



SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE TOWN OF GLOCESTER LOCAL REFERENDUM QUESTION

A referendum is the way our legislative bodies (the General Assembly or Town Council) ask voters to approve or reject proposals such as constitutional amendments, home rule charter amendments, borrowings (bonds and notes), and special laws affecting the Town.

A referendum is always asked as a question to voters. There is one local question that will appear on the ballot for the **August 6, 2024 Glocester Special Referendum Election**. Voter information regarding Glocester's local referendum is included in this legal notice.

Approve: Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the town issuing General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes to finance the projects listed in the local bond question. If a majority of Glocester voters voting in the election vote to approve a question, that question will be certified by the Glocester Board of Canvassers as having passed and bonding authority related to that question will be granted.

Reject: Your vote to "Reject" means that you are opposed to the Town issuing General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes to finance the projects listed in the local bond question. If a majority of Glocester voters voting in the election vote to reject a question, that question will be certified by the Glocester Board of Canvassers as having been rejected, and no bonding authority related to that question will be granted.

LOCAL QUESTION

FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOCESTER POLICE STATION \$10,700,000 BONDS AND NOTES

(Local Acts 022/023 - Acts and Resolves of 2024)

Shall an act, passed at the 2024 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing The Town Of Glocester To Finance The Renovation And/Or Expansion At The Existing Glocester Police Station and Incidental Furnishings and Equipment By The Issuance Of Not More Than \$10,700,000 Bonds And/Or Notes Therefor" be approved?"

- Approve
- Reject

Explanation and purpose of the Local Question: These bonds (and any temporary bond anticipation notes, collectively sometimes referred to as "Bonds") will be used to finance the renovation of and an addition to the existing Glocester Police Station at Chopmist Hill Road and incidental furnishings and equipment (the "Project"). The renovation will include replacement of communications tower, renovations and/or expansion to dispatch, evidence, records and

locker rooms, correction of water deficiencies, as well as the addition of an approximately 2,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center.

The Town has acquired a portion of land contiguous with the existing lot. The new parcel is .5 acres and will allow for the expansion of the existing Police Station. The proposed scope of the Project is to renovate and add a new addition to the existing Police Station. A new floor plan design has been decided upon. Preliminary design has been completed. Plans for construction await voter approval of the Bonds. Phase 1 of the Project will be the construction of a new approximately 9,500 sq. ft. addition to the north of the existing Police Station. This will house a new Emergency Operations Center and support spaces, locker rooms and evidence storage for the Gloucester Police. Phase 2 will be started upon completion of the addition allowing the new space to be used for swing spaces as the renovations are completed in the existing building. The proposed timeline for the Project is 10-12 months of design and construction of Phase 1 is approximately 12 months and Phase 2 is approximately 24 months.

In addition to Bond money, \$1,000,000 of Federal Emergency Management Grant Money will be used for the Emergency Operations Center, \$3,380,000 of a Rhode Island American Rescue Plan (“ARPA”) grant will be used for both the Emergency Operations Center and the Police Department addition, and \$490,000 of a U.S. Department of Justice (“COPS”) communications grant money will be used for the expanded dispatch center and exterior security.

Up to \$ 10,700,000 will be borrowed for the Project. Although each component of the Project has a different useful life, the Project Architect has advised that the average useful life of the renovations and additions to the Police Station to be financed will be not less than 50 years. The useful life of information systems is approximately six years. The useful life of equipment depends on the nature of the equipment.

Bond Funded Project Costs		Cost of Issuance*		Total Bond Funded Project and Issuance Costs		
Principal	Interest**	Principal	Interest**	Principal*	Interest**	Total Costs
\$10,650,000	\$5,024,600	\$50,000	\$20,800	\$10,700,000	\$5,045,400	\$15,745,400.

* Cost of issuance estimated at 0.05% of principal issued.

** Assumes an interest rate of 4.00%, with Bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.

The Special Election polling location will be the Gloucester Senior Center 1210 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find your voter registration status, to find early voting information, or to view a sample ballot, visit <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>, or call the Town Clerk’s Office at 401-568-6206 Ext. 0. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk’s Office at Gloucester Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814.

You must be registered to vote from your actual place of residence. Voter fraud is a felony and the penalty for voter fraud is imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, or a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both, for each offense. (R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-26-1)

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