82%	1.26%	1.68%
<b>Net Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness:</b>					
Per capita.....	\$150.14	\$425.40	\$935.16	\$1,421.74	\$1,901.63
To net taxable grand list.....	0.07%	0.19%	0.43%	0.66%	0.88%
To estimated full value.....	0.05%	0.13%	0.30%	0.46%	0.62%
To equalized net taxable grand list.....	0.03%	0.10%	0.24%	0.46%	0.61%
Debt per capita to per capita income.....	0.16%	0.46%	1.01%	1.53%	2.05%

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

<b>Fiscal Year Ended 6/30</b>	<b>Annual Debt Service</b>	<b>Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers out</b>	<b>Ratio of General Fund Debt Service to Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out %</b>
2025 (1)	\$ 864,250	\$ 79,234,423	1.09%
2024 (1)	2,967,825	84,639,234	3.51%
2023	5,531,395	87,028,972	6.36%
2022	5,524,340	84,532,270	6.54%
2021	5,613,094	80,539,752	6.97%
2020	5,920,206	83,196,991	7.12%
2019	6,184,602	76,429,469	8.09%
2018	6,237,213	80,883,353	7.71%
2017	6,308,838	79,319,717	7.95%
2016	6,390,963	75,781,441	8.43%

(1) Annual audited financial statements for FYs 2016-2023, estimated actuals for FY 2024 and adopted budget FY 2025. See "Budgetary Procedures" herein.

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## VII. LEGAL AND OTHER LITIGATION

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### LITIGATION

In the opinion of the Town's Attorney, as of the date of this Official Statement, 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 affect on the finances of the Town or which would impact the validity of the Notes or the power of the Town to levy and collect taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes.

### 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 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 NOTES

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

1. A Signature and No Litigation Certificate stating that at the time of delivery no litigation is pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Notes or the levy or collection of taxes to pay them;
2. A certificate on behalf of the Town, signed by the First Selectwoman and the Town Treasurer, which will be dated the date of delivery and which will certify to the best of said officials' knowledge and belief, that at the time bids were accepted on the Notes, 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. The approving opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP, of Hartford, Connecticut substantially in the form attached as Appendix B;
4. An executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Notes in substantially the form attached as Appendix C;
5. A receipt for the purchase price of the Notes; and
6. Within seven business days of the bid opening, the Town will furnish the winning bidders(s) of 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 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.

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**CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

Additional information may be obtained upon request from the Office of the Assistant Town Administrator/Director of Finance/Treasurer at (203) 222-2678 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 Notes.

This Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Notes by the Town and may not be reproduced or used in whole or part for any other purpose.

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**

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**BY: SAMANTHA NESTOR**  
*First Selectwoman*

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**BY: RICHARD DARLING**  
*Treasurer*

**Dated: July 10, 2024**

**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**

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**Appendix A - Financial Statements** - is taken from the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Weston for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 as presented by the Auditors and does not include all of the schedules made in such report. A copy of the complete report is available upon request to the Director of Finance, Town of Weston, Connecticut.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Finance  
Town of Weston, Connecticut

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Weston, 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 Weston, 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Weston, 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 Weston, 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 Weston, 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 Weston, 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 Weston, 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, budgetary comparison information, and the pension and OPEB schedules 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 Weston, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements and schedules 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 fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Weston, 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 Weston, 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 Weston, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

West Hartford, Connecticut  
December 22, 2023

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

As management of the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the Town), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's basic financial statements that follow this section. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, education, and culture and recreation activities. The Town maintains three business-type activities – the Ravenwood area water supply system, self-funded recreation programs and the recycling and transfer station operation. Additionally, the Town maintains an internal service fund to account for financial transactions related to health insurance.

The Town does not have any component units which would be other governmental units over which the Town can exercise influence through its legislative body and/or may be obligated to provide financial subsidy.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 14-15 of this report.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Weston, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

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

**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. For example, amounts reported on the balance sheet include items such as cash and receivables collectible within a very short period of time, but do not include capital assets such as land and buildings. Fund liabilities include amounts that are to be paid within a very short period of time after the end of the fiscal year. The difference between a fund's total assets and total liabilities is labeled as the fund balance. Likewise, the operating statement for governmental funds reports only those revenues and expenditures that were collected or paid with cash during the current period, or, shortly after the end of the year.

The governmental funds include the general fund, as well as other governmental funds which consists of 16 special revenue funds, the capital nonrecurring reserve fund, the capital improvement fund, the police special vehicle fund and one permanent fund. For the most part, the balances and activities accounted for in the governmental funds are also reported in the governmental activities columns of the government-wide financial statements. However, different accounting bases are used to prepare fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements. For this reason, there is an analysis which is reflected on page 16 that reconciles the total fund balance to the amount of net position. On page 18 there is a reconciliation of the total change in fund balances for all governmental funds to the change in net position as reported in the governmental activities column in the statement of activities. The flow of current financial resources will reflect bond proceeds and interfund transfers as other financing sources while also reflecting capital expenditures and bond principal payments as expenditures. The reconciliation will eliminate those transactions and incorporate the capital assets and long-term obligations (bonds, etc.) into the governmental activities column.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 16-19 of this report.

**Proprietary funds.** The Town maintains four (4) proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Ravenwood area water supply system, self-funded recreation programs, and the recycling/transfer station as business-type activities. Also included under proprietary funds is the internal services fund.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 20-22 of this report.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town of Weston's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 23-24 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 25-69 of this report.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Town's progress in funding its obligation to provide other postemployment benefits to its employees, general fund budgetary information and information regarding participation in cost sharing pension plans.

**Financial Highlights – Primary Government**

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Weston exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by approximately \$69.8 million (net position). Of this amount, approximately \$9.3 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The Town's total net position decreased by \$500 thousand from operations.

As of the close of the fiscal year, the Town of Weston's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$27.4 million, an increase of approximately \$2.1 mill. The general fund reflects a total fund balance of approximately \$22.6 million, or an increase of approximately \$1.8 million from the prior year. Management has committed to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance the goal of achieving a minimum unassigned fund balance in a range that is sufficient to maintain a triple A bond rating. As of the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was approximately \$16.8 million, or approximately 21.2% of general fund expenditures and other financing uses of funds.

Total debt for the Town decreased by approximately \$5.4 million as prior outstanding debt was amortized, and the Town did not issue any new bonds.

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

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the Town of Weston, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by approximately \$69.8 million at the close of the fiscal year. The Town's overall financial position is summarized as follows:

**Town of Weston, Connecticut  
Summary Statement of Net Position (000's)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Assets:</b>						
Current Assets	\$ 38,171	\$ 34,321	\$ 170	\$ 139	\$ 38,341	\$ 34,459
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	63,450	69,555	152	160	63,601	69,714
Other Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>101,621</u>	<u>103,875</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>101,943</u>	<u>104,174</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	11,095	8,741	-	-	11,095	8,741
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Current Liabilities	10,346	11,751	(329)	(300)	10,016	11,451
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	<u>26,143</u>	<u>18,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,143</u>	<u>18,040</u>
Total Liabilities	36,488	29,791	(329)	(300)	36,159	29,491
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>7,079</u>	<u>13,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,079</u>	<u>13,112</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>						
Invested in Capital Assets	58,401	59,033	152	160	58,552	59,193
Restricted	1,928	1,820	-	-	1,928	1,820
Unrestricted	<u>8,821</u>	<u>8,860</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>9,320</u>	<u>9,298</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 69,149</u>	<u>\$ 69,714</u>	<u>\$ 651</u>	<u>\$ 598</u>	<u>\$ 69,801</u>	<u>\$ 70,312</u>

For more detailed information, see the Statement of Net Position (page 14).

The largest portion of the Town's net position in the governmental activities represents its net investment in capital assets (84.5%), with the remainder classified as restricted (2.8%) and unrestricted (12.7%). Capital assets for the Town decreased by \$6.1 million from the prior year as annual depreciation expense exceeded new capital outlay during the year. Although the Town investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Unrestricted net position may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all categories of net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental activities.

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

**Town of Weston, Connecticut  
Summary Statement of Activities (000's)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 2,860	\$ 3,736	\$ 897	\$ 703	\$ 3,757	\$ 4,439
Operating Grants and Contributions	14,528	8,928	-	-	14,528	8,928
Capital Grants and Contributions	2,149	935	-	-	2,149	935
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	76,432	74,583	-	-	76,432	74,583
Grants Not Restricted to Specific Programs	587	224	-	-	587	224
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	937	(609)	-	-	937	(609)
Miscellaneous	107	163	-	-	107	163
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>97,599</b>	<b>87,960</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>98,496</b>	<b>88,663</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
General Government	9,139	5,817	-	-	9,139	5,817
Public Safety	5,222	4,097	-	-	5,222	4,097
Public Works	4,970	4,093	-	-	4,970	4,093
Health and Welfare	593	594	-	-	593	594
Culture and Recreation	1,705	1,446	-	-	1,705	1,446
Education	76,257	67,751	-	-	76,257	67,751
Interest and Fiscal Charges	197	125	-	-	197	125
Water Supply System	-	-	80	11	80	11
Self-Funded Recreation Programs	-	-	530	338	530	338
Recycling and Transfer Station	-	-	316	285	316	285
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>98,082</b>	<b>83,923</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>99,007</b>	<b>84,556</b>
Change in Net Position Before Transfers	(482)	4,037	(29)	70	(511)	4,107
Capital Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(82)	(28)	82	28	-	-
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(564)</b>	<b>4,009</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>(511)</b>	<b>4,107</b>
Net Position - Beginning of Year	69,714	65,705	598	500	70,312	66,205
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 69,149</b>	<b>\$ 69,714</b>	<b>\$ 651</b>	<b>\$ 598</b>	<b>\$ 69,801</b>	<b>\$ 70,312</b>

**Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities reflect a decrease in the Town's net position by approximately \$564 thousand.

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JUNE 30, 2023**

Major revenue factors impacting the change in net position include the following:

- Operating grants and contributions increased by \$5.6 million mainly due to the state pension expense and revenue made on behalf of the State for the Connecticut Teachers Retirement Plan, and an increase in intergovernmental revenue to the Board of Education.
- Charges for Services decreased by \$843 thousand due to one-time proceeds of a land sale in the prior fiscal year.
- Capital Grants and contributions increased by \$1.2 million due to the receipt of additional grants for certain capital projects.
- Investment Income increased by \$1.5 million due to a steep increase in short term yields as well as FY 2022 had experienced Unrealized Losses in the town's fixed income portfolios.

Major expense factors include:

- For Governmental Activities, approximately \$76.3 million of the Town's expenses relate to education, \$5.2 million relates to public safety, \$9.1 million for general government, \$5.0 million for public works, \$197 thousand for interest on long-term debt, \$593 thousand.

**Business-Type Activities** - The Town's three business-type activities accounted for an increase of approximately \$53 thousand in net position primarily due to transfers in from the General Fund exceeding operating deficits. Operating revenues fell short of expenses for these funds by approximately \$29 thousand. The general fund transfers enhanced the net position of these funds by approximately \$82 thousand. Historically, the Town has covered such budgeted operating deficits in the Water Supply System and Transfer Station operations through transfers that are included in the Town's annual operating budget.

### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$27.4 million. Approximately 61.1% of this total amount (\$16.8 million) constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder of fund balance is categorized among the remaining four classifications of fund balance depending on the level of commitment on these funds.

**General Fund.** At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was approximately \$16.8 million, while total general fund balance totaled approximately \$22.6 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents approximately 21.2% of total general fund expenditures and uses of funds, while total fund balance represents approximately 28.6% of that same amount.

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

The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased by approximately \$1.8 million during the current fiscal year, primarily influenced by revenues exceeding expenditures and Other Financing Uses by \$1.3 million, with the rest attributable to changes in other classifications of fund balance.

Major expenditure factors include:

- Debt payments decreased by \$213 thousand as a result of scheduled debt amortization.
- General Government expenses increased by \$377 thousand due to increases in health insurance and pension obligations.
- Public Safety expenses increased by \$250 thousand due to increases in salaries, contractual services and design costs related to pending capital improvements.
- Education expenses increased by \$2.5 million primarily due to modest increases in their approved budget over the prior year and on behalf TRB payments.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget was only about \$3,000 as the Town approved supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$103 thousand, and was more than offset by favorable budgetary operations over the course of the year.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental funds as of June 30, 2022, amounts to approximately \$63.5 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and related systems, improvements, roads, highways, bridges, machinery, furniture, vehicles and equipment, as well as construction in progress.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- \$172 thousand was spent toward duct and vent cleaning at the four schools.
- The Town spent \$422 thousand toward engineering and construction for bridge projects, chiefly Cavalry Road bridge and Davis Hill/River Road.
- \$625 thousand was spent toward milling and paving various town roads.
- \$215 thousand was spent toward a Community Connectivity project which involved the construction of pedestrian sidewalks in and around Town Center.
- \$104 thousand was spent toward completion of a window replacement project at the Intermediate School

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

**Town of Weston, Connecticut  
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	\$ 7,937	\$ 10,149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,937	\$ 10,149
Land Improvements	1,506	1,825	-	-	1,506	1,825
Infrastructure	11,231	9,047	-	-	11,231	9,047
Buildings and Improvements	38,003	41,736	68	129	38,071	41,865
Machinery and Equipment	4,430	4,870	84	31	4,514	4,901
Construction in Progress	343	1,927	-	-	343	1,927
Total	<u>\$ 63,450</u>	<u>\$ 69,555</u>	<u>\$ 152</u>	<u>\$ 160</u>	<u>\$ 63,601</u>	<u>\$ 69,714</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 3C of this report.

**Debt Obligations.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had total long-term debt obligations outstanding of approximately \$29.6 million. Of this amount, approximately \$4.3 million comprises long-term debt backed by the full faith and credit of the Town. The balance of the debt is comprised mostly of pension liability and compensated absences. The Town has not issued any debt secured solely by specified revenue sources (i.e., revenue bonds). The following summarizes the changes in the Town's general obligation bonds:

**Town of Weston, Connecticut  
Changes in Town Debt**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 4,330</u>	<u>\$ 9,590</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,330</u>	<u>\$ 9,590</u>

The Town's total debt decreased by approximately \$5.3 million during the current fiscal year due to the amortization of prior bonds.

The Town maintains an "AAA" rating from Moody's Investors Service.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to seven times its annual tax collections. The current debt limitation for the Town is approximately \$524 million, which is significantly in excess of the Town's outstanding general obligation debt of approximately \$4.3 million.

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 3F of this report.

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

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The unemployment rate for the Town as of June 30, 2023, was 4.6%, which compared to the State's average unemployment rate of 4.0% and the Bridgeport/Stamford Labor Market of 4.2% as of the same date.

The Town's fiscal year 2022-23 budget resulted in a small increase in the mill rate of 0.15% as approved by the Board of Finance. The Fiscal year 2023-24 budget for the Town resulted in another slight increase of 0.27% in the mill rate as the Town continued to experience modest grand list growth which helps offset budget increases.

Inflationary trends in the region are similar to national indices.

The Town receives relatively little State aid in comparison to other Connecticut municipalities. As a result, the Town is considerably insulated from the impact of State revenue shortfalls and corresponding cuts in State grants to municipalities.

Conservative fiscal policies, particularly in budgeting for revenue and addressing long-term liabilities, have significantly aided in the Town maintaining an unassigned general fund balance consistently in excess of 15% of the total Town budget, and well above the median fund balance of all other AAA-rated Connecticut municipalities.

Primarily a residential community, wealth and income indicators for the Town are among the strongest in the state. Median family income and per capita income for the Town are approximately twice that of the same categories for Fairfield County as a whole based on 2020 U.S. Census figures.

The Town utilizes a financial forecasting model to project the tax consequences associated with funding annual budget projections as well as the financing of large capital expenditures (school construction) over a ten-year period. The model enables Town administration, Boards, and the general public to be aware of these consequences by utilizing various assumptions and projections related to bonded debt issuance, annual growth in operating revenues and expenditures, capital nonrecurring plans, tax collection rates and grand list growth.

Similar to regional and national conditions, the Town's overall economic indicators remain mixed as unemployment rates are higher than historic levels, but slightly better than the immediate region as a whole. Grand list growth remains limited irrespective of the recent revaluation. The Town will continue to monitor such activity in planning future budgets.

Most of these factors were considered in preparing the Town of Weston's annual budget.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Department, 56 Norfield Road, Weston, CT 06883.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 21,290,585	\$ 121,970	\$ 21,412,555
Investments	13,134,577	-	13,134,577
Due from Fiduciary Funds	177,670	-	177,670
Receivables, Net:			
Property Taxes, Current	978,798	-	978,798
Leases	1,448,368	-	1,448,368
Other	687,016	48,115	735,131
Supplies and Prepays	454,390	-	454,390
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	8,279,791	-	8,279,791
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	55,169,884	151,645	55,321,529
Total Assets	<u>101,621,079</u>	<u>321,730</u>	<u>101,942,809</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	8,573,437	-	8,573,437
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	2,521,852	-	2,521,852
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>11,095,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,095,289</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Items	3,368,494	-	3,368,494
Accrued Interest Payable	75,147	-	75,147
Internal Balances	521,832	(521,832)	-
Due to Fiduciary Funds	95,135	-	95,135
Unearned Revenue	2,790,324	192,364	2,982,688
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	3,494,663	-	3,494,663
Due in More than One Year	26,142,692	-	26,142,692
Total Liabilities	<u>36,488,287</u>	<u>(329,468)</u>	<u>36,158,819</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Advance Property Tax Collections	77,711	-	77,711
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	1,660,166	-	1,660,166
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	2,461,889	-	2,461,889
Deferred Inflow on Refunding	608,088	-	608,088
Deferred Inflows Related to Leases	2,271,237	-	2,271,237
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,079,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,079,091</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	58,400,774	151,645	58,552,419
Restricted for the Following Purposes:			
Educational Grants	664,503	-	664,503
Donations	1,160,235	-	1,160,235
Trust Purposes:			
Education - Nonexpendable	100,000	-	100,000
Education - Expendable	2,678	-	2,678
Unrestricted	8,820,800	499,553	9,320,353
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 69,148,990</u>	<u>\$ 651,198</u>	<u>\$ 69,800,188</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

Function/Program Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 9,138,798	\$ 1,400,397	\$ 13,972	\$ -	\$ (7,724,429)	\$ -	\$ (7,724,429)
Public Safety	5,222,106	150,888	1,245	-	(5,069,973)	-	(5,069,973)
Public Works	4,969,621	-	2,510	2,149,020	(2,818,091)	-	(2,818,091)
Health and Welfare	592,773	-	331,529	-	(261,244)	-	(261,244)
Culture and Recreation	1,705,724	7,675	44,570	-	(1,653,479)	-	(1,653,479)
Education	76,257,162	1,088,255	14,134,062	-	(61,034,845)	-	(61,034,845)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	196,520	212,518	-	-	15,998	-	15,998
Total Governmental Activities	98,082,704	2,859,733	14,527,888	2,149,020	(78,546,063)	-	(78,546,063)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water Supply System	79,727	24,615	-	-	-	(55,112)	(55,112)
Self-Funded Recreation Programs	529,737	633,781	-	-	-	104,044	104,044
Recycling and Transfer Station	316,030	238,477	-	-	-	(77,553)	(77,553)
Total Business-Type Activities	925,494	896,873	-	-	-	(28,621)	(28,621)
Total	<u>\$ 99,008,198</u>	<u>\$ 3,756,606</u>	<u>\$ 14,527,888</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,020</u>	(78,546,063)	(28,621)	(78,574,684)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>							
Property Taxes					76,432,134	-	76,432,134
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs					586,542	-	586,542
Unrestricted Investment Gains					937,313	-	937,313
Miscellaneous					106,576	-	106,576
Transfers					(81,737)	81,737	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers					<u>77,980,828</u>	<u>81,737</u>	<u>78,062,565</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>							
					(565,235)	53,116	(512,119)
Net Position - Beginning of Year					<u>69,714,225</u>	<u>598,082</u>	<u>70,312,307</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>							
					<u>\$ 69,148,990</u>	<u>\$ 651,198</u>	<u>\$ 69,800,188</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	General	ARPA Fund	Communications Tower Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19,091,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,199,366	\$ 21,290,585
Investments	13,134,577	-	-	-	13,134,577
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Collection Losses:					
Property Taxes Receivable, Net	978,798	-	-	-	978,798
Intergovernmental and Other	687,016	-	-	-	687,016
Leases	-	-	1,448,368	-	1,448,368
Supplies and Prepaids	430,252	-	-	24,138	454,390
Due from Other Funds	257,727	1,556,602	246,599	4,215,361	6,276,289
	<u>34,579,589</u>	<u>1,556,602</u>	<u>1,694,967</u>	<u>6,438,865</u>	<u>44,270,023</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 34,579,589</u>	<u>\$ 1,556,602</u>	<u>\$ 1,694,967</u>	<u>\$ 6,438,865</u>	<u>\$ 44,270,023</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable and Accrued Items	\$ 3,317,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,109	\$ 3,368,494
Due to Other Funds	7,102,531	-	-	31,591	7,134,122
Unearned Revenue	250,707	1,556,602	-	983,015	2,790,324
Total Liabilities	<u>10,670,623</u>	<u>1,556,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,065,715</u>	<u>13,292,940</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	1,181,771	-	-	-	1,181,771
Advance Property Tax Collections	77,711	-	-	-	77,711
Leases	-	-	1,355,215	916,022	2,271,237
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,259,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,355,215</u>	<u>916,022</u>	<u>3,530,719</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	430,252	-	-	124,138	554,390
Restricted	-	-	-	1,827,416	1,827,416
Committed	4,639,657	-	339,752	2,515,691	7,495,100
Assigned	801,284	-	-	-	801,284
Unassigned	16,778,291	-	-	(10,117)	16,768,174
Total Fund Balances	<u>22,649,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>339,752</u>	<u>4,457,128</u>	<u>27,446,364</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 34,579,589</u>	<u>\$ 1,556,602</u>	<u>\$ 1,694,967</u>	<u>\$ 6,438,865</u>	<u>\$ 44,270,023</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

**RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit III) \$ 27,446,364

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	175,604,788
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(112,155,113)</u>
Net Capital Assets	63,449,675

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

Property Tax Receivables Greater than 30 Days	909,695
Interest Receivable on Property Taxes	272,076
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	8,573,437
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	2,521,852

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.

418,536

Long-term liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Bonds Payable	(4,330,000)
Bonds Premium	(110,813)
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	(2,461,889)
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	(1,660,166)
Deferred Inflows Related to Refunding	(608,088)
Interest Payable on Bonds	(75,147)
Compensated Absences	(1,620,917)
Net OPEB Liability	(200,728)
Net Pension Liability	<u>(23,374,897)</u>

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

\$ 69,148,990

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

	General	ARPA Fund	Communications Tower Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property Taxes, Interest, and Lien Fees	\$ 76,325,846	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,325,846
Intergovernmental Revenues	9,858,647	1,377,483	-	1,672,877	12,909,007
Investment Earnings	933,395	-	-	3,918	937,313
Charges for Services	1,347,251	-	268,724	1,559,213	3,175,188
Other Revenues	59,734	-	-	1,665,977	1,725,711
Total Revenues	<u>88,524,873</u>	<u>1,377,483</u>	<u>268,724</u>	<u>4,901,985</u>	<u>95,073,065</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General Government	7,160,385	-	96,876	388,284	7,645,545
Public Safety	3,529,239	-	-	53,960	3,583,199
Public Works	2,222,188	1,377,483	-	-	3,599,671
Health and Welfare	584,957	-	-	-	584,957
Culture and Recreation	1,283,212	-	-	-	1,283,212
Education	64,068,126	-	-	3,860,107	67,928,233
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	5,260,000	-	-	-	5,260,000
Interest and Other Charges	271,395	-	-	-	271,395
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	2,751,842	2,751,842
Total Expenditures	<u>84,379,502</u>	<u>1,377,483</u>	<u>96,876</u>	<u>7,054,193</u>	<u>92,908,054</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	4,145,371	-	171,848	(2,152,208)	2,165,011
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers In	262,500	-	-	2,520,233	2,782,733
Transfers Out	(2,649,470)	-	(190,000)	(25,000)	(2,864,470)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(2,386,970)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(190,000)</u>	<u>2,495,233</u>	<u>(81,737)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	1,758,401	-	(18,152)	343,025	2,083,274
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>20,891,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>357,904</u>	<u>4,114,103</u>	<u>25,363,090</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 22,649,484</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 339,752</u>	<u>\$ 4,457,128</u>	<u>\$ 27,446,364</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF WESTON, 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 - total governmental funds (Exhibit IV) \$ 2,083,274

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

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

Capital Outlay	1,328,232
Depreciation Expense	(5,220,913)
Loss on Disposition of Capital Assets	(2,212,182)

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

Property Taxes Collected after 60 Days	119,276
Interest Receivable on Property Taxes	(12,988)

Change in Deferred Outflows Related to Pension and OPEB 2,386,408

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, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:

Principal Payments on Bonds Payable	5,260,000
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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 governmental funds:

Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(32,392)
Amortization of Premium	92,887
Accrued Interest	74,875
Amortization of Deferred Inflow on Refunding	152,023
Change in Net OPEB Obligation	183,472
Change in Long-Term Compensated Absences	87,055
Change in Deferred Inflows Related to Pension and OPEB	6,464,449
Change in Net Pension Liability	(11,318,711)

The net expense of the internal service funds is reported with governmental activities. -

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit II) \$ (565,235)

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

	Business-Type Activities Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 121,970	\$ -
Accounts Receivable, Net	48,115	-
Due from Other Funds	570,298	418,536
Total Current Assets	740,383	418,536
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	151,645	-
Total Assets	892,028	418,536
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Due to Other Funds	48,466	-
Unearned Revenue	192,364	-
Total Current Liabilities	240,830	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets	151,645	-
Unrestricted	499,553	418,536
Total Net Position	\$ 651,198	\$ 418,536

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities
	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Charges for Services	\$ 896,873	\$ 379,636
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries, Wages, and Employee Benefits	304,266	-
Medical Claims	-	379,636
Depreciation Expense	8,286	-
Other Expenses	612,942	-
Total Operating Expenses	925,494	379,636
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(28,621)	-
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	(28,621)	-
<b>TRANSFERS</b>		
Transfers In	129,237	-
Transfers Out	(47,500)	-
Total Capital Contributions and Transfers	81,737	-
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	53,116	-
Net Position - Beginning of Year	598,082	418,536
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 651,198	\$ 418,536

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities
	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 903,053	\$ 394,250
Payments to Suppliers	(612,942)	-
Payments to Employees	(347,646)	(394,250)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(57,535)	-
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Transfers In from Other Funds	129,237	-
Transfers Out to Other Funds	(47,500)	-
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	81,737	-
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	24,202	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	97,768	-
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 121,970	\$ -
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (28,621)	\$ -
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	8,286	-
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(7,379)	-
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Other Funds	(67,995)	14,614
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	24,615	-
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	13,559	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Items	-	(14,614)
Total Adjustments	(28,914)	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (57,535)	\$ -

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund	Greyledge Private Purpose Trust Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 35,012	\$ -
Investments, at Fair Value:		
Mutual Funds	11,202,893	-
Due from Other Funds	-	95,135
Total Assets	<u>11,237,905</u>	<u>95,135</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to Other Funds	<u>177,670</u>	-
Total Liabilities	<u>177,670</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Restricted for OPEB	11,060,235	-
Restricted for Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>95,135</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 11,060,235</u>	<u>\$ 95,135</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund	Greyledge Private Purpose Trust Fund
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 208,459	\$ -
TRB Subsidy	48,392	-
Total Contributions	<u>256,851</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment Earnings:		
Dividend and Interest	852,337	-
Other Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>19,719</u>
Total Additions	1,109,188	19,719
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>		
Health Claims and Premiums	643,851	-
Other Deductions	<u>5,070</u>	<u>21,931</u>
Total Deductions	<u>648,921</u>	<u>21,931</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	460,267	(2,212)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>10,599,968</u>	<u>97,347</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,060,235</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 95,135</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Town of Weston, 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 Town of Weston, Connecticut was incorporated in 1787. It operates under the provisions of its charter and the general statutes of the state of Connecticut. The Town operates under a Board of Selectman and Board of Finance form of government and provides a full range of services including public safety (police and fire), roads, sanitation, health, social services, culture and recreation, education, planning, zoning, and general administrative services to its residents. The financial statements include all of the funds of the Town that meet the criteria for inclusion as set forth in Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 61 issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

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 one post-retirement health care benefits (OPEB) plan 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 OPEB plans and is required to make contributions to the OPEB plan.

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

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with GAAP as applied to government units. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

**C. 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's primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, including fiduciary component units, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The Town's major individual governmental fund is reported as a separate column in the fund financial statements.

**D. 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.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

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 current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Property taxes, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. In determining when to recognize intergovernmental revenues (grants and entitlements), the legal and contractual requirements of the individual programs are used as guidance. Revenues are recognized when the eligibility requirements have been met. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Town.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund**

The General Fund is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**ARPA Fund**

The ARPA Fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures related to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Communications Tower Fund**

The Communications Tower Fund is used to account for lease revenue received for cell towers located on Town property, as well as expenses related to operating and maintaining the towers.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

**Enterprise Funds**

The Enterprise Funds are used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Town's water supply system, park and recreation programs and the recycling and transfer station.

**Internal Service Fund**

The Internal Service Fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis. The self-insurance fund is the Town's only internal service fund and is used to account for the dental benefits provided to employees of the Board of Education.

**OPEB Trust Fund**

The Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund is used to account for the resources for retirees' health benefits.

**Private-Purpose Trust Fund**

The Private-Purpose Trust Fund is used to account for the resources legally held in trust for the benefit of individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the enterprise funds and various other functions of the government. 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 all taxes.

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

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. Unrestricted resources are used in the following order: committed, assigned then unassigned.

**E. Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, all savings, checking, money market accounts and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of less than 90 days are considered to be cash equivalents.

**F. Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value with the exception of certificates of deposit valued at amortized cost.

**G. Inventories and Prepaid Items**

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of donated commodities are stated at fair market value. 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 the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**H. Receivables and Payables**

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." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts represents those accounts which are deemed uncollectible based upon analysis of creditor's ability to pay.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**I. Leases**

Lessor

The Town is a lessor for noncancellable leases of a building and cell towers. The Town recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the applicable governmental activities in the government-wide and in the governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Town initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the Town determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The Town uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease.
- Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The Town monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

**J. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, and infrastructure assets 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 of more than a year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost 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 lives are not capitalized.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**J. Capital Assets (Continued)**

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Land	-
Construction in Progress	-
Buildings and Improvements	25 to 50 Years
Land Improvements	20 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5 to 15 Years
Vehicles	10 Years
Infrastructure	20 to 65 Years

**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. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Town reports a deferred charge on refunding and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on 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 projected and actual OPEB investment earnings, differences between pension and OPEB expected and actual experience, change in proportionate share of the pension liability, as well as pension contributions after the measurement date and changes in pension and OPEB assumptions. 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) or in the case of the difference in projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments, in a systematic and rational method over a closed five-year period.

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town reports advance property tax collections, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, deferred inflow on refundings in the government-wide statement of net position and deferred inflows related to leases in the applicable governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position and in the governmental fund financial statements. A deferred inflow of resources related to pension and OPEB results from differences between projected and actual pension investment earnings, difference between pension and OPEB expected and actual experience, and changes in the Town's proportionate share of the total pension liability. 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) or in the case of the difference in projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments, in a systematic and rational method over a closed five-year period. A deferred inflow on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. For governmental funds, the Town reports advance collections which represent taxes and fees inherently associated with a future period. This amount is recognized during the period in which the revenue is associated. Also, for governmental funds, the Town reports unavailable revenue, which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) in the period in which the amounts become available. The deferred inflow of resources related to leases is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

**L. Compensated Absences**

Based on union or employment contracts, certain employees may accumulate a certain amount of unused sick and vacation leave until retirement, termination, or death, at which time the accumulated amounts become vested, and the employee is paid a percentage of the accumulated leave. The amount recorded as a liability is based upon current salary levels. Vacation time earned during the fiscal year may, in some situations, be carried over to the next fiscal year. All vacation and sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**M. 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.

**N. Net Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) (Asset) 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 (asset) 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. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type 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 the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenses.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, 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. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenses.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**P. Equity**

Equity in the government-wide financial statements is defined as “net position” and is classified in the following categories:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows (inflows) of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position.

*Restricted* – Restrictions are externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The primary government currently has no assets under restriction.

*Unrestricted* – This component of net position consists of amounts that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

The equity of the fund financial statements is defined as “fund balance” and is classified in the following categories:

*Nonspendable Fund Balance* – This represents amounts that cannot be spent due to form (e.g., inventories and prepaid amounts).

*Restricted Fund Balance* – This represents amounts constrained for a specific purpose by external parties, such as grantors, creditors, contributors or laws and regulations of their governments.

*Committed Fund Balance* – This represents amounts constrained for a specific purpose by a government using its highest level of decision-making authority (Town of Weston Board of Finance). Amounts remain committed until action is taken by the Board of Finance (resolution) to remove or revise the limitations.

*Assigned Fund Balance* – This includes amounts constrained for the intent to be used for a specific purpose by a Board of Finance that has been delegated authority to assign amounts by the Town Charter.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – This represents fund balance in the General Fund in excess of nonspendable, restricted, committed and assigned fund balance. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, it is reported as a negative amount in unassigned fund balance.

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

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Q. Property Taxes**

Property taxes are assessed as of October 1, levied on the following July 1, and billed and due in two installments, July 1 and January 1. Taxes less than \$100 are due in full on July 1. Motor vehicle taxes are due in one installment on July 1. Taxes become delinquent 30 days after the installment is due. Interest at the rate of 1.5% per month accrues on all overdue taxes. Assessments for real and personal property, excluding motor vehicles, are computed at 70% of appraised market value. A lien is placed on the property if real estate taxes are unpaid as of June 30 following the payable date.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means due or past due and receivable within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town defines the current period to mean within 30 days after year-end. Property taxes receivable not expected to be collected during the available period are reflected in unavailable revenue in the fund financial statements. The entire receivable is recorded as revenue in the government-wide financial statements. Property taxes collected prior to June 30 that are applicable to the subsequent years' assessment are reflected as advance tax collections in both the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements.

**R. Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

GASB Statement No. 96

In May 2020, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement. This standard defines a subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA); establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset) and a corresponding subscription liability; provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA.

The Town adopted the requirements of the guidance effective July 1, 2022, and has applied the provisions of this standard to the beginning of the period of adoption.

**S. 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 disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**TOWN OF WESTON, 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 budgetary data included in the General Fund financial statements only. The Board of Finance submits a proposed General Fund operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, to the annual Town budget meeting, at which taxpayer comments are obtained. The General Fund operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

- Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted.
- Additional appropriations for \$5,000 or less must be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

All transfers within or between departments and additional appropriations of over \$5,000 must be made by the Board of Selectmen with the approval of the Board of Finance.

- Additional appropriations by the Board of Selectmen cannot exceed \$50,000.
- Supplemental appropriations beyond those approved under additional appropriations, shall not exceed 2% of the current tax levy.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is at the department level.
- Budgeted amounts shown are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance during the course of the year.
- There were \$4,603,526 of supplemental or additional appropriations approved during the year by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meeting of which \$4,500,000 was assigned for the subsequent year and the overall budget was then offset by other budget savings of \$144,476.

The Town's budgeting system requires accounting for certain transactions to be on a basis other than GAAP. The major difference between the budgetary and GAAP basis is that encumbrances are recognized as a charge against a budget appropriation in the year in which the purchase order is issued and, accordingly, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are recorded in budgetary reports as expenditures of the current year, whereas, on a GAAP basis, encumbrances are recorded as either restricted, committed or assigned fund balance depending on the level of restriction. In addition, state of Connecticut on-behalf contributions are shown as revenues and expenses along with other revenue netted against a budgeted line item.

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

**NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)**

**B. Deficit Fund Equity**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the following funds had deficit balances:

Gifts and Grants	\$	522
FEMA Storm Activity		9,595

These amounts will be funded through contributions and future revenues.

**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

**A. 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 the Statutes, 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.”

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). These investment pools are under the control of the State Treasurer, with oversight provided by the Treasurer’s Cash Management Advisory Board, and are 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.

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

**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)**

Deposits

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, \$7,278,457 of the Town's bank balance of \$6,224,872 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and Uncollateralized	\$ 1,737,259
Uninsured and Collateral Held by the Pledging Bank's Trust Department, Not in the Town's Name	<u>346,222</u>
Total Amount Subject to Custodial Risk	<u><u>\$ 2,083,481</u></u>

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 \$16,650,797. The following table provides summary of the Town's cash equivalents (excluding U.S. government guaranteed obligations) as rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

	Standard & Poor's
State of Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF)	AAAm
American Deposit Management	BBB
Multi-Bank Securities, Inc	BB+
UBS Financial	A+
Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC	A+
LLP Financial	*
Principal	*
Stone Castle - Federally Insured Cash Account	AAAm

Investments

As of June 30, 2023, the Town had the following investments:

	Fair Value	Maturity in Years		
		Less Than 1	1 - 10	More Than 10
Interest-Bearing Investments:				
Certificates of Deposit *	\$ 2,404,863	\$ 490,042	\$ -	\$ 1,914,821
U.S. Government Securities	3,584,550	55,879	10,663	3,518,008
U.S. Government Agencies	4,892,234	1,748,235	1,354,005	1,789,994
Municipal Bonds	<u>7,349,989</u>	<u>5,535,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,814,687</u>
Total	18,231,636	<u>\$ 7,829,458</u>	<u>\$ 1,364,668</u>	<u>\$ 9,037,510</u>
Other Investments:				
Mutual Funds Equity	<u>6,105,834</u>			
Total Investments	<u><u>\$ 24,337,470</u></u>			

\* Subject to coverage by Federal Depository Insurance and Collateralization.

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)**

Investments (Continued)

Average Rating	U.S. Government Securities	U.S. Government Agencies	Corporate Bonds	Certificates of Deposit	Mutual Funds - Corporate Bonds
Aaa	\$ -	\$ 2,123,448	\$ 114,741	\$ -	\$ -
Aa1	-	568,017	488,779	-	-
Aa2	-	-	313,692	-	-
Aa3	-	733,944	817,474	-	-
A2	-	-	80,002	-	-
C	-	-	1,678,536	-	-
Unrated	3,584,550	1,466,825	3,856,765	2,404,863	-
	<u>\$ 3,584,550</u>	<u>\$ 4,892,234</u>	<u>\$ 7,349,989</u>	<u>\$ 2,404,863</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Investment Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value if its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Credit Risk

The Town has an investment policy that would limit its investment choices due to credit risk other than state statutes governing investments in obligations of any state or political subdivision or in obligations of the state of Connecticut or political subdivision.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places limits on the amount invested in any one issuer. No more than 5% of the Town's investments were invested in any one issuer in which credit risk was applicable.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town does have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Town's formal investment policy includes asset allocation percentage ranges to assist in limiting interest rate risk.

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)**

Fair Value Measurements

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:				
U.S. Government Securities	\$ 3,584,550	\$ 3,584,550	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government Agencies	4,892,234	3,556,187	1,336,047	-
Corporate Bonds	7,349,989	5,535,302	1,814,687	-
Mutual Funds	6,105,834	6,105,834	-	-
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	21,932,607	<u>\$ 18,781,873</u>	<u>\$ 3,150,734</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Certificate of Deposit	<u>2,404,863</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 24,337,470</u>			

**B. Receivables**

Receivables by type at year-end for the Town's government-wide financial statements, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Property Taxes	Interest and Lien Fees	Due From State	Leases	Other Receivables	Total
Receivables:						
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,112,309	\$ 272,076	\$ 239,717	\$ 1,448,368	\$ 223,338	\$ 3,295,808
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(133,511)	-	-	-	-	(133,511)
Total Receivables, Net	<u>\$ 978,798</u>	<u>\$ 272,076</u>	<u>\$ 239,717</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,368</u>	<u>\$ 223,338</u>	<u>\$ 3,162,297</u>

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**C. Capital Assets**

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

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,148,899	\$ -	\$ 2,212,182	\$ 7,936,717
Construction in Progress	1,927,451	154,302	1,738,679	343,074
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	12,076,350	154,302	3,950,861	8,279,791
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	122,508,117	211,346	-	122,719,463
Land Improvements	6,289,166	-	-	6,289,166
Machinery and Equipment	16,566,018	133,012	25,000	16,674,030
Infrastructure	19,074,087	2,568,251	-	21,642,338
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	164,437,388	2,912,609	25,000	167,324,997
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	80,771,948	3,944,547	-	84,716,495
Land Improvements	4,463,670	319,129	-	4,782,799
Machinery and Equipment	11,696,034	573,057	25,000	12,244,091
Infrastructure	10,027,548	384,180	-	10,411,728
Total Accumulated Depreciation	106,959,200	5,220,913	25,000	112,155,113
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	57,478,188	(2,308,304)	-	55,169,884
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 69,554,538</u>	<u>\$ (2,154,002)</u>	<u>\$ 3,950,861</u>	<u>\$ 63,449,675</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 250,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,500
Machinery and Equipment	258,587	-	-	258,587
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	509,087	-	-	509,087
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	178,829	3,962	-	182,791
Machinery and Equipment	170,327	4,324	-	174,651
Total Accumulated Depreciation	349,156	8,286	-	357,442
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 159,931</u>	<u>\$ (8,286)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 151,645</u>

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**C. Capital Assets (Continued)**

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the government as follows:

Governmental Activities:		
General Government	\$	103,720
Public Safety		252,440
Public Works		410,710
Health and Sanitation		7,816
Culture and Recreation		397,512
Education		4,048,715
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,220,913</u>
Business-Type Activities:		
Water Supply System	\$	3,428
Self-Funded Recreation Programs		295
Recycling and Transfer Station		4,563
Total Depreciation Expense - Business-Type Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,286</u>

Construction Commitments

The government has no active construction projects as of June 30, 2023.

**D. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

Interfund loans were generally due to temporary cash flow needs to be paid by future grant receipts and contributions or bond proceeds. The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ 4,215,361
Internal Service Fund	General Fund	418,536
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	General Fund	570,298
Fiduciary Funds	General Fund	95,135
ARPA Fund	General Fund	1,556,602
Communications Tower Fund	General Fund	246,599
General Fund	Fiduciary Funds	177,670
General Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	48,466
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	31,591
Total		<u>\$ 7,360,258</u>

All balances are expected to be repaid within a year.

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**D. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers (Continued)**

Interfund transfers are generally used to supplement revenues of other funds. The transfers that occurred during the year are as follows:

	Transfers In			Total Transfers Out
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Proprietary Funds	
Transfers Out:				
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,520,233	\$ 129,237	\$ 2,649,470
Communications Tower Fund	190,000	-	-	190,000
Nonmajor Proprietary Funds	47,500	-	-	47,500
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total	<u>\$ 262,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,233</u>	<u>\$ 129,237</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,970</u>

**E. Lease Receivable**

The Town, acting as lessor, leases various cell towers under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2037 and provide for renewal options in five-year increments. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Entity recognized \$224,126 and \$52,999 in lease revenue and interest revenue, respectively, pursuant to these contracts.

Certain leases provide for increases in future minimum annual rental payments based on defined increments.

Total future minimum lease payments to be received under lease agreements are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 197,139	\$ 44,460
2025	137,419	38,440
2026	83,776	35,389
2027	90,240	32,500
2028-2032	560,119	111,076
2033-2037	379,675	22,968
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 1,448,368</u>	<u>\$ 284,833</u>

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**F. 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 Payable:					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 9,590,000	\$ -	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 4,330,000	\$ 2,840,000
Unamortized Premium	203,700	-	92,887	110,813	-
Total Bonds Payable	<u>9,793,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,352,887</u>	<u>4,440,813</u>	<u>2,840,000</u>
Compensated Absences	1,707,972	16,796	103,851	1,620,917	654,663
Net Pension Liability	12,056,186	11,318,711	-	23,374,897	-
Net OPEB Liability	<u>384,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,472</u>	<u>200,728</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 23,942,058</u>	<u>\$ 11,335,507</u>	<u>\$ 5,640,210</u>	<u>\$ 29,637,355</u>	<u>\$ 3,494,663</u>

For the governmental activities, compensated absences, net pension liability and net OPEB obligations are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Amount of Original Issue	Annual Principal	Balance Outstanding June 30, 2023
General Purpose:						
General Obligation	11/21/19	8/1/26	3.00-5.00	\$ 6,705,000	Various	\$ 1,325,000
General Obligation	12/11/18	8/1/24	3.00-5.00	2,750,000	Various	985,000
General Obligation	12/11/18	8/1/23	3.00-3.25	6,850,000	Various	2,020,000
Total Outstanding				<u>\$ 16,305,000</u>		<u>\$ 4,330,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

Year	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 2,840,000	\$ 127,825
2025	810,000	54,250
2026	325,000	25,875
2027	355,000	8,875
Total	<u>\$ 4,330,000</u>	<u>\$ 216,825</u>

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**F. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

Authorized but Unissued Bonds

The total of authorized but unissued bonds at June 30, 2023 is \$808,040. In most cases, interim financing is obtained through bond anticipation notes or other short-term borrowings until the issuance of long-term debt.

Debt Limitation

The Town's indebtedness does not exceed the legal debt limitation as required by the Connecticut General Statutes as reflected in the following schedule:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Debt Limit</u>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Purpose	\$ 168,560,822	\$ 376,914	\$ 168,183,908
Schools	337,121,645	4,828,040	332,293,605
Sewers	280,934,704	-	280,934,704
Urban Renewal	243,476,743	-	243,476,743
Pension Deficit	224,747,763	-	224,747,763

Overlapping Indebtedness

Other than the Town, the Georgetown Fire District has the power to issue debt or cause taxes to be levied on taxable property in the Town. The Georgetown Fire District is made up of Weston, Wilton and Redding and provides fire protection services. Annually, the funds from the Town budget are paid to the Georgetown Fire District for the Town's share of operating expenses. As of June 30, 2023, the Georgetown Fire District has approximately \$827,459 of outstanding indebtedness and the Town's share is estimated to be \$66,914.

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**NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

**G. Fund Balance**

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

	General Fund	Communications Tower Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventory	\$ 430,252	\$ -	\$ 24,138	\$ 454,390
Permanent Fund - Education	-	-	100,000	100,000
Restricted For:				
Grants and Donations	-	-	1,162,913	1,162,913
Education Activities	-	-	664,503	664,503
Committed to:				
General Government		339,752	43,624	383,376
Public Safety	4,500,000	-	55,561	4,555,561
Education	139,657	-	2,758	142,415
Elderly Services	-	-	106,623	106,623
Other Community Services	-	-	127,496	127,496
Youth Services	-	-	125,132	125,132
Various Capital Projects	-	-	2,054,497	2,054,497
Assigned to:				
Education Encumbrances	766,638	-	-	766,638
General Government Encumbrances	8,838	-	-	8,838
Public Safety Encumbrances	808	-	-	808
Public Works Encumbrances	25,000	-	-	25,000
Unassigned	16,778,291	-	(10,117)	16,768,174
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 22,649,484</u>	<u>\$ 339,752</u>	<u>\$ 4,457,128</u>	<u>\$ 27,446,364</u>

Encumbrances of \$801,284 at June 30, 2023 are contained in the above table in the assigned category of the General Fund.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System**

**A. Plan Description**

All full-time employees participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS). MERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system established by the state of Connecticut and administered by the State Retirement Commission to provide pension benefits to employees of participating municipalities. Chapters 7-425 to 7-451 of the State of Connecticut General Statutes, which can be amended by legislative action, establishes MERS benefits, member contribution rates and other plan provisions. MERS is considered to be part of the state of Connecticut's financial reporting entity and is included in the state's financial reports as a pension trust fund. Those reports can be obtained at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

**B. Benefit Provisions**

The plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries. Employees are eligible to retire at age 55 with five years of continuous service, or 15 years of active aggregate service or 25 years of aggregate service. In addition, compulsory retirement is at age 65 for police and fire members. Employees under the age of 55 are eligible to retire with 25 years of service.

**Normal Retirement**

For members not covered by social security, retirement benefits are calculated as 2% of the average of the three highest paid years of service times the years of service. For members covered by social security, retirement benefits are calculated as 1.5% of the average of the three highest paid years of service not in excess of the year's breakpoint plus 2% of average of the three highest paid years of service in excess of the year's breakpoint, times years of service. The year's breakpoint is defined as \$10,700 increased by 6.0% each year after 1982, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100. Maximum benefit is 100% of average final compensation and the minimum benefit is \$1,000 annually.

**Early Retirement**

Members must have five years of continuous or 15 years of active aggregate service. Benefits are calculated as a service retirement allowance on the basis of the average of the three highest paid years of service to the date of termination. Benefits are deferred to normal retirement age, or an actuarially reduced allowance may begin at the time of separation.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**B. Benefit Provisions (Continued)**

Disability Retirement – Service Connected

This applies to employees who are totally and permanently disabled, and such disability has arisen out of and in the course of employment with the municipality. Disability due to heart and hypertension in the case of fire and police, who began employment prior to July 1, 1996, is presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty. Benefits are calculated as a service retirement allowance based on compensation and service to the date of the disability with a minimum benefit (including worker's compensation benefits) of 50% of compensation at the time of disability.

Disability Retirement – Non-Service Connected

This applies to employees who have 10 years of service and are totally and permanently disabled. Benefits are calculated as a service retirement allowance based on compensation and service to the date of the disability.

Pre-Retirement Death Benefit

The plan offers a lump-sum return of contributions with interest or if vested and married, the surviving spouse will receive a lifetime benefit.

**C. Contributions**

Member

Contributions for members not covered by social security are 5% of compensation; for members covered by social security, 2¼% of compensation up to the social security taxable wage base plus 5%, if any, in excess of such base. Effective July 1, 2019, member contribution rates are set to increase by 0.5% of compensation each year for six years.

Employer

Participating employers make annual contributions consisting of a normal cost contribution, a contribution for the amortization of the net unfunded accrued liability and a prior service amortization payment, which covers the liabilities of MERS not met by member contributions. In addition, there is also an annual administrative fee per active and retired member. Employer contributions amounted to \$2,575,805 as of June 30, 2022, representing 18.6% of covered payroll.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**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 a liability of \$23,374,897 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured at June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation at June 30, 2022. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participants, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Town's proportion was 1.70%. The increase in proportion from the prior year was .01%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$4,681,748. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Governmental Activities:		
Town Contributions after the Measurement Date	\$ 2,575,805	\$ -
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	2,137,752	920,935
Changes in Assumptions	3,415,558	-
Change in Proportionate Share	444,322	739,231
Total	\$ 8,573,437	\$ 1,660,166

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to Town contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities
2023	\$ 3,157,185
2024	831,045
2025	670,830
2026	2,254,211
Total	\$ 6,913,271

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System (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 period:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	3.50-10.00%, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, Net of Pension Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation

Mortality rates were based on:

RP-2014 Combined Mortality Table adjusted to 2006 and projected to 2015 with Scale MP 2017 and projected to 2022 with Scale BB for General Employees.

RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table adjusted to 2006 and projected to 2015 with Scale MP 2017 and projected to 2022 with Scale BB for Police and Fire.

For disabled retirees, the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2020 was used.

Future cost-of-living adjustments for members who retire on or after January 1, 2002, are 60% of the annual increase in the CPI up to 6%. The minimum annual COLA is 2.5%; the maximum is 6%.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a statistical 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	37.0 %	6.9 %
Public Credit	2.0	2.9
Core Fixed Income	13.0	0.4
Liquidity fund	1.0	(0.4)
Risk Mitigation	5.0	0.1
Private Equity	15.0	11.2
Private Credit	10.0	6.2
Real Estate	10.0	6.3
Infra & Natural Resources	7.0	7.7
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

**F. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. 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 employer 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.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 32,321,911	\$ 23,374,897	\$ 15,871,010

**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](http://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.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**B. Benefit Provisions (Continued)**

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.

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 \$7,920,599.

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.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**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>100,460,699</u>
Total		<u><u>\$ 100,460,699</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 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 \$9,709,639 in Exhibit II for the benefits provided by the state.

**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 Increases	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.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

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%.

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%.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

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	5.4 %	20.0 %
Developed Market International Stock Fund	6.4	11.0
Emerging Market International Stock Fund	8.6	9.0
Core Fixed Income Fund	0.8	13.0
Private Credit	6.5	5.0
Emerging Market Debt Fund	3.8	5.0
High Yield Bond Fund	3.4	3.0
Real Estate	5.2	19.0
Private Equity	9.4	10.0
Alternative investments	3.1	3.0
Liquidity fund	(0.4)	2.0
Total		<u><u>100.0 %</u></u>

**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.

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**NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**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](http://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.

**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Town Plan**

**A. Plan Description**

The Town provides post-retirement benefits for certain employees for current and future health and life insurance benefit expenses through a single-employer plan. An annual actuarial valuation is made to determine whether the contributions are sufficient to meet the plan obligations. The latest actuarial valuation was made July 1, 2021. The Town does not issue a stand-alone financial report for the plan.

Management of the postemployment benefits plan is vested with the Town Administrator and Director of Finance. Policy oversight is provided by the Board of Finance, which consists of seven members.

The July 1, 2021, plan membership consisted of the following:

	Retiree Benefit Program
Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits	42
Active Plan Members	379
Total	421

**B. Funding Policy**

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Town. The Town determines the required contribution using the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Plan (Continued)**

**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 Board of Finance by a majority vote of its members. It is the policy of the Town to pursue an investment strategy that reduces risk through the prudent diversification of the portfolio across a broad selection of distinct asset classes. The Town’s investment policy discourages the use of cash equivalents, except for liquidity purposes, and aims to refrain from dramatically shifting asset class allocations over short time spans.

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 7.97%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**D. Net OPEB Liability (Asset) of the Town**

The Town’s net OPEB (Asset) liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The components of the net OPEB (asset) liability of the Town at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	Retirement Benefit Program
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 11,260,963
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	11,060,235
Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	\$ 200,728
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB (Asset) Liability	98.22 %

**E. Actuarial Assumptions**

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

Inflation	2.40%
Salary Increase	2.40% per year
Investment Rate of Return	5.50%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.50% for 2021, Decreasing .2% Per Year to an Ultimate Rate of 4.40% for 2023 and Later for Medical

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Plan (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Mortality rates were projected to date of decrement using Scale MP-2021 (generational mortality).

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, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Large Cap U.S. Equities	26.00 %	5.25 %
Small/Mid Cap U.S. Equities	4.00	5.75
Non U.S. Equities	20.00	5.75
Broad Real Assets	5.00	3.75
Intermediate Term Fixed Income	25.00	1.25
Short Term Fixed Income	20.00	(0.25)
Money Market/Cash	-	(0.25)
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**F. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that 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 (asset) liability.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Plan (Continued)**

**G. Changes in Net OPEB (Asset) Liability**

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB (Asset) Liability (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 10,984,168	\$ 10,599,968	\$ 384,200
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	255,356	-	255,356
Interest on Total Pension Liability	600,705	-	600,705
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	64,585	-	64,585
Changes in Assumptions	-	-	-
Employer Contributions	-	208,459	(208,459)
Member Contributions	-	48,392	(48,392)
Net Investment Income	-	852,337	(852,337)
Benefit Payments, Including Refund to Employee Contributions	(643,851)	(643,851)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(5,070)	5,070
Net Changes	<u>276,795</u>	<u>460,267</u>	<u>(183,472)</u>
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 11,260,963</u>	<u>\$ 11,060,235</u>	<u>\$ 200,728</u>

**H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB (Asset) 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 one percentage point lower (4.50%) or one percentage point higher (6.50%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (4.50%)	Current Discount Rate (5.50%)	1% Increase (6.50%)
Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	\$ 1,349,806	\$ 200,728	\$ (785,130)

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Plan (Continued)**

**I. 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 one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (5.50%) Decreasing to 3.40%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (6.50%) Decreasing to 4.40%)	1% Increase (7.50%) Decreasing to 5.40%)
Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	\$ (977,758)	\$ 200,728	\$ 1,602,401

**J. 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 \$219,050. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Governmental Activities:		
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 1,108,521	\$ -
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	524,613	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	<u>888,718</u>	<u>2,461,889</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,521,852</u>	<u>\$ 2,461,889</u>

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Plan (Continued)**

**J. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

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>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
2024	\$ (21,067)
2025	(13,420)
2026	334,984
2027	(149,368)
2028	(93,371)
Thereafter	<u>2,205</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 59,963</u></u>

**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](http://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.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

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

**B. Benefit Provisions (Continued)**

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.

**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 or Medicare Advantage Plan options, as long as they do not remarry.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

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

**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.

**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 contributions are not currently actuarially funded. 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.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

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

**D. Contributions (Continued)**

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 \$112,039.

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 Net OPEB Liability	\$	-
State’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Town		<u>8,798,053</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>8,798,053</u></u>

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 \$530,324 on Exhibit II for the benefits provided by the state.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

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

**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 2023 then general trend decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% by 2031
Salary Increases	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.

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.

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**NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

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

**F. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the GASB 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%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate was performed in accordance with GASB 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.

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**NOTE 5 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](http://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. Detailed information about the Connecticut State Teachers OPEB Plan fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of Connecticut Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

**NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION**

**A. Risk Management**

Town

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town is a member of the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), an unincorporated association of Connecticut local public agencies that was formed in 1980 by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for the purpose of establishing and administering an interlocal risk management program pursuant to the provisions of Section 7479a et. seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes. Settled claims from these risks did not exceed commercial insurance coverage during the three years ended June 30, 2023.

The Town purchases commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Neither the Town nor its insurers have settled any claims which exceeded the Town's insurance coverage in the past three years. There has been no reduction in any insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

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**NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Risk Management (Continued)**

Board of Education

The Board of Education is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; injuries to employees; employee health and medical; and natural disasters. Effective July 1, 2011, the Board of Education purchases commercial insurance for all risks other than employee medical, dental and prescription claims. Effective July 1, 2018, the Board of Education entered into a new self-insurance plan for dental claims only. That plan is funded monthly by Board of Education budget appropriations and employee contributions as required. Claims payable are reported as a component of accounts payables and accruals in the statement of net position.

Changes in the claims liability for the past two years are as follows:

	Liability July 1,	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payments	Liability June 30,
2021 to 2022	\$ -	\$ 392,201	\$ 377,587	\$ 14,614
2022 to 2023	14,614	379,636	394,250	-

**B. Contingent Liabilities**

There are various suits and claims pending against the Town, none of which, individually or in the aggregate, is believed by counsel to be likely to result in judgment or judgments that could materially affect the Town's financial position.

The Town has received state and federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any expenditure disallowed under terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, Town management believes such disallowances, if any, will not be material.

The Town may be subject to rebate penalties to the federal government relating to various bond and note issues. The Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes, Interest and Lien Fees:				
Property Taxes	\$ 75,870,169	\$ 75,870,169	\$ 76,041,842	\$ 171,673
Interest and Lien Fees	300,000	300,000	284,004	(15,996)
Total Revenues	<u>76,170,169</u>	<u>76,170,169</u>	<u>76,325,846</u>	<u>155,677</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
Capital Improvement Grants				
General	269,292	269,292	481,788	212,496
Highway Maintenance	251,184	251,184	251,097	(87)
Property Tax Relief	-	-	4,982	4,982
Telecommunications Personal Property Tax	21,500	21,500	23,498	1,998
Local Capital Improvement Grant	65,918	65,918	66,260	342
Municipal Stabilization Grant	70,181	70,181	70,181	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>678,075</u>	<u>678,075</u>	<u>897,806</u>	<u>219,731</u>
Income from Investments	200,000	200,000	933,395	733,395
Charges for Services:				
Building Inspections	240,000	240,000	434,807	194,807
Town Clerk Fees	525,000	525,000	667,272	142,272
ZBA Hearing Fees	1,000	1,000	304	(696)
Planning and Zoning Commission Fees	17,000	17,000	14,010	(2,990)
Conservation Commission Fees	8,000	8,000	7,386	(614)
Police Report Fees and Fines	4,000	4,000	4,012	12
Selectman's Office Fees	600	600	885	285
Public Library Receipts	5,000	5,000	105,547	100,547
Special Duty Administrative Fee	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Miscellaneous Town and Board of Education	5,000	5,000	59,734	54,734
Animal Control Fees	10,000	10,000	6,956	(3,044)
Booster Barn Repayment	16,500	16,500	8,631	(7,869)
Assessor's Copier Receipts	300	300	79	(221)
Freedom of Information	-	-	50	50
Total Charges for Services	<u>847,400</u>	<u>847,400</u>	<u>1,309,673</u>	<u>462,273</u>
Total Revenues	77,895,644	77,895,644	79,466,720	1,571,076

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers In	\$ 1,406,250	\$ 1,406,250	\$ 262,500	\$ (1,143,750)
Total Other Financing Sources	1,406,250	1,406,250	262,500	(1,143,750)
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 79,301,894</u>	<u>\$ 79,301,894</u>	79,729,220	<u>\$ 427,326</u>
Budgetary revenues are different than GAAP revenues because:				
State of Connecticut on-behalf contributions to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted - Pension			7,920,599	
State of Connecticut on-behalf contributions to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted - OPEB			112,029	
State of Connecticut grants for Special Education Excess Costs are netted for budgetary purposes			928,213	
BOE miscellaneous fund included in General Fund for GAAP purposes, but separate for budgetary purposes			97,312	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV			<u>\$ 88,787,373</u>	

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
General Government:				
Administration	\$ 736,295	748,368	\$ 744,367	\$ 4,001
General Administration	4,895,310	4,847,246	4,846,188	1,058
Information Systems	207,259	184,651	184,651	-
Probate Court	4,658	4,037	4,037	-
Election/Registrars	77,983	65,539	65,539	-
Board of Finance	58,000	57,800	57,800	-
Assessor	169,250	181,914	181,914	-
Tax Collector	129,196	124,083	124,083	-
Board of Tax Review	1,100	400	400	-
Legal Counsel	246,000	315,390	315,390	-
Town Clerk	171,320	164,133	163,281	852
Land Use Department	431,057	432,149	432,056	93
Total	7,127,428	7,125,710	7,119,706	6,004
Public Safety:				
Police Services	2,591,663	2,623,044	2,621,545	1,499
Fire Marshal	69,094	72,001	71,820	181
Weston Volunteer Fire Department	295,203	292,849	292,849	-
Communications Center	496,404	452,175	452,175	-
Animal Control	94,790	72,521	72,521	-
Total	3,547,154	3,512,590	3,510,910	1,680
Public Works:				
Highway	2,175,133	2,110,197	2,110,197	-
Tree Warden	106,700	106,177	106,177	-
Water System Schools	40,422	80,366	80,366	-
Total	2,322,255	2,296,740	2,296,740	-
Health and Welfare:				
Westport/Weston Health District	216,940	216,940	216,904	36
Westport/Weston Paramedic	143,151	140,344	140,344	-
Southwestern Connecticut Emergency Medical Services	15,440	15,449	15,449	-
Human Services	140,199	126,355	126,355	-
Total	515,730	499,088	499,052	36
Recreation:				
Weston Public Library	598,447	535,657	532,796	2,861
Commission for the Elderly	176,855	184,470	184,234	236
Recreation Department Expenditures	205,548	205,270	205,270	-
Park and School Field Maintenance	224,866	216,329	216,329	-
Middle School Pool	116,967	112,879	112,888	(9)
Total	1,322,683	1,254,605	1,251,517	3,088

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Debt Service:				
Principal	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 5,260,000	\$ -
Interest	271,395	271,395	271,395	-
Total	<u>5,531,395</u>	<u>5,531,395</u>	<u>5,531,395</u>	<u>-</u>
Education:				
Board of Education	<u>56,391,182</u>	<u>56,391,182</u>	<u>55,328,060</u>	<u>1,063,122</u>
Total Expenditures	76,757,827	76,611,310	75,537,380	1,073,930
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Transfers out:				
Capital Nonrecurring Fund	2,431,071	2,481,071	2,481,071	-
Water Supply System	22,866	51,684	51,684	-
Recycling and Transfer Station	50,968	77,553	77,553	-
Senior Citizens Center	38,007	38,007	38,007	-
Youth Service Bureau	1,155	1,155	1,155	-
Total Other Financing Uses	<u>2,544,067</u>	<u>2,649,470</u>	<u>2,649,470</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 79,301,894</u>	<u>\$ 79,260,780</u>	78,186,850	<u>\$ 1,073,930</u>
Budgetary expenditures are different than GAAP expenditures because:				
Encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2023			(801,284)	
Liquidation of prior year encumbrances			585,999	
State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted - Pension			7,920,599	
State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted - OPEB			112,029	
State of Connecticut grants for Special Education Excess Costs are netted for budgetary purposes			928,213	
The Town does not budget for accrued payroll services at year-end, the accrued liability is charged to the subsequent year's budget			34,537	
BOE miscellaneous fund included in General Fund for GAAP purposes, but separate for budgetary purposes			<u>62,029</u>	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV			<u>\$ 87,028,972</u>	

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND**  
**LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS\***

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	4.00%	3.88%	3.22%	3.65%	2.05%	1.89%	1.79%	1.69%	1.70%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,345,443	\$ 7,478,814	\$ 10,711,523	\$ 9,047,793	\$ 19,593,204	\$ 19,467,553	\$ 19,962,951	\$ 12,056,186	\$ 23,374,897
Town's Covered Payroll	11,677,979	11,677,979	12,749,412	12,535,662	13,636,332	13,803,069	13,591,204	13,335,854	13,971,052
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	45.77%	64.04%	84.02%	72.18%	143.68%	141.04%	146.88%	90.40%	167.31%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	90.48%	92.72%	90.48%	91.68%	73.60%	72.69%	71.18%	82.59%	68.71%

\*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 WESTON, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 1,798,012	\$ 1,555,127	\$ 1,661,121	\$ 1,675,973	\$ 1,702,986	\$ 1,736,850	\$ 1,967,966	\$ 2,143,562	\$ 2,447,343	\$ 2,575,805
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	<u>1,798,012</u>	<u>1,555,127</u>	<u>1,661,121</u>	<u>1,675,973</u>	<u>1,702,986</u>	<u>1,736,850</u>	<u>1,967,966</u>	<u>2,143,562</u>	<u>2,447,343</u>	<u>2,575,805</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 11,677,979	\$ 11,677,979	\$ 12,749,412	\$ 12,535,662	\$ 13,636,332	\$ 13,803,069	\$ 13,591,204	\$ 13,335,854	\$ 13,971,052	\$ 13,816,846
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	15.4%	13.3%	13.0%	13.4%	12.5%	12.6%	14.5%	16.1%	17.5%	18.6%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: June 30, 2022  
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2022  
 The actuarially determined contributions are calculated as of June 30, for the fiscal year ending two years after the valuation date.

Methods and Assumptions Used to

Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method           Entry Age  
 Amortization Method           Level Dollar, Closed  
 Single Equivalent Amortization Period   20 Years  
 Asset Valuation Method       5-Year Smoothed Market  
 Inflation                         2.50%  
 Salary Increases                 3.5%-10.00%, Including Inflation  
 Investment Rate of Return       7%, Net of Investment-Related Expense  
 Changes in Assumptions:

In 2019, the latest experience study for the System updated most of the actuarial assumptions utilized in the June 30, 2020 valuation to include: rates of inflation, real investment return mortality, withdrawal, disability, retirement and salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience. These assumptions were recommended as part of the Experience Study for the System for the five year period ended June 30, 2017.

N/A - Not Available

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	55,466,917	60,087,491	77,755,663	73,701,515	73,171,494	95,027,203	105,729,203	83,738,425	100,460,699
Total	<u>\$ 55,466,917</u>	<u>\$ 60,087,491</u>	<u>\$ 77,755,663</u>	<u>\$ 73,701,515</u>	<u>\$ 73,171,494</u>	<u>\$ 95,027,203</u>	<u>\$ 105,729,203</u>	<u>\$ 83,738,425</u>	<u>\$ 100,460,699</u>
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 16,700,777	\$ 17,382,579	\$ 22,180,712	\$ 23,218,130	\$ 23,646,022	\$ 23,871,738	\$ 24,155,349	\$ 24,753,239	\$ 25,146,893
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	61.51%	59.50%	52.26%	55.93%	57.69%	52.00%	49.24%	60.77%	54.06%

Notes to Schedule:

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

Note 1: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

Note 2: The measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date.

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
**LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service Cost	\$ 229,054	\$ 234,782	\$ 211,217	\$ 224,911	\$ 234,518	\$ 244,369	\$ 255,356
Interest	739,588	762,836	677,353	672,937	526,120	536,119	600,705
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	(134,442)	-	186,385	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(260,225)	(1,527,192)	(296,360)	(2,100,184)	196,226	805,104	64,585
Changes of Assumptions	-	305,297	-	1,020,887	-	286,349	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(544,413)	(449,462)	(548,199)	(803,468)	(797,765)	(771,730)	(643,851)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	164,004	(808,181)	44,011	(798,532)	159,099	1,100,211	276,795
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	11,123,556	11,287,560	10,479,379	10,523,390	9,724,858	9,883,957	10,984,168
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	11,287,560	10,479,379	10,523,390	9,724,858	9,883,957	10,984,168	11,260,963
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:							
Contributions - Employer	557,609	394,488	558,199	772,583	758,598	737,308	208,459
Contributions - Member and TRB Subsidy	59,204	54,974	70,863	40,885	39,167	34,422	48,392
Net Investment Income	753,773	604,879	580,314	649,628	2,295,082	(1,742,759)	852,337
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(544,413)	(449,462)	(539,449)	(803,468)	(797,765)	(771,730)	(643,851)
Administrative Expense	(5,030)	(5,080)	(8,750)	(5,160)	(5,244)	(5,201)	(5,070)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	821,143	599,799	661,177	654,468	2,289,838	(1,747,960)	460,267
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	7,321,503	8,142,646	8,742,445	9,403,622	10,058,090	12,347,928	10,599,968
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	8,142,646	8,742,445	9,403,622	10,058,090	12,347,928	10,599,968	11,060,235
Net OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 3,144,914</u>	<u>\$ 1,736,934</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,768</u>	<u>\$ (333,232)</u>	<u>\$ (2,463,971)</u>	<u>\$ 384,200</u>	<u>\$ 200,728</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	72.14%	83.43%	89.36%	103.43%	124.93%	96.50%	98.22%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 32,006,000	\$ 33,693,000	\$ 34,620,000	\$ 34,749,000	\$ 35,705,000	\$ 33,380,531	\$ 34,181,664
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	9.83%	5.16%	3.23%	-0.96%	-6.90%	1.15%	0.59%

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**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Actuarially Determined Contribution Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 1,461,000	\$ 1,051,000	\$ 1,067,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 783,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 551,000	\$ 259,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 110,000
	<u>1,019,244</u>	<u>511,569</u>	<u>857,702</u>	<u>557,609</u>	<u>394,488</u>	<u>558,199</u>	<u>772,583</u>	<u>758,598</u>	<u>737,308</u>	<u>208,459</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 441,756</u>	<u>\$ 539,431</u>	<u>\$ 209,298</u>	<u>\$ 217,391</u>	<u>\$ 388,512</u>	<u>\$ (13,199)</u>	<u>\$ (221,583)</u>	<u>\$ (499,598)</u>	<u>\$ (467,308)</u>	<u>\$ (98,459)</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 29,899,000	N/A	\$ 31,074,000	\$ 32,006,000	\$ 33,693,000	\$ 34,620,000	\$ 34,749,000	\$ 35,705,000	\$ 33,380,531	\$ 34,181,664
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	3.41%	N/A	2.76%	1.74%	1.17%	1.61%	2.22%	2.12%	2.21%	0.61%

Notes to Schedule:

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

Methods and Assumptions used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal  
 Amortization Method: Level Dollar Amount  
 Remaining Amortization Period: 10  
 Asset Valuation Method: Plan Assets Equal The Market Value Of Assets  
 Inflation: 2.40%  
 Salary Increases: 2.40% Per Year  
 Investment Rate of Return: 5.50%  
 Healthcare Cost Trend Rates: 6.50% for 2021, decreasing .2% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.40% for 2023 and later for medical  
 Mortality Rates: Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount- Weighted mortality Tables (with separate tables for General Employees, Public Safety and Teachers), projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021

N/A - Not Available

**TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS  
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS  
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	10.23%	7.43%	7.15%	6.91%	22.82%	-14.12%	7.97%

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Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	<u>18,969,922</u>	<u>14,647,427</u>	<u>14,820,028</u>	<u>15,769,514</u>	<u>9,123,148</u>	<u>8,798,053</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,969,922</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,647,427</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,820,028</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,769,514</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,123,148</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,798,053</u></b>
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 23,218,130	\$ 23,646,022	\$ 23,871,738	\$ 24,155,349	\$ 24,753,239	\$ 25,146,893
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	1.79%	1.49%	2.08%	2.50%	6.11%	9.46%

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%

\* 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 – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL AND TAX EXEMPTION

The legal opinion of the firm of Shipman & Goodwin LLP of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, will be furnished to the successful purchaser when the Notes are delivered, and a copy of the legal opinion will be included in the record of proceedings of the Town authorizing the Notes. The opinion will be dated and given on and will speak only as of the date of original delivery of the Notes to the successful purchaser.

The opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP will be in substantially the following form:

Town of Weston, Connecticut  
Town Hall  
56 Norfield Road  
Weston, Connecticut 06883

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town") of its \$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, dated July 30, 2024, maturing July 29, 2025 (the "Notes").

In connection with our representation of the Town as bond counsel with respect to the Notes, we have examined the executed Tax Certificate and Tax Compliance Agreement of the Town, each dated as of July 30, 2024, the executed Notes, and certified records of proceedings of the Town authorizing the Notes. In addition, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, identified to us as genuine, of such other documents, instruments or records, and have made such investigations of law as we considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion. In making the statements contained in this opinion, we have assumed, without independently verifying, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies, and the legal capacity and authority of all persons executing such documents.

On the basis of our review noted above and subject to the qualifications set forth herein:

1. We are of the opinion that the proceedings and above-referenced evidence show lawful authority for the issuance and sale of the Notes under the authority of the constitution and statutes of the State of Connecticut, and that the Notes are valid and binding general obligations of the Town payable, with respect to both principal and interest, unless paid from other sources, from *ad valorem* taxes which may be levied on all property subject to taxation by the Town without limitation as to rate or amount except as to classified property. Classified property includes certified forest land which is taxable at a limited rate. Classified property also includes dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income which are taxable at limited amounts.

2. We are of the opinion that the Tax Compliance Agreement is a valid and binding agreement of the Town and that the Tax Certificate and Tax Compliance Agreement were duly authorized by the Town.

3. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes if interest on the Notes is to be excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. The Town has covenanted in the Tax Compliance Agreement that it will at all times perform all acts and things necessary or appropriate under any valid provision of law to ensure that interest paid on the Notes will not be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under the Code. In our opinion, under existing law:

(i) interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code; and

(ii) such interest is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals 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 under the Code.

We express no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by ownership of, or receipt of interest on, the Notes. In rendering the foregoing opinions regarding the federal income tax 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 Tax Certificate and the Tax Compliance Agreement, and (ii) full compliance by the Town with the covenants set forth in the Tax Compliance Agreement. The inaccuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact, contained in the Tax Certificate or the Tax Compliance Agreement, or the failure of the Town to fully comply with the covenants set forth therein, may cause interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Notes.

4. We are 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 in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

The rights of the holders of the Notes and the enforceability of the Notes and the enforceability of the Tax Compliance Agreement are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the Official Statement relating to the Notes.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law, regulation or judicial interpretation that may hereafter occur.

Very truly yours,

Shipman & Goodwin LLP

## **CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES.**

The following is a brief discussion of certain federal income tax matters with respect to the Notes under existing statutes. It does not purport to deal with all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of the Notes. Prospective owners of the Notes, particularly those that may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Notes.

*Recent Tax Legislation.* 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 or the interpretation thereof that may occur after the date of its opinion.

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal committees, and legislative proposals in the Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to herein or adversely affect the marketability or market value of the Notes or otherwise prevent holders of the Notes from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Notes.

In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Notes. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Notes would be impacted thereby.

Purchasers of the Notes should consult their tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation. The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Notes, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any proposed or pending legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

*Alternative Minimum Tax.* The Code imposes an alternative minimum tax. The alternative minimum tax is imposed on alternative minimum taxable income, which includes items of tax preference. The interest on certain tax-exempt “private activity bonds” is treated as an item of tax preference. The Town’s Tax Compliance Agreement will contain certain representations and covenants to ensure that the Notes are not “private activity bonds” so that interest on the Notes will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating 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 under the Code.

*Financial Institutions.* The Code provides that commercial banks, thrift institutions and certain other financial institutions may not deduct the portion of their interest expense allocable to tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986, other than “qualified tax-exempt obligations”. The Notes **shall be** designated by the Town as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of the deduction for federal income tax purposes by financial institutions of a portion of interest expense allocable to tax-exempt obligations.

*Changes in Federal Tax Law.* Legislation affecting municipal bonds is regularly under consideration by the United States Congress. There can be no assurance that legislation proposed or enacted after the date of issuance of the Notes will not have an adverse effect on the tax exempt status or the market price of the Notes.

*Other.* Ownership of the Notes may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, and individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income credit, and to taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

## **STATE OF CONNECTICUT TAX ON INTEREST.**

The opinion of Bond Counsel will state in substance that, based on the record of proceedings authorizing the Notes, 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 in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

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

Owners of the Notes should consult their tax advisors with respect to other applicable state and local tax consequences of ownership of the Notes and the disposition thereof, including the extent to which gains and losses from the sale or exchange of Notes held as capital assets reduce and increase, respectively, amounts taken into account in computing the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and may affect the net Connecticut minimum tax on such taxpayers who are also required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

**ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT.**

The initial public offering price of the Notes (the “OID Notes”) may be less than the stated principal amount. Under existing law, the difference between the stated principal amount and the initial offering price of the OID Notes to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of the OID Notes is sold will constitute original issue discount (“OID”). The offering price relating to the yield set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement for the OID Notes is expected to be the initial offering price to the public at which a substantial amount of the OID Notes are sold. Under existing law, OID on the Notes accrued and properly allocable to the owners thereof under the Code is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes if interest on the Notes is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Under the Code, for purposes of determining an owner’s adjusted basis in an OID Note, OID treated as having accrued while the owner holds the OID Note will be added to the owner’s basis. OID will accrue on a constant-yield-to-maturity method based on regular compounding. 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 an OID Note.

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

**ORIGINAL ISSUE PREMIUM.**

The initial public offering price of the Notes (the “OIP Notes”) may be more than the stated principal amount. An owner who purchases a Note at a premium to its principal amount must amortize bond premium as provided in applicable Treasury Regulations, and amortized premium reduces the owner’s basis in the Note for federal income tax purposes. Prospective purchasers of OIP Notes should consult their tax advisors regarding the amortization of premium and the effect upon basis.

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The information above does not purport to deal with all aspects of federal or state taxation that may be relevant to particular investors. Prospective investors, particularly those that may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal and state tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Notes, including any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state or other taxing jurisdiction.

## APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Town will agree to provide, or cause to be provided, timely, but not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of certain listed events with respect to the Notes, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Notes in substantially the following form:

### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Agreement") is made as of the 30th day of July, 2024 by the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town") acting by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, in connection with the issuance of \$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town, dated July 30, 2024 (the "Notes"), for the benefit of the beneficial owners from time to time of the Notes.

**Section 1. Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto. As of the date of this Agreement, the MSRB has designated its Electronic Municipal Market Access System ("EMMA") (<http://emma.msrb.org>) to receive submissions of continuing disclosure documents that are described in the Rule.

"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. Listed Events.**

The Town agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of 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 security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
- (g) modifications to rights of holders of the Notes, if material;
- (h) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (i) Note defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
- (k) rating changes;
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Town;

- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Town or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Town, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (o) incurrence of a financial obligation, if material, 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 security holders, if material; and
- (p) 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.

For purposes of events (o) and (p) above, the term “financial obligation” is defined as 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 does not include municipal securities for which a final official statement has been filed with the MSRB pursuant to the Rule.

### **Section 3. Use of Agents.**

Any notices to be provided pursuant to this Agreement may be provided by the Town or by any agents which may be employed by the Town for such purposes from time to time.

### **Section 4. Termination.**

The obligations of the Town under this Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) payment or legal defeasance, at maturity or otherwise, of all of the Notes, or (ii) such time as the Town ceases to be an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule.

### **Section 5. Identifying Information.**

All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

### **Section 6. Enforcement.**

The Town acknowledges that the undertakings set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement are intended to be for the benefit of, and enforceable by, the beneficial owners from time to time of the Notes. In the event the Town shall fail to perform its duties hereunder, the Town shall have the option to cure such failure within a reasonable time (but not exceeding five business days with respect to the undertakings set forth in Section 2 hereof) from the time the Treasurer receives written notice from any beneficial owner of the Notes of such failure. The present address of the Treasurer is Town of Weston, Town Hall, 56 Norfield Road, Weston, Connecticut 06883.

In the event the Town does not cure such failure within the time specified above, the beneficial owner of the Notes shall be entitled only to the remedy of specific performance. The Town expressly acknowledges and the beneficial owners are hereby deemed to expressly agree that no monetary damages shall arise or be payable hereunder nor shall any failure to comply with this Agreement constitute an event of default with respect to the Notes.

### **Section 7. Miscellaneous.**

(a) The Town shall have no obligation to provide any information, data or notices other than as set forth in this Agreement; provided, however, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting the Town from providing such additional information, data or notices from time to time as it deems appropriate in connection with the Notes. If the Town elects to provide any such additional information, data or notices, the Town shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update or continue to provide further additional information, data or notices of the type so provided.

(b) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Town may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, if (i) such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change of circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Town, (ii) the Agreement as so amended or waived 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, and (iii) such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not materially adversely affect the beneficial owner of the Notes. A copy of any such amendment or waiver will be filed in a timely manner with the MSRB.

TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Samantha Nestor  
First Selectwoman

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Darling  
Treasurer

## APPENDIX D – NOTICE OF SALE

### NOTICE OF SALE

**\$3,600,000**

### TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT

### GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

TELEPHONE PROPOSALS or ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS via PARITY® (“PARITY”) will be received by the Town of Weston, Connecticut (the "Town") at Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, Telephone (203) 421-2087 until **11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on THURSDAY,**

**JULY 18, 2024**

for the purchase, when issued, of the Town's \$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes dated July 30, 2024, maturing July 29, 2025 (the "Notes"). The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Notes will be payable with interest at maturity and delivered against payment in Federal funds in New York, New York on or about July 30, 2024. The Notes will be general obligations of the Town payable, as to both principal and interest, unless paid from other sources, from *ad valorem* taxes levied on all property subject to taxation by the Town without limitation as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest land taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income taxable at limited amounts.

**Certifying Agent, Registrar, Transfer and Paying Agent.** Unless the successful bidder on the Notes is designated as the certifying agent, registrar, paying and transfer agent for the Notes as provided in “Option For No Book Entry” below, the Notes will be certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Hartford, Connecticut, which will also act as transfer and paying agent and registrar.

**DTC Book-Entry.** The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry-only system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public (except as may be requested, as described below in “Option For No Book Entry”). 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. Ownership of the Notes will be evidenced in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples 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, 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 Town 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 Town 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.

**Option For No Book Entry.** A bidder for the Notes may request that the Notes be issued in the form of a single fully-registered physical certificate in the par amount of the Notes, rather than in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC, provided the bid is for all the Notes at the same interest rate. A bidder for the Notes requesting that the Notes be issued in non-book-entry form may request that it be designated by the Town as the certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes if it is a bank or trust company authorized to act in such capacity pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes. Any bidder seeking to have the Notes issued in the form of a fully-registered physical certificate, rather than in book-entry form, or to be designated as certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for such Notes, shall indicate this preference to the Town at the time of the submission of the bid. The Town reserves the right to decline any request to issue the Notes in non-book-entry form, or to designate the successful bidder as certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes, if it should determine, in its sole discretion, that issuing the Notes in this manner is not in its best interests. The successful bidder seeking the issuance of the Notes in this manner, and any subsequent registered owner of the Notes, shall bear any and all costs, including counsel fees, of any re-registration or transfer of Notes from time to time, including any costs to convert the Notes to book-entry form and shall not impose or charge the Town for any costs or expenses related to the services as certifying agent, registrar and paying and transfer agent for the Notes if the successful bidder is so designated.

**Telephone Proposals Bidding Procedure.** Telephone proposals for the purchase of the Notes must be given by telephone to the Town's municipal advisor, Mr. Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc. at 203-421-2087 by **10:55 A.M. (Eastern Time), on Thursday, July 18, 2024** in order to ensure compliance with the 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) bid deadline.

**Electronic Proposals Bidding Procedure.** Electronic proposals for the purchase of the Notes must be submitted through the facilities of PARITY by **11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), on Thursday, July 18, 2024**. Any prospective bidder must be a subscriber of Bidcomp's competitive bidding system. Further information about Bidcomp/ PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, (telephone (212) 849-5021). The Town will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe.

Once an electronic proposal 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 proposal delivered to the Town. By submitting a proposal for the Notes via PARITY, the bidder represents and warrants to the Town that such bidder's proposal 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 proposal by the Town 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 Town shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

**Disclaimer-** Each PARITY prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for the purposes of submitting its proposal 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 proposal 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 Notes. The Town is not bound by any advice and determination of PARITY to the effect that any particular proposal complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the proposal requirements set forth herein. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of proposals 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 proposal for the Notes, the prospective bidder should telephone PARITY at (212) 849-5021. If any provision of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by PARITY, this Notice of Sale shall control.

For the purpose of the bidding process, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their proposals the net interest cost to the Town, as described under "Basis of Award" below, represented by the rate or rates of interest and the premium, if any, specified in their respective proposals. All electronic proposals shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

**Proposals.** Proposals may be made for all or any part of the Notes, but any proposal for a part must be for \$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. No proposal for less than the minimum denomination or for less than par and accrued interest will be accepted. Each proposal must specify the amount bid for the Notes (which shall be the aggregate par value of the Notes, and, at the option of the bidder, a premium), and must specify one rate of interest in a multiple of one-hundredth (1/100) of one percent (1%) per annum for each part of the Notes bid for in the proposal. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

**Basis of Award.** As between proposals which comply with this Notice of Sale, the Notes will be sold to the responsible bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost to the Town, which will be determined by computing as to each interest rate stated the total interest to be payable at such rate and deducting therefrom any premium. If there is more than one responsible bidder making an offer to purchase all or any portion of the Notes at the same lowest net interest cost, the Notes will be sold to the responsible bidder with the proposal for the largest principal amount of the Notes specified. If more than one responsible bidder makes an offer to purchase all or any portion of the Notes at the same lowest net interest cost and for the same largest principal amount of the Notes specified, the Notes or any portion thereof will be sold to the responsible bidder who is chosen by lot. If a bidder is awarded only a part of the Notes, any premium offered in such proposal will be proportionately reduced so that the resulting net interest cost to the Town 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 four decimal places. It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a statement of the percentage of net interest cost completed to four decimal places. Such statement shall not be considered as part of the proposal.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

**Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations.** The Notes shall be designated by the Town as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of the deduction for federal income tax purposes by financial institutions of a portion of interest expense allocable to tax-exempt obligations.

**Bond Counsel Opinion.** The legal opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, will be furnished without charge and will be placed on file with the certifying bank for the Notes. A copy of the opinion will be delivered to each purchaser of the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel will cover the following matters: (1) that the Notes will be valid and binding general obligations of the Town when duly certified, (2) that, assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the Town with its representations and covenants relating to certain requirements contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), based on existing law, interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals, 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 under the Code, and (3) that 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 in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

**Obligation to Deliver Issue Price Certificate.** Pursuant to the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, the Town must establish the “issue price” of the Notes. **In order to assist the Town, the winning bidder is obligated to deliver to the Town a certificate (an “Issue Price Certificate”) and such additional information satisfactory to Bond Counsel described below, prior to the delivery of the Notes.** The Town will rely on the Issue Price Certificate and such additional information in determining the issue price of the Notes. The form of Issue Price Certificate is available by contacting Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., Email: [Mark.Chapman@munistat.com](mailto:Mark.Chapman@munistat.com), Telephone: (203) 421-2087, municipal advisor to the Town (the “Municipal Advisor”).

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 rule 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 who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the “Competitive Sale Rule”).

The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Rule was met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Notes. **Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied.**

**Competitive Sale Rule Met.** If the Municipal Advisor advises the winning bidder that the Competitive Sale Rule has been met, the winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Notes, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public of each maturity of the Notes as of July 18, 2024 (the “Sale Date”).

**Competitive Sale Rule Not Met.** By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Rule is not met, it will satisfy either the **10% Sale Rule** or the **Hold the Offering Price Rule** described below with respect to each maturity of the Notes prior to the delivery date of the Notes. The rule selected with respect to each maturity of the Notes shall be set forth on an Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate, which shall be sent to the winning bidder promptly after the award of the Notes. The winning bidder shall complete and execute the Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate and email it to Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the day after the Sale Date. **If the Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate is not returned by this deadline, or if no selection is made with respect to maturity, the winning bidder agrees that the Hold the Offering Price Rule shall apply to such maturities.**

**10% Sale Rule.** To satisfy the 10% Sale Rule for any maturity, the winning bidder:

(i) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the initial offering prices and provide the Town with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel;

(ii) will report to the Town information regarding the actual prices at which at least 10 percent (10%) of the Notes of each maturity have been sold to the public;

(iii) will provide the Town with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sales prices, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. If the 10% Sale Rule is used with respect to a maturity of the Notes, this reporting requirement will continue, beyond the closing date of the Notes, if necessary, until such date that at least 10 percent (10%) of such maturity of the Notes has been sold to the public; and

(iv) has or will include in any agreement among underwriters, selling group agreement or retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

**Hold the Offering Price Rule.** To satisfy the Hold the Offering Price Rule for any maturity, the winning bidder:

(i) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the initial offering prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel;

(ii) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Notes of such maturity at a price that is higher than the initial offering price of each maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least ten percent (10%) of the Notes of such maturity at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the Sale Date of the Notes; and

(iii) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, selling group agreement or retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Notes as set forth above.

For purposes of the 10% Sale Rule or the Hold the Offering Price Rule, a “maturity” refers to Notes that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

If the winning bidder has purchased any maturity of the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Rule was met, the Issue Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which such maturity of the Notes was purchased.

For purposes of this Notice of Sale, the “public” does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Notes to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any “derivative products” (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Notes.

**Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement.** The Town has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement dated July 10, 2024 for this Note issue. The Town deems such Preliminary Official Statement final as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for omissions permitted thereby, but the Preliminary Official Statement is subject to revision or amendment. The Town will make available to each winning purchaser a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the Town's expense by the delivery of the Notes or, if earlier, by the seventh business day after the day proposals on the Notes are received. 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 may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

**CUSIP Numbers.** The deposit of the Notes with DTC under a book-entry-only system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the Town's Municipal Advisor, Munistat Services, Inc., to apply for CUSIP numbers for the Notes by no later than one business day after dissemination of this Notice of Sale. Munistat Services, Inc. will provide CUSIP Global Services with the final details of the sale of the Notes in accordance with Rule G-34 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, including the identity of the winning purchaser. The Town will not be responsible for any delay caused by the inability to deposit the Notes with DTC due to the failure of Munistat Services, Inc. to obtain such numbers and provide 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 purchaser.

**Continuing Disclosure Agreement.** The Town will agree, in a Continuing Disclosure Agreement entered into in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), to provide timely, but not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of certain listed events with respect to the Notes. The winning purchaser's obligation to purchase the Notes shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Notes, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Notes.

**Additional Information.** For more information regarding this Note issue and the Town, reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement dated July 10, 2024. The Preliminary Official Statement may be accessed via the Internet at [www.i-dealprospectus.com](http://www.i-dealprospectus.com). Electronic access to the Preliminary Official Statement is being provided as a matter of convenience only. The only official version of the Preliminary Official Statement is the printed version for physical delivery. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement may be obtained from Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, telephone (203) 421-2087.

July 10, 2024

Samantha Nestor  
First Selectwoman

Richard Darling  
Treasurer

**ISSUE PRICE RULE SELECTION CERTIFICATE**

Town of Weston, Connecticut  
 \$3,600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER/REPRESENTATIVE] (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and [OTHER UNDERWRITERS] (together, the “Underwriting Group”), hereby certifies that it will use the rule selected below for the respective maturity of the above-captioned notes (the “Notes”), as described in the Notice of Sale for the Notes, dated July 10, 2024 (the “Notice of Sale”). For a description of the requirements of each rule, please refer to the section “Obligation to Deliver Issue Price Certificate” in the Notice of Sale. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in the Notice of Sale.

<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<b>10% Sale Rule</b> (Underwriter has or will comply with 10% Sale Rule for this Maturity)		<b>Hold the Offering Price Rule</b> (Underwriter will comply with Hold the Offering Price Rule for this Maturity)	
			<u>Check Box</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>	<u>Check Box</u>	<u>Initial Offering Price</u>
07/29/2025	\$3,600,000	_____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

(All Sales Prices or Initial Offering Prices must be filled in prior to the delivery date of the Notes.)

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER/REPRESENTATIVE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name:  
 Title:

Email this completed and executed certificate to the following by 5:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on July 19, 2024:

**Bond Counsel:** [mrutter@goodwin.com](mailto:mrutter@goodwin.com)    **Municipal Advisor:** [mark.chapman@minustat.com](mailto:mark.chapman@minustat.com)