#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

#### **NEW MONEY ISSUE: Book-Entry-Only**

RATING: Moody's Investors Service "Aa1"

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes and court decisions and rendered in reliance upon and assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the Town with certain representations and covenants relating to certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates, and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates subject to and required to pay the Federal alternative minimum tax. (See Appendix B – "Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Matters" herein).



# Town of Wallingford, Connecticut \$20,025,000

#### General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: Serially, October 1, 2026-2045, as shown below.

The General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025 (the "Bonds") of the Town will bear interest payable on April 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter on April 1 and October 1 in each year until maturity.

Year	Principal	Coupon	Yield	CUSIP	Year	Principal	Coupon	Yield	CUSIP
2026	\$ 1,000,000	%	%	932508	2036	\$ 1,000,000	%	%	932508
2027	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2037	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2028	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2038	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2029	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2039	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2030	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2040	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2031	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2041	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2032	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2042	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2033	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2043	1,000,000	%	%	932508
2034	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2044	1,010,000	%	%	932508
2035	1,000,000	%	%	932508	2045	1,015,000	%	%	932508

Electronic bids via PARITY® for the Bonds will be received until 11:30 A.M. (E.T.) on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at the Office of Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., the Town's Municipal Advisor, 53 River Street, Suite 1, Milford, Connecticut 06460, as described in the Notice of Sale. (See Appendix D herein.)

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

The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds, without coupons, and when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondowner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the Bondowner, as nominee of DTC, reference herein to the Bondowner or owners shall mean Cede & Co. as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as described herein) of the Bonds. (See "Book Entry Only Transfer System" herein.)

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

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103 will serve as the Registrar, Transfer Agent, Paying Agent, and Certifying Agent for the Bonds.

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to the final approving opinion of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Bond Counsel, of Hartford, Connecticut. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds in book-entry-only form will be made to DTC or its agent via "FAST" on or about October 14, 2025.

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



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

This Official Statement has been prepared only in connection with the initial offering and sale of the Bonds and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no material change in the affairs of the Town since the date of this Official Statement or any earlier date as of which any information contained herein is given.

The independent auditors for the Town are not passing upon and do not assume responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the financial information presented in this Official Statement (other than matters expressly set forth in their opinion in Appendix A – "Fiscal Year Ended 2024 General Purpose Financial Statements excerpted from the Town's Annual Financial Report"), and they make no representation that they have independently verified the same. Except as stated in their opinion, the auditors have not been engaged nor have they performed audit procedures regarding the past audit period or reviewed this Official Statement. The auditors have not been requested to provide their written consent to use their report.

The Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, nor have the Bonds been registered under any state securities laws.

Bond Counsel is not passing on and does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the statements made in this Official Statement (other than matters expressly set forth in its opinion in Appendix B – "Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Matters" herein) and makes no representation that it has independently verified the same.

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#### **Bond Issue Summary**

The information in this Bond Issue Summary and the front cover page is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date and the information herein is subject to change. Investors should read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed decision.

Date of Sale: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 11:30 A.M. (E.T.)

Location of Sale: The offices of Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc.,

53 River Street, Suite 1, Milford, Connecticut, 06460. Telephone: (203) 878-4945.

Town of Wallingford, Connecticut (the "Town"). Issuer:

\$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025 (the "Bonds"). Issue:

Dated Date: Date of Delivery.

Interest Due: Interest due April 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter on October 1 and April 1 in each

year until maturity.

**Principal Due:** Principal due serially, October 1, 2026 through October 1, 2045 as detailed in this

Official Statement.

Authorization and

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used for various general purpose, school and sewer Purpose:

projects of the Town. (See "Use of Proceeds" herein.)

Redemption: The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity (See "Optional

Redemption" herein.)

Security: The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town, and the Town will pledge its full

faith and credit to the payment of principal of, and interest on, the Bonds when due.

Credit Rating: The Bonds have been rated "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"). **Bond Insurance:** The Town does not expect to direct purchase a credit enhancement facility.

Tax Matters: See Appendix B – "Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Matters" herein.

Bank Qualification: The Bonds shall NOT be designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations

> under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for certain interest

expense allocable to the Bonds.

Continuing In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Disclosure: Securities and Exchange Commission, the Town will agree to provide, or cause to be

provided, annual financial information and operating data, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notices of certain events, and notices of the failure to provide required information with respect to the Bonds pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the Town substantially in the form

attached as Appendix C to this Official Statement.

Registrar, Transfer Agent. Certifying Agent, and Paying

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Agent: Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Separate CUSIPS: Separate CUSIP numbers for the Bonds are required. It shall be the responsibility of

the Municipal Advisor to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery.

Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., of Hartford, Connecticut will act as Bond Counsel. Legal Opinion:

Municipal Advisor: Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., of Milford,

Connecticut will act as Municipal Advisor.

**Delivery and Payment:** It is expected that delivery of the Bonds in book-entry-only form will be made to The

Depository Trust Company on or about October 14, 2025 against payment in Federal

Funds.

Issuer Official: Questions concerning the Official Statement should be directed to Mr. Timothy M.

> Sena, Comptroller, Town Hall, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492. Telephone: (203) 294-2040 or Mr. Matthew A. Spoerndle, Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., 53 River Street,

Suite 1, Milford, Connecticut 06460. Telephone: (203) 878-4945.

#### I. Bond Information

#### Introduction

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices, is provided for the purpose of presenting certain information relating to the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut (the "Town", the "Issuer" or "Wallingford"), in connection with the original issuance and sale of \$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025 (the "Bonds") of the Town, and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Town and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds. Any statement made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates are not intended to be representations of fact, and no representation is made that any such opinion or estimate will be realized. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by financial or other information herein, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. The presentation of information in this Official Statement 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.

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

The Bonds are being offered for sale through public bidding. A Notice of Sale for the Bonds dated September 23, 2025 has been furnished to prospective bidders and is included herein as Appendix D. Reference is made to the Notice of Sale for the terms and conditions of the bidding on the Bonds.

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, will certify and act as Registrar, Transfer Agent, Certifying Agent and Paying Agent for the Bonds.

Bond Counsel is not passing on and does not assume any responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the statements made, or financial information presented, in this Official Statement, other than matters expressly set forth in its opinion in Appendix B herein, and makes no representation that it has independently verified the same.

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

The Town currently files its official statements for primary offerings with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. 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, annual financial information and operating data of the Town, notices of certain events with respect to the Bonds, and notices of the failure to provide required information pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed in substantially the form of Appendix C to this Official Statement.

#### Municipal Advisor

Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Milford, Connecticut, has served as Municipal Advisor to the Town in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (the "Municipal Advisor") and has assisted in matters related to the planning, structuring and terms of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of, or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in the Official Statement and the Appendices hereto. The Municipal Advisor is an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

#### The Bonds

The Bonds will mature on October 1 in each of the years as set forth on the front cover of this Official Statement. The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified on the front cover page hereof, payable on April 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter on October 1 and April 1 in each year until maturity. Interest will be calculated on the basis of twelve 30-day months and a 360-day year. Interest is payable to the registered owner as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of March and September in each year, or the preceding business day if such fifteenth day is not a business day, by check, mailed to the registered owner at the address as shown on the registration books of the Town kept for such purpose, or so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, by such other means as DTC, the Paying Agent and the Town shall agree. Principal will be payable at the principal office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Paying Agent. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. (See "Book-Entry-Only Transfer System" herein.)

#### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or before October 1, 2032 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on October 1, 2033 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the election of the Town, on and after October 1, 2032, at any time, in whole or in part, and by lot within a maturity, in such amounts and in such order of maturity as the Town may determine, at the redemption price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed) set forth in the following table, plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date:

Redemption Dates	Redemption Prices
October 1, 2032 and thereafter	100%

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Town or its agent by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first-class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date to the registered owner of any Bonds designated for redemption at the address of such registered owner as the same shall last appear on the registration books for the Bonds kept for such purpose. Failure to give such notice by mailing to any registered owner, or any defect therein, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of any other Bonds. Upon the giving of such notice, if sufficient funds available solely for redemption are on deposit with the Paying Agent, the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date.

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

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

#### Authorization

The Bonds are issued pursuant to Title 7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, the Charter of the Town and ordinances adopted by the Town.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

		Bonds	T	his Issue:
Project	A	uthorized	T	he Bonds
Police Headquarters	\$	36,398,000	\$	10,850,000
4 Fairfield Boulevard		5,100,000		4,960,000
Various School Boilers		1,500,000		1,365,000
Lyman Hall High School Boilers		905,000		850,000
I-91 Wastewater Pump Station		3,400,000		2,000,000
Totals	\$	47,303,000	\$	20,025,000

#### School Projects

Pursuant to Section 10-287i of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the State of Connecticut will provide proportional progress payments for eligible school construction expenses on projects approved after July 1, 1996 (the "Program").

Under the Program, the State of Connecticut makes proportional progress payments for eligible construction costs during project construction. State grants are paid directly to the Town after it submits its request for progress payments. As a result, the Town will issue its bonds only for its share of project costs.

#### **Book-Entry-Only Transfer System**

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds 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 bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity 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 regulated 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 S&P Global Rating's highest rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds 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 the Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds 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.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on, and redemption premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds 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 Issuer or the Paying Agent, on 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 Bonds 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, the Paying Agent, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest and redemption premium to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer 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 DTC, and Indirect Participants.

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

The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, bond 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 Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

#### **DTC Practices**

The Town can make no assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or other nominees of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds 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.

Neither the Town nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to the Participants of DTC or the persons for whom they act as nominees with respect to (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or by any Participant of DTC, (ii) payments or the providing of notice to the Direct Participants, the Indirect Participants or the Beneficial Owners, or (iii) any other actions taken by DTC or its partnership nominees as owner of the Bonds.

#### Replacement Bonds

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

#### Security and Remedies

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

Unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from general property tax revenues of the Town. The Town has the power under the Connecticut General Statutes to levy ad valorem taxes on all property subject to taxation by 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 and of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts. There was, however, no such certified forest land on the last completed grand list of the Town and under existing statutes. The Town contains both types of dwelling houses but the State of Connecticut is obligated to pay the Town a portion of the amount of tax revenue which the Town would have received except for the limitation on its power to tax such dwelling houses. In addition, 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 and qualified disabled persons.

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

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 or Town property to secure the Bonds, or judgments thereon, in priority to other claims.

The Town is subject to suit on its general obligation debt and a court of competent jurisdiction has power in appropriate proceedings to render a judgment against the Town. A court of competent jurisdiction also has the power in appropriate proceedings to order a payment of a judgment on such debt 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 could take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the Town and the availability and adequacy of other remedies.

Enforcement of a claim for payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds 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 extending the time for payment or imposing other constraints upon enforcement insofar as the same may be constitutionally applied. 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, as amended, 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 of Connecticut having the power to levy taxes and issue bonds, notes or other obligations.

#### Qualification for Financial Institutions

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

#### Availability of Continuing Disclosure

The Town prepares, in accordance with State law, annual independent audited financial statements and files such annual report with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

The Town will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Bonds substantially in the form attached as Appendix C to this Official Statement ("Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide, or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule"), (i) certain annual financial information and operating data, (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such events, notice of the occurrence of certain listed events with respect to the Bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Town to provide the required annual financial information and operating data on or before the date specified in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The obligations of the winning bidder to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of such Bonds, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

The Town has previously undertaken in continuing disclosure agreements entered into for the benefit of holders of certain of its general obligation bonds and notes to provide certain annual financial information and event notices pursuant to the Rule. To its knowledge, in the past 5 years, the Town has not failed to comply in any material respect with its undertakings under such agreements.

#### Rating

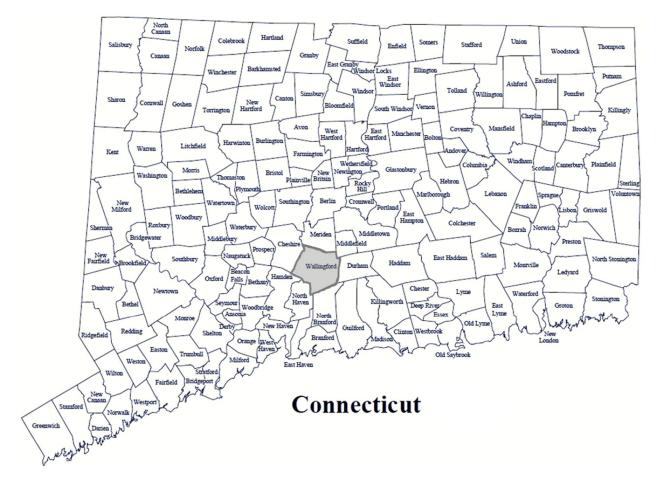
The Bonds have been rated "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"). Such rating reflects only the views of such rating agency and any explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from Moody's at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich 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 can be 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 marketability or market price of the Town's outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds.

The Town may issue short-term or other debt for which a rating is not required. The Town's Municipal Advisor recommends that all bonds be submitted for a credit rating.

#### **Bond Insurance**

The Town does not expect to purchase a credit enhancement facility for the Bonds.

#### II. The Issuer



#### Description of the Municipality

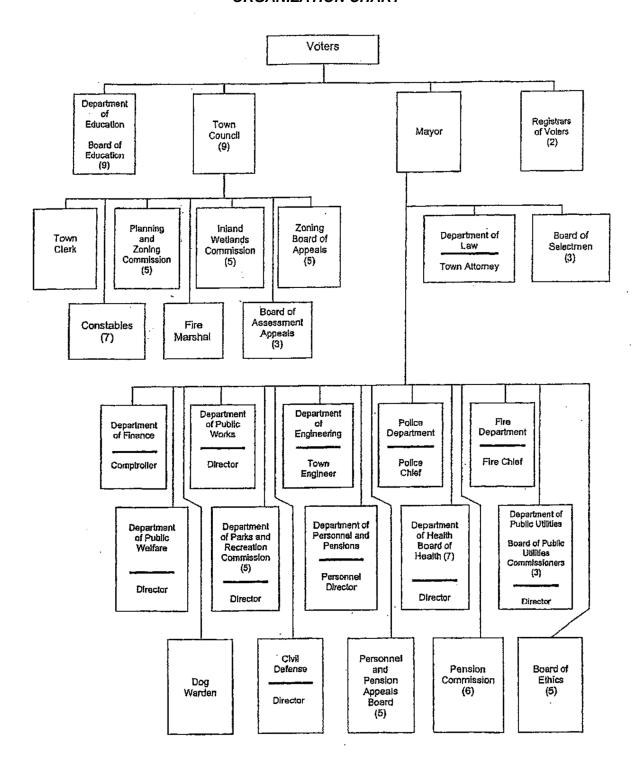
The Town of Wallingford (the "Town" or "Wallingford") covers an area of 39.8 square miles astride the Quinnipiac River in northern New Haven County. It is located on the border five miles south of Meriden and about thirteen miles north of New Haven. Situated along the Hartford-New Haven corridor, Wallingford is traversed, from north to south, by U.S. Highway 5, Interstate 91, and State Highway Number 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway).

Wallingford was settled in 1638 and incorporated in 1670. A separate Borough of Wallingford was incorporated in 1853, but on June 3, 1957 the Borough and Town voted to consolidate effective January 1, 1958. The present Town Charter created the Mayor-Council form of government in 1962.

Passenger transportation is provided by Amtrak trains, and by local, and intrastate busses. Freight service is furnished by railroad and various motor common carriers. Air service is available at Tweed-New Haven Municipal Airport which is about thirteen miles south of Town and at Bradley International Airport which is approximately 40 miles north of Wallingford off Interstate 91. The Meriden Airport on the Wallingford/Meriden Town line is actively used for private, executive and corporate aircraft.

Wallingford is the 21<sup>st</sup> largest (population) community in Connecticut according to the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. The Town has diversified its commercial and industrial base over the past decade, attracting high-technology industries as compared to traditional heavy manufacturing. It is the home to a large variety of industries and major corporations spanning the spectrum of medical, health care, health insurance, service, hi-tech, specialty metal manufacturing, resin and chemical manufacturing and transport/distribution services. The development of the Barnes Industrial Park, Central Industrial Park, Interchange Industrial Park, Med-way Industrial Park, and North Plains Industrial Park have greatly contributed to this transition.

#### **ORGANIZATION CHART**



#### **Description of Government**

Wallingford has a Mayor-Council form of government. The Town's current charter was adopted in June of 1961 and amended in 1969, 1973, 1981 and 1989. The Town Council consists of nine members with minority representation guaranteed. Elections for the Mayor, Council, Board of Education and other Town elected officials are held in November of each odd numbered year for a term of two years. The Mayor is elected separately from the Council. The Council elects a Chairman who serves as its the presiding officer. Councilors are compensated as set by the annual budget ordinance, but no member shall hold any other appointive office or employment under the Town government during his or her term of office. The term of all elected officials commences on the first Monday after the preceding January 1st. The Mayor casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote when filling a vacancy on the Council.

The Mayor, in accordance with the Town Charter, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Town. He is directly responsible for the administration of all departments, agencies, and offices; ensures that all laws and ordinances governing the Town are executed; attends all Council meetings; makes reports to the Council; submits the annual budget to the Council, keeps the Council fully advised as to the financial condition of the Town; and exercises other powers and duties as may be required by ordinance or resolution of the Council. The Council cannot diminish, by ordinance, vote or otherwise, the powers and duties of the Mayor, except those powers and granted or duties imposed on him by the Council.

The legislative power of the Town is vested exclusively in the Council except as otherwise provided in the Town Charter. The Council has the power to enact, amend or repeal ordinances consistent with the Town Charter or the Connecticut General Statutes, and at least one public hearing must be held before the adoption of any ordinance, except ordinances relating to appointments or designation of officers or to the Council or its procedures. A proposed ordinance shall not become effective unless it is either approved by the Mayor or by at least seven (7) members of the Council after the Mayor's disapproved. Under the Town Charter, the electors of the Town have the power to approve or reject at a referendum instituted by written petition, any ordinance or resolution including an ordinance or other action appropriating or committing money, except a budget ordinance or resolution appointing or removing officials, approving transfers within an approved fiscal budget specifying the compensation or hours of work of officials and employees, authorizing the levy of taxes or fixing of the tax rate. The electors may initiate a referendum within 30 days after approval of any resolution or the publication of any ordinance by filing with the Town Clerk a petition signed by at least 10% of the registered voters at the last municipal election requesting such resolution or ordinance be either repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors.

#### **Principal Municipal Officials**

		Manner	Term	Employment
Office	Name	of Selection	of Office	Last Five Years
Mayor	Vincent Cervoni	Elected	1/24-1/26	Attorney
Town Council Chairman	Joseph Marrone III	Elected	1/24-1/26	Claims Adjuster
Town Clerk	Kristen Panzo, CCTC	Appointed	Indefinite	Assistant Town Clerk
Comptroller	Timothy M. Sena, CPA	Appointed	Indefinite	Comptroller
Assessor	Kevin Coons	Appointed	Indefinite	Chief Appraiser
Tax Collector	Joanne Rusczek	Appointed	Indefinite	Tax Collector
Superintendent of Schools	Danielle Bellizzi	Appointed	Contract 1	Superintendent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Contracted through June 30, 2028.

Source: Finance Director's Office, Town of Wallingford

#### Municipal Services

The Town provides a full range of municipal services including public safety (police, fire, emergency medical services), maintenance of streets, health and social services, solid waste disposal, parks, recreation, libraries, planning and zoning, education, utilities (electric, water and sewer) and general administrative services.

<u>Police</u>: The Police Department is responsible for the preservation of public peace, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, regulation of traffic, and the protection of the rights of persons and property. The Department is headed by a Chief of Police and consists of a Deputy Chief, 76 full-time police officers and 27 support staff.

The former State Armory was converted to a new central police headquarters in 1985. The 911 emergency dispatch was relocated from the Fire Department to the Police Department as part of a \$1.6 million computer aided dispatch, radio communications, and record keeping upgrade in December 1999. The Town has authorized \$36.4 million to construct a new Police Headquarters at 100 Barnes Road. Construction of this new headquarters was completed in December 2024. The issuance of bonds for this project is included in this bond issue.

<u>Fire</u>: The Fire Department, consisting of regular full-time paid and volunteer divisions, is responsible for the protection of life and property within the Town from fire and for the enforcement of all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to fire prevention and fire safety. The Department also performs fire code inspection and fire event investigation. The Department is headed by a Fire Chief and consists of two Deputy Chiefs, a Fire Marshal, two Deputy Marshals, 62 full-time firefighters, 19 full-time EMTs and 4 full-time support staff.

The Town has two volunteer fire stations, one on the north side, and one on the south side of Town. There are approximately 45 active volunteers.

<u>Planning and Zoning</u>: The Town Council appoints a five-member Planning and Zoning Commission to direct the Planning and Zoning Department. The Department employs a full-time Town Planner and a full-time Assistant Town Planner. A Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted by the Town Council in 1984 and is updated every 10 years. An updated Plan was last approved in 2016.

<u>Education</u>: The Wallingford public school system provides quality education to approximately 5,030 students. The system is comprised of two high schools (grades nine through twelve), two middle schools (grades six through eight), four elementary schools of third through fifth grade and four elementary schools of kindergarten through second grade. In addition, an alternative high school (ALTA) and a vocational agricultural program are offered to students.

Recreation: The Recreation Department is advised by a five-member commission appointed by the Mayor. The Department is managed by a full-time director who plans and administers a wide variety of year-round activities. There are over 2,170 acres available for parks, trails and recreational activities which include softball, football, little league, basketball, tennis, soccer, hockey, indoor and outdoor swimming, gym programs and a host of arts and crafts courses. The Town acquired real property on a parcel of land of 3.79 acres in 1997. The facility located on such property was renovated and converted to a Recreation Center.

<u>Public Works</u>: The Department of Public Works has supervision and control of parks, the maintenance of Town-owned structures, except structures under the control of the Board of Education, and the planning, surveying, constructing and reconstructing, paving and repairing, and maintenance of highways, sidewalks, curbs, drains and other public improvements. The Department is managed by a director and a superintendent and consists of 44 full-time maintenance employees and two support staff.

<u>Department of Law</u>: The Department of Law is the legal advisor to and represents the Town and all of its agencies, officers, boards, and commissions in all legal matters. The Department consists of a part-time Town Attorney and Assistant Town Attorney appointed by the Mayor, a full-time Corporation Counsel, and support staff. The Mayor may appoint additional attorneys as prescribed by the Charter.

<u>Department of Human Resources</u>: The Department of Human Resources is managed by a full-time director. The Department makes provisions for appointments, promotions, and removal of all personnel in the classified service of the Town subject to provisions of the Town Charter, administers the Town and non-certified school employee pension system, and supervises the Town's risk management (insurance and Workers' Compensation) programs.

<u>Solid Waste Services</u>: Homeowners hire private contractors to collect residential waste and recycling materials.

<u>Department of Public Utilities</u>: The Department of Public Utilities is responsible for the Electric, Water and Sewer divisions of the Town, under the jurisdiction of a Board of Public Utility Commissioners consisting of three members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council. A single Commissioner is appointed or reappointed on March 1 of each year. The Town Council has oversight of the actions of the Board and may veto any action, except personnel appointments, by a positive act of seven or more affirmative votes within fifteen days of any action. The Commissioners appoint a Director of Public Utilities who is responsible for the operations of the Department. The Town's Comptroller, by Charter, is the fiscal officer of the Department.

Electric Division: The Electric Division, created in 1899, is operated by a General Manager and staff. The Division serves approximately 25,500 customers located primarily in Wallingford and the adjoining Northford section of the Town of North Branford. Operating revenues from sales of electricity for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 were approximately \$76 million. Base electric rates were unchanged for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. For Fiscal Year 2024-2025, base electric rates were realigned across all customer classes to create a more equitable rate of return across all rate classes reflective of industry norms. Total projected revenue from base electric rates remains unchanged for Fiscal Year 2025. Fluctuations in power costs are adjusted semi-annually through the Rate 12 Power Cost Adjustment clause that allows the Division to adjust bills above or below base cost depending on the actual cost of power.

In 2001, a 250 megawatt (mW) generating facility fueled by natural gas was constructed by the Town on the site of the former Alfred Pierce Generating Station. The Town originally leased the property to PPL (Pennsylvania Power and Light) Wallingford Energy. This project was completed and went commercial in late 2001. PPL Wallingford Energy also constructed a third 115 kV transmission line and rebuilt the East Street distribution substation into a ring bus configuration. This revised high-voltage substation provides increased reliability to Electric Division customers served by the East Street station. The project also provides that at least one generation unit will be available under "black start" conditions in order to provide emergency generation capacity to the East Street substation. The Electric Division received annual lease payments of \$550,000, which commenced in August 2001. PPL Wallingford Energy was responsible for the operation, marketing, and contracting for the output of energy produced by the facility. The Town also receives tax payments on the personal property at the plant. In addition to the lease and tax payments, the utilities receive revenues for the water, sewer, and electric services supplied to the plant.

PPL Wallingford Energy sold the facility to LS Power in 2014. LS Power continues to operate the facility in the same manner and under the same obligations as under the original agreement. The annual lease payments to the Wallingford Electric Division ("WED") have increased to \$1,580,345 for the Fiscal Year 2025, escalating 3% per annum. In addition, a payment in lieu of taxes of \$1.3 million annually for the existing assets plus \$600,000 per year for each additional turbine constructed at the facility will be paid to the Town. LS Power added two new turbine engines to the site in Fiscal Year 2018 and these PILOT payments to the Town began in Fiscal Year 2019. The "black start" provisions to the Town remain intact with LS Power.

<u>Power Supply Agreements:</u> In May 2013, the Town entered into a Energy Portfolio Management and Power Supply Consulting Service Agreement with Energy New England Inc. (ENE). Under the terms of this agreement, WED operates as an ISO-New England Market Participant (which it became on October 1, 2013) and enters into contracts directly with counterparties for the purpose of hedging the risks associated with its wholesale power supply. ENE acts as the WED's agent in all matters related to the WED's power supply acquisition activities and assists the WED in the performance of its obligations in the ISO-New England market. These changes were implemented and went into effect on January 1, 2014.

Prior to this change, the WED had been under contract (since 1995) with Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative ("CMEEC") for electric power procurement. ENE also manages for the WED, the forward energy that CMEEC has procured on the WED's behalf.

The Wallingford Board of Public Utility Commissioners adopted an Energy Risk Management Policy and a Hedging Policy to govern these power procurement activities in 2013.

Water Division: The Water Division is supervised by the Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager. The Water Division operates a filter plant and maintains four surface water reservoirs with an effective storage capacity of 1.94 billion gallons and three groundwater wells with production capacity of 2.7 million gallons daily. In addition, the Water Division has an interconnection with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for up to 1 million gallons per day on an emergency basis. Average production is about 3.1 million gallons per day. There are approximately seven miles of raw water mains, 200 miles of finished water mains, 1,838 public hydrants, four booster stations and three raw water transfer stations within the system. The Water Division serves approximately 13,600 customers and 322 fire line customers. Revenues from the Division's operations for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024, were approximately \$7.415 million. A water rate increase of approximately 31% was approved by the Public Utilities Commission and became effective July 1, 2024. Water rates increased by +6% for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 when compared to the prior fiscal year.

<u>Sewer Division</u>: The Sewer Division is also supervised by the Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager, and is responsible for treating domestic wastewater. The Division serves approximately 12,900 customers, comprising approximately 90% of the residences in Wallingford. The Division owns and operates the sewage treatment plant which is designed to treat an average maximum flow of eight million gallons per day. Revenues from sewer user fees for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 were approximately \$9,367 million. Sewer rates remained the same for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 when compared to the prior fiscal year.

In 2005, the Sewer Division installed new pumping, pipe and other infrastructure to meet new standards established by the then State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for reducing nitrogen discharges from sewer effluent entering the Quinnipiac River and ultimately Long Island Sound. During Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Town received loan proceeds of \$2.0 million from the State of Connecticut under its Clean Water Fund Program to offset these expenses. The loan carries an interest rate of 2% and is being repaid by the Sewer Division through Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019 the Town hired an engineering consultant to design an upgrade to its water pollution control facility to treat tertiary phosphorus before its discharge into the Quinnipiac River and assist the Town in its administration of a State grant and loan for this State-mandated project estimated at \$60 million. For the WPCF Upgrades Project (tertiary phosphorous treatment project), the Sewer Division received a Clean Water Fund (CWF) grant 50% of which is to fund the engineering design and construction costs for those portions of the project associated with tertiary phosphorous removal, 30% of which is to fund engineering design and construction expense for the parts of the overall project associated with nitrogen removal, and 20% of which is to fund the balance of the project (UVdisinfection and post-aeration, plant drain pump station, gravity thickener mechanism and electrical upgrades). The overall weighted grant percentage for the WPCF Upgrades Project was 37.81%. The portion of costs borrowed under this program will be repaid through sewer rates and recorded in the Town's Sewer Enterprise Fund. Construction of the project began in August 2019 and was completed in the Fall of 2023.

# Employee Relations and Collective Bargaining Municipal Employees

Department	Paid Positions
General Government	16
Finance	27
Public Works	46
Engineering	4
Human Resources	7
Police	100
Animal Control	3
Fire and EMS	85
Public Utilities:	
Electric Division	63
Water Division	38
Sewer Division	30
Recreation	5
Other Services	30
Total Government	454
Teachers	584
Administration, Principals,	
Supervisory. Technical	44
Custodial, Maintenance,	
Clerical, Nurses	112
Para-professional	202
Other	88
Total Education	1,030

Fiscal Year Ending	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Government	454	453	441	439	439
Board of Education	1,030	1,025	1,016	985	973
	1,484	1,478	1,457	1,424	1,412

Source: Town Officials

#### **Employee Bargaining Groups**

Bargaining Groups	Positions Covered <sup>1</sup>	Current Contract Expiration Date
General Government		
Public Works, Clerical, Engineering- Local 443 Teamsters	98	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
Police - The Wallingford Police Union Local #1570 and		
Council #15 AFSCME, AFL-CIO	76	6/30/2027
Fire - Local #1326, International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO	82	6/30/2028
Supervisory - Local #424, United Public Service Employees Union	31	12/31/2026
Sub-Total	287	-
Public Utility Commission		
Electric Production - NIPSEU/WEPCU	18	8/31/2025
Electrical Clerical - NIPSEU/WEPCU.	11	8/31/2025
Electrical Production - Linemen & Electricians - IBEW 420	18	8/31/2025
Water - Local #424, United Public Service Employees Union	26	6/30/2027
Sewer, Clerical - Local 443 Teamsters	27	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
Supervisory - Local #424, United Public Service Employees Union	28	12/31/2026
Sub-Total	128	-
Board of Education Unions		
Teachers - Wallingford Education Association	551	8/31/2026
Custodial, Maintenance - Local #1303, Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	38	6/30/2027
Clerical, Secretarial - United Public Service Employees Union	58	6/30/2027
School Cafeteria - United Electrical, Radio		
and Machine Workers of America	41	6/30/2025 2
Nurses - Connecticut Health Care Associates	13	6/30/2025 3
Principals, Supervisors, Directors - Educational		
Administrators' Assn. of Wallingford	29	6/30/2028
Supervisors - Local #26, United Public Service Employees Union	2	6/30/2027
Paraprofessionals - United Electrical, Radio		
and Machine Workers of America	190	6/30/2027
Computer Techs - Local 424-18b	9	6/30/2028
Sub-Total	931	_
Grand Total	1,346	=

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regular full and part time. Based on Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

Source: Town of Wallingford.

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.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  In negotiation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In mediation.

#### Educational System

An elected Board of Education, consisting of nine members, operates with the powers granted to it by Connecticut General Statutes, serves as the policy-making body for the Town's educational system, and provides overall control and management of the schools. The Wallingford School system (grades K-12) is a dependent unit of the Town of Wallingford.

The Town spent over \$73 million to renovate all schools in the mid-2000s (see "School Facilities" chart below), and approximately \$13 million for roof replacement at eleven schools in the early-2010s approximately 49% of which costs were reimbursed by State grants. Also, construction of a vocational-agricultural educational building was completed in 2010 for approximately \$27.8 million.

The Town has instituted a Capital Improvement Program to address on-going capital needs of the schools. Phase I of the program was completed in Fiscal Year 2016 for \$1.1 million, which was financed with bonds. Phase II was authorized for \$11.2 million and was completed in Fiscal Year 2022. Phase III costing \$490,000 began in Fiscal Year 2020 and was completed in Fiscal Year 2022. Phase IV costing \$632,000 began in Fiscal Year 2022 and was completed in Fiscal Year 2024.

The Town spent \$1.8 million for improvements to the Athletic Track and Field at Mark T. Sheehan High School. Construction began in Fiscal Year 2023 and was completed in Fiscal Year 2024.

#### School Facilities

		Date of	Number of	10/1/2024	Rated
School 1	Grades	Construction (Remodeling)	Classrooms	Enrollment	Capacity
Moses Y. Beach	K-2	1951, 1990, 2003	24	260	600
Highland	K-2	1958, 1970, 2005	24	259	525
Rock Hill	K-2	1959, 1971, 2005	21	278	525
Evart Stevens	K-2	1962, 1990, <sup>2</sup> 2005	25	271	625
Cook Hill	3-5	1964, 1990, <sup>2</sup> 1992, 2006	24	247	700
Pond Hill	3-5	1968, 1990, <sup>2</sup> 2006	23	267	575
Parker Farms	3-5	1983, 1987, <sup>3</sup> 1990, <sup>2</sup> 2006	25	268	500
M.Fritz (formerly Yales ville).	3-5	1986, 1996, <sup>4</sup> 2006	40	265	975
James Moran	6-8	1961, 1995, 1997, 2005	62	531	1,000
Dag Hammeraskjold	6-8	1962, 1982, 1995, 1997, 2006	46	593	1,000
Lyman Hall	9-12	1957, 1960, 1968, 1980, 1992,			
		1998, 2006	74	936	1,400
Mark T. Sheehan	9-12	1971, 1991, 2005	60	673	1,100
Special Programming	n/a	n/a	n/a	109	n/a
Total			448	4,957	9,525

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All of Wallingford's schools are constructed of steel, brick and concrete.

Source: Wallingford Board of Education.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Portable classrooms added to existing facility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Facility closed in 1983 and re-opened in 1987 following renovations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Facility closed in 1986, renovated, expanded and reopened in September 1996.

#### School Enrollment

School				Special					
Year	K-5	6-8	9-12	Education <sup>1</sup>	Total				
	Historical								
2015-16	2,428	1,437	1,958	85	5,823				
2016-17	2,577	1,403	1,891	76	5,871				
2017-18	2,584	1,348	1,903	66	5,835				
2018-19	2,566	1,266	1,912	74	5,744				
2019-20	2,427	1,224	1,811	84	5,462				
2020-21	2,234	1,237	1,779	94	5,250				
2021-22	2,157	1,197	1,726	64	5,080				
2022-23	2,198	1,178	1,688	86	5,064				
2023-24	2,228	1,114	1,689	73	5,031				
2024-25	2,166	1,143	1,648	-	4,957				
		Proje	ected						
2025-26	2,159	1,118	1,626	-	4,903				
2026-27	2,162	1,117	1,555	-	4,834				
2027-28	2,124	1,129	1,524	-	4,777				
2028-29	2,069	1,190	1,521	-	4,780				
2029-30	2,067	1,193	1,491	-	4,751				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not included in Totals.

Source: Wallingford Board of Education.

#### **Economic Factors**

Wallingford's overall economy, as evidenced by Grand List growth, real estate values and unemployment data, has shown modest improvement over the last few years, even as the economy of the State of Connecticut has lagged the growth experienced in many areas throughout the nation.

The Grand List for the last two years, October 1, 2023 (in effect for Fiscal Year 2024-2025) and October 1, 2024 (in effect for current Fiscal Year 2025-2026), which list all taxable real estate, motor vehicles, and business property in Town, increased by 0.23% and 31.11% respectively from the previous year. The 2024 Grand List growth was led primarily by the results of state mandated revaluation.

A primary goal of the Town of Wallingford is to maintain and expand a diversified industrial and commercial tax base. The Town heavily promotes its five office and industrial parks and the Interchange Zone. The office and industrial parks primarily house small to mid-sized manufacturers in a wide array of industries. The Interchange Zone, approximately 362 acres located at the intersection of Interstate 91 and State Route 68, is zoned for development of office parks, research and development centers, and hotels. The Town also utilizes a tax incentive program to attract new businesses into these areas. This program abates 20% of real estate taxes for seven years for companies that relocate to these areas and construct at least 60,000 square feet of new facilities costing \$12 million or more.

Total Real Estate Assessments and Taxes Generated for Each Industrial Park Based on the October 1, 2024 Grand List

	Net Real	Net		Taxes		Approximate
	Estate	Personal Prop.		At 24.12 mills		Number of
	Assessment	Assessment	Total	(Pro forma)	Acreage	Businesses
North Plains	\$ 87,038,900	\$ 23,039,948	\$ 110,078,848	\$ 2,655,102	262	275
Barnes	114,643,100	43,008,220	157,651,320	3,802,550	468	104
Med-Way	79,188,300	22,701,470	101,889,770	2,457,581	430	28
Interchange	79,697,600	25,917,250	105,614,850	2,547,430	357	42
Centract	20,793,100	10,287,470	31,080,570	749,663	47	18

Source: Assessor's office 10/1/2024 Grand List.

#### Major Economic Development Projects

**Nel Hydrogen Modernization & Expansion -** In October 2024, Nel Hydrogen completed a two-year, \$30 million modernization and expansion of its Wallingford facility. By converting 8,100 square feet of office space into production floor, the facility grew from approximately 51,800 to nearly 60,000 square feet. The upgrades feature advanced computer-controlled robotic arms, automated testing systems and streamlined production, resulting in a tenfold increase in electrolyzer output and a 30% reduction in unit cost.

**Executive Kia Dealership Expansion -** Currently under construction, the Executive Kia dealership is doubling in size to 24,000 square feet, adding a modern showroom and expanded service area. Completion is expected in 2025.

**Connecticut Foodshare Expansion -** To meet surging demand, Connecticut Foodshare is adding 34,000 square feet to its existing facility. Enhancements include expanded dry and frozen storage, additional loading docks, office and pallet space, upgraded waste disposal areas, and expanded parking. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Fall 2025 or early 2026.

**Connecticut's First Proton Therapy Center -** A \$75+ million advanced cancer treatment facility—the state's first proton therapy center—is in development, slated to open in 2027. A collaboration between Proton International, Yale New Haven Health, and Hartford HealthCare, the center is expected to bring cutting-edge oncology services to the region.

**Choate Rosemary Hall – New Admissions & Dining Facility -** Choate is constructing a 14,000 square feet LEED Platinum building, with a 7,000 square feet footprint and 70 underground parking spots. The objective of the facility is to enhance the school's admissions process and dining experience, supporting student recruitment and sustainability goals.

**66-Unit Housing Development -** Construction will begin in Fall 2025 on four three-story residential buildings, totaling 66 units, 20 of which will be affordable housing. Unit distribution is as follows: 26, 20, 14, and 6 per building. Future phases would increase the total to just over 100 units, supporting transit-oriented development and housing access.

**5 Research Parkway** — **Former Bristol-Myers Squibb Site** - The former 915,000 square foot. Bristol-Myers Squibb site occupied approximately 180 acres. The main research facility was demolished in 2019, and the property has remained largely vacant since this time. In 2024, the site was subdivided, creating a 5.83-acre lot featuring a former 20,000 square foot daycare facility. This parcel was sold the same year and is now home to a national daycare operation. Plans are underway to begin construction in Fall 2025 on a 440,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center, signaling the start of the property's long-awaited redevelopment.

#### Major Town Initiatives

The Town authorized an appropriation and bonding in the amount of \$2 million for improvements to the Athletic Track and Field at Mark T. Sheehan High School. This project was completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2024.

The Town spent \$146,000 for the purchase of a property at 75 Tyler Mill Road. This land is contiguous to surrounding open space acreage that the Town has purchased over the last two decades. The Town will maintain this parcel as open space/passive recreation.

The Town completed construction of a downtown parking lot at 33 North Cherry Street on property that was purchased by the Town for \$411,000 for this purpose.

The Town authorized an appropriation and bonding in the amount of \$36.4 million to construct a new Police Headquarters at 100 Barnes Road. The issuance of bonds for this project is included in this bond issue. Construction of this new headquarters was completed in December 2024.

The Town has authorized approximately \$2.4 million in bonds for various boiler replacements within the school system. The issuance of bonds for these projects is included in this bond issue. The projects are expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Town has authorized \$5.1 million in bonds for the purchase and renovation of the property located at 4 Fairfield Boulevard. This site will serve as the administrative offices of the school system, home of the adult education programs, and the alternative high school programs. The issuance of bonds for this project is included in this bond issue. This project is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Town has authorized \$10.5 million in bonds for the demolition of the old community pool and construction of a new community pool at the same location. This project has begun and is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2027.

#### III. Economic and Demographic Information

#### Population and Density

Year	Population 1	% Increase	Density <sup>3</sup>
2023 <sup>2</sup>	44,039	-2.4%	1,107
2020	44,396	-1.6%	1,115
2010	45,135	4.9%	1,134
2000	43,026	5.4%	1,081
1990	40,822	9.5%	1,026
1980	37,274	4.4%	937
1970	35,714	19.4%	897

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 1970-2020.

#### Age Distribution of the Population

Town of Wallingford State of Connecticut Number Number Percent Age Percent Under 5 years..... 2,281 5.2% 181,240 5.0% 5 to 9 years..... 2,272 5.2% 195,390 5.4% 10 to 14 years..... 1,966 4.5% 217,297 6.0% 15 to 19 years..... 2,369 5.4% 238,145 6.6% 20 to 24 years..... 1,800 4.1% 233,423 6.5% 25 to 34 years..... 6,314 14.3% 449,771 12.5% 35 to 44 years..... 5,532 12.6% 451,461 12.5% 462,543 45 to 54 years..... 5,124 12.9% 11.6% 55 to 59 years..... 3,363 7.2% 7.6% 260,758 60 to 64 years..... 3,392 7.7% 257,548 7.2% 65 to 74 years..... 5,129 10.4% 11.6% 376,023 5.2% 75 to 84 years..... 2,885 6.6% 187,378 85 years and over..... 1,612 3.7% 87,371 2.4% 44,039 100.0% 3,598,348 100.0% Total.....

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### Income Distribution

	Town of V	Vallingford	State of Connecticut		
Income	Families	Percent	Families	Percent	
\$ 0 - \$ 9,999	94	0.8%	22,973	2.5%	
10,000 - 14,999	38	0.3%	12,547	1.4%	
15,000 - 24,999	241	2.1%	29,893	3.3%	
25,000 - 34,999	409	3.6%	35,598	3.9%	
35,000 - 49,999	581	5.1%	61,793	6.7%	
50,000 - 74,999	951	8.3%	108,046	11.8%	
75,000 - 99,999	1,703	14.9%	108,216	11.8%	
100,000 - 149,999	3,158	27.5%	185,242	20.2%	
150,000 - 199,999	1,866	16.3%	128,574	14.0%	
200,000 and over	2,423	21.1%	224,258	24.5%	
Total	11,464	100.0%	917,140	100.0%	

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Per square mile: 39.8 square miles.

#### Income Levels

	Town of	State of
	Wallingford	Connecticut
Per Capita Income, 2023	\$51,875	\$54,409
Per Capita Income, 2020	\$42,662	\$45,668
Median Family Income, 2023	\$123,493	\$120,011
Median Family Income, 2020	\$107,059	\$102,061
Percent Below Poverty Level 2023	3.00%	6.80%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2020.

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### Educational Attainment Persons 25 Years and Older

	Town of W	allingford	State of Connecticut	
Years of School Completed	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9th grade	1,047	3.1%	101,530	4.0%
9th to 12th grade	1,102	3.3%	118,019	4.7%
High School graduate	9,671	29.0%	647,094	25.5%
Some college, no degree	5,767	17.3%	410,591	16.2%
Associate's degree	2,753	8.3%	193,216	7.6%
Bachelor's degree	7,477	22.4%	581,935	23.0%
Graduate or professional degree	5,534	16.6%	480,468	19.0%
Total	33,351	100.0%	2,532,853	100.0%
Total high school graduate or higher (%).		93.6%		91.3%
Total bachelor's degree or higher (%)		39.0%		41.9%

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### Employment by Industry

	Town of Wallingford		State of Co	nnecticut	
 Industry	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing/hunting, & mining	62	0.3%	7,261	0.4%	
Construction	1,632	7.0%	112,821	6.1%	
Manufacturing	2,683	11.5%	195,355	10.6%	
Wholesale trade	714	3.1%	37,294	2.0%	
Retail trade	2,448	10.5%	192,535	10.5%	
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,123	4.8%	84,571	4.6%	
Information	447	1.9%	36,631	2.0%	
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	1,684	7.2%	162,724	8.9%	
Professional, scientific, management,					
administrative, and waste mgmt services	1,952	8.3%	223,982	12.2%	
Education, health and social services	6,987	29.9%	490,839	26.7%	
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation					
and food services	1,858	7.9%	145,445	7.9%	
Other services (except public administration)	1,157	4.9%	78,662	4.3%	
Public Administration	659	2.8%	67,335	3.7%	
Total Labor Force, Employed	23,406	100.0%	1,835,455	100.0%	

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### Employment Data <sup>1</sup> By Place of Residence

	Town of	Wallingford	rd Percentage Unemploye			
			Town of	New Haven	State of	
Period	<b>Employed</b>	Unemployed	Wallingford	Labor Market	Connecticut	
July 2025	24,739	927	3.6	4.3	4.6	
Annual Average						
2024	26,404	764	2.8	3.3	3.5	
2023	26,237	824	3.0	3.5	3.7	
2022	25,947	937	3.5	3.9	4.1	
2021	24,168	1,324	5.2	6.2	6.6	
2020	24,660	1,569	6.0	6.8	7.3	
2019	25,752	832	3.1	3.6	3.7	
2018	25,456	953	3.6	4.1	4.2	
2017	25,425	1,066	4.0	4.7	4.7	
2016	24,996	1,190	4.5	5.3	5.3	
2015	25,087	1,268	4.8	5.7	5.6	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

Source: State of Connecticut, Department of Labor.

## *Major Employers* As of August 2025

		Number of
Employer	Business	Employees
Town of Wallingford	Municipality	1,484
Anthem BC/BS (Wellpoint)	Health Insurer	1,400
Gaylord Hospital	Medical & Rehabilitation Facility	590
Community Health Network of CT	Nonprofit Managed Care	438
Masonic Health Care Center	Hospital	398
Choate Rosemary Hall	Private School	285
Ulbrich Stainless Steels & Specialty Metals	Manufacturer - Steel	277
Times Microwave Systems	Coaxial line technology and product	257
Burns & McDonnell	Engineering & Architecture	229
Thurston Foods	Wholesale Food Distributor	176

Source: Town of Wallingford.

#### **Building Permits**

Fiscal Year	Residential		ial	Commer	rical/Indust	. (	Other <sup>2</sup>		tegories
Ending 6/30	No.	V	'alue	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
2025 1	1,479	\$	51,182	1,806	\$ 62,556	N/A	N/A	3,285	\$ 113,738
2024	1,122		43,447	1,429	55,296	N/A	N/A	2,551	98,743
2023	1,007		41,441	1,512	62,160	N/A	N/A	2,519	103,601
2022	1,017		21,851	1,525	32,778	N/A	N/A	2,542	54,629
2021	1,108		17,756	1,661	26,635	N/A	N/A	2,769	44,391
2020	1,347		27,621	1,148	23,872	N/A	N/A	2,495	51,493
2019	1,467		46,782	1,065	26,924	N/A	N/A	2,532	73,706
2018	70		9,149	17	6,889	2,131	\$ 37,185	2,218	53,223
2017	66		8,768	16	6,145	2,195	17,111	2,277	32,024
2016	61		8,232	9	3,458	2,055	16,454	2,125	28,144

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 1/31/2025.

Source: Building Dapartment, Town of Wallingford.

#### Age Distribution of Housing

	Town of V	Wallingford	State of Connecticut		
Year Built	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	
2010 or Later	766	3.9%	72,896	4.7%	
2000 to 2010	1,586	8.1%	108,430	7.1%	
1990 to 1999	2,075	10.6%	116,617	7.6%	
1980 to 1989	3,538	18.1%	197,533	12.9%	
1970 to 1979	2,470	12.6%	210,611	13.7%	
1940 to 1969	5,945	30.4%	516,528	33.6%	
1939 or earlier	3,193	16.3%	313,434	20.4%	
Total	19,573	100.0%	1,536,049	100.0%	

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### Housing Inventory

	Town of W	/allingford	State of Connecticut		
Type	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1-unit, detached	11,984	61.2%	901,187	58.7%	
1-unit, attached	1,306	6.7%	95,202	6.2%	
2 units	1,529	7.8%	118,295	7.7%	
3 or 4 units	1,512	7.7%	126,755	8.3%	
5 to 9 units	599	3.1%	76,750	5.0%	
10 to 19 units	659	3.4%	55,290	3.6%	
20 or more units	1,700	8.7%	150,986	9.8%	
Mobile home	284	1.5%	10,967	0.7%	
Boat, RV, van, etc	-	-	617	-	
	19,573	100.0%	1,536,049	100.0%	

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

 $<sup>^{2}\ \</sup>textit{The Town changed the subcategories of building permits starting in Fiscal Year 2019.}$ 

#### **Owner-Occupied Housing Values**

	Town of W	/allingford	State of Connecticu		
Specified Owner-Occupied Units	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Less than \$50,000	307	2.3%	22,174	2.4%	
\$50,000 to \$99,000	266	2.0%	15,116	1.6%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	198	1.5%	38,832	4.1%	
\$150,000 to \$199,000	586	4.3%	77,152	8.2%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,274	31.6%	233,824	24.9%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,901	43.7%	319,703	34.0%	
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,880	13.9%	173,643	18.5%	
\$1,000,000 or more	94	0.7%	59,468	6.3%	
Total	13,506	100.0%	939,912	100.0%	
Median Sales Price	\$328,300		\$343,200		

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### **Land Use Summary**

Town Area 24,920 Acres Land Use Category Number of Acres % of Total Residential R - 6-18..... 7,240 28.2% RM - 6-40..... 510 2.0% Rural - 40-120..... 13,074 51.0% HOD..... 28 0.1% Sub-Total..... 20,852 81.4% **Business/Commercial** 0.3% LB - 11..... 71 CA - 6-40..... 0.6% 143 CB - 12-40..... 359 1.4% DD - 40..... 133 0.5% RF - 40..... 1.4% 350 Sub-Total..... 1,056 4.1% Industrial I-5..... 364 1.4% I - 20-40..... 1,537 6.0% IX - Industrial Expansion..... 1,823 7.1% Sub-Total..... 3,724 14.5% TOTAL TOWN ACREAGE..... 25,632 100.0%

Source: Planning Department, Town of Wallingford; "POCD 2016": June 13, 2016.

#### IV. Tax Base Data

### Property Tax Assessments

Under Section 12-62 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Connecticut municipalities must conduct a revaluation of its real property every five years and, generally, a physical inspection every ten years. The Town conducted a full physical revaluation of its real estate as of October 1, 2024, which went into effect for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Section 12-62 also imposes a penalty on municipalities that fail to effect revaluations as required, with certain exceptions. However, the statute permits the phase-in of a real property assessment increase resulting from a revaluation over a period of up to five years.

The maintenance of an equitable tax base by locating and appraising all real and personal property within the Town for inclusion on the Grand List is the responsibility of the Assessor's Office. The Grand List represents the total assessed values for all taxable and tax-exempt real estate, taxable personal property, and motor vehicles located within the Town as of October 1. For the list of October 1, 2024, the Town's next taxable Grand List amounted to \$6,079,539,383. Assessments for real estate are computed at seventy percent (70%) of the estimated market value at the time of last revaluation, while assessments for both personal property and motor vehicles are computed at seventy percent (70%) of present market value. Grand List information is used by municipalities to set the mill rate which in turn becomes the basis for the Town's annual tax levy. Any property owner may seek to appeal its assessment by filing a written appeal to a Town's Board of Assessment Appeals. The Board of Assessment Appeals elects to hear such appeals and determines whether adjustments to the Assessor's list relating to assessments under appeal are warranted. Under Connecticut law, taxpayers who are dissatisfied with a decision by a municipality's Board of Assessment Appeals may appeal the decision to the Connecticut Superior Court.

When a new structure or modification to an existing structure is undertaken, a municipality's Assessor's Office receives a copy of the permit issued by the municipality's building inspector. Upon issuance of a certificate of completion, a physical inspection is conducted and the structure is assigned a fair market value with the aid of a schedule developed as of the last revaluation. Property depreciation and obsolescence factors are also considered when arriving at an equitable value.

Motor vehicle registration lists are furnished to the Town by the State Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"). Section 12-71b of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that motor vehicles which are registered with the DMV after the October 1 assessment date but before the next August 1 are subject to a property tax as if the motor vehicle has been included on the October 1 Grant List provided such registration occurs prior to November 1. If such registration occurs subsequent to November 1 but prior to the following August 1, the tax is prorated, and the proration is based on the period of time from the date of registration until the following October 1. For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, motor vehicles which are registered with the DMV after the October 1 assessment date but before April 1 in such assessment year are subject to a property tax as if the motor vehicle has been included on the October 1 Grand List, provided such registration occurs prior to November 1. If such registration occurs on or after November 1 but prior to October 1, the tax is prorated, and the pro-ration is based on the number of months of ownership, including the month of registration, to the next succeeding October 1. Cars purchased in August and September are not taxed until the next October 1 Grand List. If the motor vehicles replaces a motor vehicle that was taxed on the October Grant List, the taxpayer is entitled to certain credits. For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, assessments for motor vehicles are computed at 70% of the vehicle's depreciated manufacturer's suggested retail price ("MSRP") pursuant to Section 12-63(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town Council may elect to apply a modified depreciated MSRP pursuant to such statute.

Section 12-71e of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, allows municipalities to tax motor vehicles at a different rate than other taxable property provided the motor vehicle rate is the lower rate. The statute caps the motor vehicle tax rate at 32.46 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021 and each assessment year thereafter. The Town's motor vehicle tax rate for the current 2024 assessment year is 24.12. Section 4-66l of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended ("Section 4-66l"), diverts a portion of State collected sales tax revenue to provide funding to municipalities to mitigate the revenue loss attributed to the motor vehicle property tax cap.

All commercial personal property (furniture, fixtures, equipment, machinery and leased equipment) is assessed annually. An assessor's check and audit is completed periodically.

Section 12-124a of the Connecticut General Statutes permits a municipality, upon approval by 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 Council enacted the use of this abatement provision on January 1, 2009.

Section 12-170v of the Connecticut General Statutes permits a municipality, upon approval by its legislative body, to freeze the property taxes due for certain low-income elderly residents. Any municipality providing such property tax relief may place a lien upon such property in the amount of total tax relief granted plus interest. The Town has not enacted the elderly property tax freeze.

#### **Data Center Tax Incentives**

Governor Lamont signed into law Public Act No. 21-1, An Act Concerning Incentives for Qualified Data Centers to Locate in the State ("PA 21-1"), which went into effect on July 1, 2021. Under PA 21-1, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (the "DECD") is authorized to enter into agreements to provide tax incentives to "qualified data centers" that locate within the State and make a minimum investment. Specifically, PA 21-1 provides for (i) sales and use tax exemptions for certain goods and services purchased or used by the data center and (ii) property tax exemptions for certain real property and equipment used by the data center. PA 21-1 also provides an exemption for financial transactions taxes that the State may impose in the future. The DECD may enter into tax incentive agreements with qualified data centers for 20- or 30-year terms, depending on the size and location of the data center investment. In order to be eligible, a data center must agree to make a "qualified investment" of at least \$50 million if the data center is located in an enterprise zone or a federal opportunity zone, or \$200 million if it is located outside such a zone. PA 21-1 requires owners and developers of qualified data centers to enter into a host municipality fee agreement with the municipality in which the data center is located before beginning the capital project. PA 21-1 also requires that the DECD agreement and host municipality fee agreement include provisions to recoup the taxes exempted under PA 21-1 if the data center does not meet such agreements' terms. The Town had entered into a host agreement with a developer who intended to acquire land, seek DECD qualified data center approval, and construct facilities for use as data centers. The Town and DECD will continue to seek developers interested in data center construction and development.

#### **Property Tax Collection Procedure**

Real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year are paid on the Grand List of the prior October 1, and are due on July 1 and January 1 in two equal installments, except that real estate and personal property taxes of less than \$100 are payable in one installment on July 1. Motor vehicle taxes are payable in one installment on July 1 following the levy date with motor vehicle supplemental bills payable on January 1. Payments not received by August 1 and February 1 become delinquent, with interest charged at the rate of 1.50% per month from the due date of the tax. In accordance with State law, the oldest outstanding tax is collected first. Outstanding real estate tax accounts are liened each year prior to June 30 with legal demands and alias tax warrants used in the collection of personal property and motor vehicle tax bills. Delinquent motor vehicle and personal property accounts are transferred to a suspense account after three years at which time they cease to be carried as receivables. Real estate accounts are transferred to suspense 15 years after the due date in accordance with State statutes.

#### Comparative Assessed Valuations

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial					Net	
Grand	Real	Real	Real	Personal	Motor	Gross		Taxable	
List	Property	Property	Property	Property	Vehicle	Taxable	Less	Grand	Percent
of 10/1	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	<b>Grand List</b>	Exemption	List	Growth
2024 1	68.1	12.6	5.9	6.2	7.2	\$ 6,316,074,503	\$ 236,535,120	\$ 6,079,539,383	31.07
2023	61.4	13.6	5.9	7.5	11.6	4,846,647,085	208,395,252	4,638,251,833	0.45
2022	61.5	13.6	6.0	7.3	11.6	4,813,160,866	195,529,147	4,617,631,719	1.08
2021	62.0	13.8	5.9	7.1	11.2	4,758,818,793	190,583,130	4,568,235,663	1.92
2020 1	63.0	14.3	6.1	7.5	9.1	4,665,952,852	183,675,559	4,482,277,293	4.71
2019	63.3	14.4	6.1	7.3	8.9	4,464,853,688	184,362,470	4,280,491,218	0.97
2018	63.9	14.0	6.5	6.8	8.8	4,419,931,528	180,580,299	4,239,351,229	1.15
2017	64.3	13.8	6.5	6.8	8.6	4,427,035,035	236,079,345	4,190,955,690	(0.64)
2016	64.1	13.4	7.6	6.4	8.5	4,464,208,573	246,432,920	4,217,775,653	0.33
2015 1	63.7	13.6	7.9	6.5	8.3	4,447,362,022	243,665,415	4,203,696,607	(1.53)

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Revaluation years.

Source: Assessor's Office, Town of Wallingford.

#### **Exempt Property**

The following categories of exempt properties are not included in the net taxable Grand List:

	Assessed
Public	Value <sup>1</sup>
State of Connecticut	\$ 11,100,900
Town of Wallingford	337,702,900
United States of America	32,271,000
Other Public	8,217,900
Sub-Total Public	\$ 389,292,700
Private	
Private Hospitals and Schools	\$ 139,257,500
Scientific, Educational, Historical & Charitable	228,932,000
Houses of Worship & Cemeteries	33,339,100
Veteran's Organizations	717,100
Sub-Total Private	402,245,700
Total Exempt Property	\$ 791,538,400
Percent Compared to Net Taxable Grand List	13.02%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on October 1, 2024 Net Taxable Grand List of \$6,079,539,383.

Source: Assessor's Office, Town of Wallingford.

## Property Tax Levies and Collections (in thousands)

				Percent of	Percent of	Percent of
Fiscal	Net			Annual Levy	Annual Levy	Annual Levy
Year	Taxable		Adjusted	Collected at	Uncollected	Uncollected
Ending	Grand	Mill	Annual	End of	at End of	as of
6/30	List	Rate	Levy	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	6/30/2024
2026 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 6,079,539	24.12	\$ 146,638	I	N COLLECTION	V
$2025^{2}$	4,638,252	30.66	141,920	n/a	n/a	n/a
2024	4,617,632	29.34	133,321	98.1%	1.9%	1.9%
2023	4,568,236	29.04	133,468	98.2%	1.8%	0.8%
2022	4,482,277	28.52	128,822	98.3%	1.7%	0.5%
2021	4,280,491	29.19	125,872	98.3%	1.7%	0.2%
2020	4,239,351	29.19	124,727	98.4%	1.6%	0.2%
2019	4,190,956	28.64	121,327	98.5%	1.5%	0.1%
2018	4,217,776	28.55	120,824	98.6%	1.4%	0.1%
2017	4,203,697	27.89	118,055	98.5%	1.5%	0.1%
	Ending 6/30 2026 <sup>2</sup> 2025 <sup>2</sup> 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018	Year         Taxable           Ending         Grand           6/30         List           2026²         \$ 6,079,539           2025²         4,638,252           2024         4,617,632           2023         4,568,236           2022         4,482,277           2021         4,280,491           2020         4,239,351           2019         4,190,956           2018         4,217,776	Year         Taxable           Ending         Grand         Mill           6/30         List         Rate           2026²         \$ 6,079,539         24.12           2025²         4,638,252         30.66           2024         4,617,632         29.34           2023         4,568,236         29.04           2022         4,482,277         28.52           2021         4,280,491         29.19           2020         4,239,351         29.19           2019         4,190,956         28.64           2018         4,217,776         28.55	Year         Taxable         Adjusted           Ending         Grand         Mill         Annual           6/30         List         Rate         Levy           2026²         \$ 6,079,539         24.12         \$ 146,638           2025²         4,638,252         30.66         141,920           2024         4,617,632         29.34         133,321           2023         4,568,236         29.04         133,468           2022         4,482,277         28.52         128,822           2021         4,280,491         29.19         125,872           2020         4,239,351         29.19         124,727           2019         4,190,956         28.64         121,327           2018         4,217,776         28.55         120,824	Fiscal Year         Net Taxable         Adjusted Adjusted Adjusted Annual Levy Collected at Ending Grand Mill Annual End of Fiscal Year           6/30         List Rate Levy Fiscal Year           2026²         6,079,539         24.12         \$ 146,638         Image: Ima	Fiscal Year         Net Taxable         Adjusted Ending Grand         Mill Mill Annual End of Fiscal Year         End of Fiscal Year         IN COLLECTION To The Collected of Attention at End of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revaluation.

Sources: Tax Collector's Office, Town of Wallingford

#### Ten Largest Taxpayers

Name	Nature of Business	Taxable Valuation	Percent of Net Taxable Grand List <sup>1</sup>
Eversource (formerly Yankee Gas)	Public Gas Utility	\$ 51,226,940	0.84%
Eversource (formerly CL&P)	Public Power Utility	45,011,240	0.74%
665 Foxon Rd LLC	Real Estate	35,389,600	0.58%
Agree Eastern LLC	Retail Plazas	30,456,900	0.50%
Masonic Healthcare Center	Retirement Community	29,245,780	0.48%
RSS Comm	Real Estate	25,403,500	0.42%
Cellco Partnership Verizon Wireless	Communications	22,426,710	0.37%
BYK USA	Manufacturing	17,338,590	0.29%
1070 North Farms	Real Estate	16,798,900	0.28%
Walmart	Retail Plaza	16,322,870	0.27%
Total		\$ 289,621,030	4.76%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on October 1, 2024 Net Taxable Grand List of \$6,079,539,383.

Source: Assessor's Office, Town of Wallingford.

#### **Equalized Net Grand List**

<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Equalized Net</b>	%
of 10/1	Grand List	Growth
2023	\$ 9,162,969,367	6.76
2022	8,582,990,663	5.60
2021	8,127,835,414	26.95
2020	6,402,332,723	(4.65)
2019	6,714,365,812	3.20
2018	6,505,882,705	2.94
2017	6,320,175,830	1.81
2016	6,207,709,482	3.25
2015	6,012,104,553	(2.95)
2014	6,194,564,722	3.09

Source: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Subject to audit.

# V. Debt Summary Principal Amount of Bonded Indebtedness As of October 14, 2025 (Pro-Forma)

Long-Term  Date	Debt Purpose	Original Afte		Original		•		Fiscal Year of Maturity
	TOWN GO	VERNMENT	ВО	NDS				
General Pu								
09/16/15	Public Improvements (Refunding)	2.00 - 5.00	\$	6,424,000	\$	544,000	2027	
03/27/19	Public Improvements	2.00 - 4.00		9,650,000		6,770,000	2023	
08/25/21	Public Improvements	2.00 - 4.00		3,566,708		2,381,000	2042	
04/10/24	Public Improvements	4.00 - 5.00		22,000,000		20,900,000	2044	
	Sub-Total Public Improvemen	ts	\$	41,640,708	\$	30,595,000		
Schools								
09/16/15	School Improvements (Refunding)	2.00 - 5.00	\$	4,606,000	\$	476,000	2027	
10/15/15	School Improvements	2.00 - 4.00		10,320,000		5,330,000	2036	
03/27/19	School Improvements	2.00 - 4.00		7,000,000		4,900,000	2038	
08/25/21	School Improvements	2.00 - 4.00		3,213,292		2,369,000	2042	
04/10/24	School Improvements	4.00 - 5.00		2,430,000		2,305,000	2044	
	Sub-Total Schools		\$	27,569,292	\$	15,380,000		
This Issue								
10/14/25	Public Improvements	tbd	\$	10,850,000	\$	10,850,000	2045	
10/14/25	School Improvements	tbd		7,175,000		7,175,000	2045	
	Sub-Total This Issue		\$	18,025,000	\$	18,025,000		
	Total Town Government Bo	nds	\$	87,235,000	\$	64,000,000		
	ENTERPRISE E	BONDS / OBL	<i>IG</i>	ATIONS <sup>2</sup>				
Water								
10/15/15	Water	2.00 - 4.00	\$	680,000	\$	65,000	2026	
08/25/21	Water (Refunding)	5.00		1,340,000		810,000	2031	
	Sub-Total Water		\$	2,020,000	\$	875,000		
Sewer								
08/31/23	Sewer Permanent Loan Obligation		\$	31,620,693	\$	28,168,652	2043	
	Sub-Total Sewers		\$	31,620,693	\$	28,168,652		
This Issue								
10/14/25	Sewer Improvements	-		2,000,000		2,000,000	2045	
	Sub-Total This Issue			2,000,000		2,000,000		
	Total Enterprise Bonds			35,640,693		31,043,652		
	Total Long Term Debt		\$	122,875,693	\$	95,043,652		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluded bonds that have been refunded.

#### Short-Term Debt

The Town has no short-term debt as of the date of this Official Statement.

#### Other Obligations

The Town has no other obligations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Self-supporting debt. The Water and Sewer debt obligations are supported by the Enterprise Funds.

#### Clean Water Fund Program

The Town has entered into the following two financings pursuant to the State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund Program under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-475 et seq., as amended (the "CWF Program"): (1) \$1,996,812 Project Loan Obligation in 2005 to fund denitrification improvements; and (2) \$31,620,693 Project Loan Obligation in 2023 to fund phosphorous treatment and other improvements. The loans bear interest at 2.0% pursuant to the CWF Program.

All participating municipalities in the CWF Program receive funding for eligible expenses in the form of 20% grant and 80% loan, except for combined sewer overflow projects (50% grant and 50% loan) and denitrofication projects (30% grant and 70% loan). Loans and grants to each municipality are made pursuant to a Project Loan and Grant Agreement ("Loan and Grant Agreement"). During construction the municipality executes a short-term borrowing obligation in favor of the State called an Interim Funding Obligation ("IFO") under which it pays project costs as needed. Each municipality is obligated to repay only that amount which it draws down for the payment of project costs. Upon project completion a 20-year debt obligation called a Project Loan Obligation ("PLO") is issued to the State. The municipal obligations issued to the State are secured by the full faith and credit of the municipality and/or dedicated source of revenue of such municipality.

Amortization of each loan is required to begin one year from the earlier of the scheduled completion date specified in the Loan and Grant Agreement or the actual project completion date. The final maturity of each loan is twenty years from the scheduled completion date. Principal and interest payments are made (1) in monthly installments commencing one month after the scheduled completion date, or (2) in single annual installments representing 1/20 of total principal not later than one year from the scheduled completion date specified in the Loan and Grant Agreement repayable thereafter in monthly installments. Monthly installments may be in level debt service or amortized with level principal at the election of the municipal borrower. Borrowers may prepay their loans at any time prior to maturity without penalty.

# Annual Bonded Debt Maturity Schedule As of October 14, 2025 (Pro-Forma)

#### **General Government**

Fiscal											Cumulative
Year						Th	nis Issue				Principal
Ended	Principal	Interest	Total	(	General					Total	Retired
6/30	Payments	Payments	Payments	ı	Purpose		Schools	Total	F	Principal	%
2026 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 3,130,000	\$ 880,022	\$ 4,010,022	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	3,130,000	4.9%
2027	3,610,000	1,491,094	5,101,094		545,000		355,000	900,000		4,510,000	11.9%
2028	2,890,000	1,370,806	4,260,806		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,790,000	17.9%
2029	2,800,000	1,268,581	4,068,581		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,700,000	23.6%
2030	2,805,000	1,164,606	3,969,606		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,705,000	29.4%
2031	2,800,000	1,054,531	3,854,531		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,700,000	35.2%
2032	2,800,000	959,756	3,759,756		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,700,000	41.0%
2033	2,800,000	866,406	3,666,406		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,700,000	46.8%
2034	2,795,000	773,106	3,568,106		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,695,000	52.5%
2035	2,795,000	679,856	3,474,856		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,695,000	58.3%
2036	2,795,000	586,319	3,381,319		545,000		355,000	900,000		3,695,000	64.1%
2037	2,335,000	499,681	2,834,681		540,000		360,000	900,000		3,235,000	69.1%
2038	2,335,000	420,231	2,755,231		540,000		360,000	900,000		3,235,000	74.2%
2039	2,335,000	339,738	2,674,738		540,000		360,000	900,000		3,235,000	79.3%
2040	1,500,000	258,200	1,758,200		540,000		360,000	900,000		2,400,000	83.0%
2041	1,505,000	203,750	1,708,750		540,000		360,000	900,000		2,405,000	86.8%
2042	1,505,000	149,250	1,654,250		540,000		360,000	900,000		2,405,000	90.5%
2043	1,220,000	97,600	1,317,600		540,000		360,000	900,000		2,120,000	93.8%
2044	1,220,000	48,800	1,268,800		540,000		360,000	900,000		2,120,000	97.1%
2045	-	-	-		540,000		370,000	910,000		910,000	98.6%
2046	-	-	-		540,000		375,000	915,000		915,000	100.0%
Total	\$ 45,975,000	\$ 13,112,333	\$ 59,087,333	\$	10,850,000	\$	7,175,000	\$ 18,025,000	\$	64,000,000	•

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes \$510,000 in principal payments and \$752,672 in interest payments from July 1, 2025 through October 14, 2025.

#### **Enterprise Funds**

Fiscal						
Year				This Issue:		Cumulative
Ended	Principal	Interest	Total	The Bonds	Total	Principal
6/30	Payments <sup>2</sup>	Payments	Payments	Sewer	Principal	Retired (%)
2026 1	\$ 1,437,735	\$ 455,380	\$ 1,893,115	\$ -	\$ 1,437,735	4.6%
2027	1,786,980	557,314	2,344,294	100,000	1,886,980	10.7%
2028	1,791,980	517,682	2,309,662	100,000	1,891,980	16.8%
2029	1,791,980	477,785	2,269,765	100,000	1,891,980	22.9%
2030	1,796,980	437,895	2,234,875	100,000	1,896,980	29.0%
2031	1,796,980	397,756	2,194,736	100,000	1,896,980	35.1%
2032	1,656,980	357,624	2,014,604	100,000	1,756,980	40.8%
2033	1,656,980	324,476	1,981,456	100,000	1,756,980	46.4%
2034	1,656,980	291,337	1,948,317	100,000	1,756,980	52.1%
2035	1,656,980	258,197	1,915,177	100,000	1,756,980	57.8%
2036	1,656,979	225,065	1,882,044	100,000	1,756,979	63.4%
2037	1,656,979	191,918	1,848,897	100,000	1,756,979	69.1%
2038	1,656,979	158,779	1,815,758	100,000	1,756,979	74.7%
2039	1,656,979	125,639	1,782,618	100,000	1,756,979	80.4%
2040	1,656,979	92,507	1,749,486	100,000	1,756,979	86.1%
2041	1,656,979	59,360	1,716,339	100,000	1,756,979	91.7%
2042	1,656,979	26,220	1,683,199	100,000	1,756,979	97.4%
2043	414,244	1,381	415,625	100,000	514,244	99.0%
2044	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	99.4%
2045	=	-	-	100,000	100,000	99.7%
2046	=	-	=	100,000	100,000	100.0%
Total	\$ 29,043,652	\$ 4,956,315	\$ 33,999,967	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 31,043,652	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes \$422,602 in principal payments and \$142,238 in interest payments from July 1, 2025 through October 14, 2025.

#### Overlapping/Underlying Debt

The Town does not have any overlapping or underlying debt.

#### Debt Statement <sup>1</sup> As of October 14, 2025 (Pro-Forma)

#### Long-Term Debt Outstanding:

General Purpose (Includes this Issue)	\$ 41,445,000
Schools (Includes this Issue)	22,555,000
Enterprise Fund - Water	875,000
Enterprise Fund - Sewer (Includes this Issue)	30,168,652
Total Long-Term Debt	95,043,652
Short-Term Debt	-
Total Direct Debt	95,043,652
Less: Self Supporting Water Bonds	(875,000)
Less: Self Supporting Sewer Debt	(30,168,652)
Total Direct Net Debt	 64,000,000
Overlapping/Underlying Debt	-
Total Overall Net Debt	\$ 64,000,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The State of Connecticut will reimburse the City for eligible principal and interest costs over the life of bonds issued for projects authorized by the General Assembly prior to July 1, 1996. School construction grants receivable stated above are for principal reimbursement only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Consists of \$875,000 of water bonds and \$28,168,652 of sewer obligations.

#### Current Debt Ratios As of October 14, 2025 (Pro-Forma)

Population <sup>1</sup>	44,039
Net Taxable Grand List at 70% of Full Value (10/1/24)	\$ 6,079,539,383
Estimated Full Value	\$ 8,685,056,261
Equalized Grand List (10/1/23) 2	\$ 9,162,969,367
Money Income per Capita 1	\$ 51,875

	Total	Total Overall
	Direct Debt	Net Debt
_	\$95,043,652	\$64,000,000
Per Capita	\$2,158.17	\$1,453.26
Ratio to Net Taxable Grand List	1.56%	1.05%
Ratio to Estimated Full Value	1.09%	0.74%
Ratio to Equalized Grand List	1.04%	0.70%
Debt per Capita to Money Income per Capita	4.16%	2.80%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

#### **Bond Authorization**

The issuance of bonds or notes of the Town is authorized by ordinance in accordance with the Town Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes. The ordinance adoption procedure requires the holding of a public hearing, Town Council passage, and Mayoral approval, or in the event of Mayoral disapproval, Council override of such disapproval by seven members. Thereafter, the ordinance becomes effective unless a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of registered voters requesting a referendum is timely filed with the Town Clerk within 30 days after publication of the bond ordinance. A referendum vote to repeal the ordinance approved by a majority of the electors does not become effective unless 20% of the electorate have voted in the referendum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the issuance of refunding bonds may be authorized by the vote of the Council so long as the refunding results in net present value savings. (CGS Sec. 7-370c).

#### **Maturities**

Except for refunding bonds that achieve net present value savings or refunding bonds issued prior to July 1, 2027 that are approved by two-thirds vote of the municipality's legislative body, general obligation bonds are required to be payable in maturities wherein a succeeding maturity may not exceed any prior maturity by more than 50% or aggregate annual principal and interest payments must be substantially equal. The term of an issue may not exceed twenty years except in the case of sewer and school bonds or other bonds issued on or after July 1, 2017, which may mature in up to thirty years.

#### Temporary Financing

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

Temporary notes issued for sewer or school projects and in anticipation of State and/or Federal grants may be funded beyond ten years from their initial borrowing. If a written commitment exists for State and/or Federal grants, a municipality may renew such notes from time to time in terms not to exceed six months until such time that the final grant payments are received (CGS Sec. 7-378b).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.

#### Limitation of Indebtedness

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

General Purposes:

School Purposes:

Sewer Purposes:

Urban Renewal Purposes:

Unfunded Past Pension Purposes:

2.25 times annual receipts from taxation

3.75 times annual receipts from taxation

3.25 times annual receipts from taxation

3.00 times annual receipts from taxation

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

The Connecticut General Statutes also provide for exclusion from the debt limit calculation debt (i) issued in anticipation of taxes; and (ii) issued for the supply of water, gas, electricity, electric demand response, conservation and load management, distributed generation and renewal 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. There are additional exclusions for indebtedness issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from assessments levied upon property benefited by any public improvement, indebtedness issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from State or Federal grants evidenced by a written commitment or 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, and indebtedness issued for certain water pollution control projects, and indebtedness upon placement in 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 <sup>1</sup> As of October 14, 2025 (Pro Forma)

**Total Tax Collections** (including interest and lien fees)

Received by the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024	\$ 137,694,000
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#### Reimbursement For Revenue Loss: Tax relief for elderly

1 day relief for electry	·
Base for Debt Limitation Computation	. \$ 137,694,000

Base for Debt Limitation Computation								
	General						Urban	Unfunded
	Purpose		Schools		Sewers		Renewal	Pension
Debt Limitation:								
2 1/4 times base	\$	309,811,500		-		-	-	-
4 1/2 times base		-	\$	619,623,000		-	-	-
3 3 /4 times base		-		-	\$	516,352,500	-	-
3 1/4 times base		-		-		-	\$ 447,505,500	-
3 times base		-		-		-	-	\$ 413,082,000
Total Debt Limitation	\$	309,811,500	\$	619,623,000	\$	516,352,500	\$ 447,505,500	\$ 413,082,000
Indebtedness: 1								
Bonds Outstanding	\$	30,595,000	\$	15,380,000	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Bonds – This Issue		10,850,000		7,175,000		2,000,000 <sup>2</sup>	-	-
CWF Project Loan Obligations (PLO)		-		-		28,168,652 <sup>2</sup>	-	-
Debt Authorized But Unissued		29,468,198		12,966,760		6,564,570	-	-
Total Indebtedness		70,913,198		35,521,760		36,733,222	-	-
Less:								
State School Grants Receivable		-		-		-	-	-
Total Net Indebtedness		70,913,198		35,521,760		36,733,222	-	-
DEBT LIMITATION IN EXCESS								
OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS	\$	238,898,302	\$	584,101,240	\$	479,619,278	\$ 447,505,500	\$ 413,082,000

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup> Excludes\ \$875,000\ in\ outstanding\ Water\ Bonds\ as\ allowed\ under\ the\ Connecticut\ General\ Statutes.$ 

Note: In no case shall total indebtedness exceed seven times annual receipts from taxation or \$963,858,000.

For the purposes of determining a municipality's compliance with the statutory debt limitation, there is no requirement that authorized but unissued debt be considered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents Sewer Debt supported by the Enterprise Funds.

#### Authorized but Unissued Debt As of October 14, 2025 (Pro Forma)

			Amount			Debt Au	thorized but U	nissued
	Bonds	Bonds	Self-		This Issue:	General		,
Project	Authorized	Issued $^1$	Funded	Grants	The Bonds	Purpose	Schools	Sewer
Northford Road Bridge	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 200,022	\$ 61,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 738,608	\$ -	\$ -
Toelles Road Construction & Bridge	1,000,000	205,022	-	-	-	794,978	-	-
Community Pool Project	625,000	425,048	-	-	-	199,952	-	-
Community Pool Park	10,500,000	-	-	-	-	10,500,000	-	-
Police Headquarters	36,398,000	23,674,074	-	-	10,850,000	1,873,926	-	-
School CIP Phase II.3	11,175,000	10,142,849	-	-	-	-	1,032,151	-
School CIP Phase III.3	490,000	312,534	153,133	-	-	-	24,333	-
School CIP Phase IV	898,000	630,000	-	-	-	-	268,000	-
North Farms Fire Station3	4,625,000	4,285,000	272,000	-	-	68,000	-	-
2015-16 CIP.3	3,263,498	-	-	-	-	3,263,498	-	-
2016-17 CIP. <sup>3</sup>	2,254,528	-	-	-	-	2,254,528	-	-
2017-18 CIP. <sup>3</sup>	1,839,425	-	-	-	-	1,839,425	-	-
2018-19 CIP. <sup>3</sup>	2,055,855	-	-	-	-	2,055,855	-	-
2021-22 CIP. <sup>3</sup>	2,107,062	-	-	-	-	2,107,062	-	-
2022-23 CIP	1,762,362	-	-	-	-	1,762,362	-	-
2023-24 CIP	1,757,851	-	-	-	-	1,757,851	-	-
Center Street Cemetery Building <sup>3</sup>	340,000	-	57,847	275,000	-	7,153	-	-
33 North Cherry Street Purchase 3	610,000	365,000	-	-	-	245,000	-	-
Sheehan High School Track & Field Project	2,000,000	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	200,000	-
Town-Wide School System Renov.3	72,367,000	37,600,000	1,140,000	29,867,198	-	-	3,759,802	-
Regional Vo-Ag Center School <sup>3</sup>	27,808,000	1,245,000	110,000	23,659,705	-	-	2,793,295	-
School Roof Program.3	16,165,000	7,200,000	-	4,645,000	-	-	4,320,000	-
School System CIP - Phase I.3	1,400,000	1,120,000	40,821	-	-	-	239,179	-
4 Fairfield Boulevard	5,100,000	-	-	-	4,960,000	-	140,000	-
Various School Boilers	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,365,000	-	135,000	-
Lyman Hall High School Boilers	905,000	-	-	-	850,000	-	55,000	-
WWTP Phosphorous 2	60,000,000	33,617,693	-	21,217,737	-	-	-	5,164,570
I-91 Wastewater Pump Station 2	3,400,000		-		2,000,000			1,400,000
Total	\$ 273,346,581	\$ 122,822,242	\$ 1,835,171	\$ 79,664,640	\$ 20,025,000	\$ 29,468,198	\$ 12,966,760	\$ 6,564,570

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some cases, includes bond premiums credited by the Comptroller to the projects per bond ordinance.

#### Principal Amount of Outstanding General Fund Debt <sup>1</sup> Last Five Fiscal Years Ending June 30

Long-Term Debt	<b>2025</b> <sup>2</sup>	2024	2023	2022	2021
Bonds	\$ 46,485,000	\$ 51,015,000	\$ 30,380,000	\$ 34,740,000	\$ 32,025,000
Short-Term Debt					
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 46,485,000	\$ 51,015,000	\$ 30,380,000	\$ 34,740,000	\$ 32,025,000

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup> Does\ not\ include\ self-supporting\ debt\ of\ Enterprise\ Funds.$ 

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Self Supporting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Town does not expect to issue debt for the remaining authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Subject to audit.

#### Ratios of Net Long-Term Debt to Valuation, Population, and Income

					Ratio of			
					Net			Ratio of Net
				Ratio of Net	Long-Term			Long-Term
Fiscal				Long-Term	Debt to		Net	Debt per
Year	Net		Net	Debt to	Estimated		Long-Term	Capita to
Ended	Assessed	Estimated	Long-Term	Assessed	Full		Debt per	Per Capita
6/30	Value	Full Value 1	Debt 2	Value (%)	Value (%)	Population <sup>3</sup>	Capita	Income 4 (%)
2025 <sup>5</sup>	<b>Value</b> \$ 4,638,251,833	<b>Full Value</b> 1 \$ 6,626,074,047	<b>Debt</b> <sup>2</sup> \$ 46,485,000	1.00	<b>Value (%)</b> 0.70	<b>Population</b> 3 44,039	\$1,055.54	2.03
				·	<u>`</u>	•	•	<u>`</u>
2025 5	\$ 4,638,251,833	\$ 6,626,074,047	\$ 46,485,000	1.00	0.70	44,039	\$1,055.54	2.03
2025 <sup>5</sup> 2024	\$ 4,638,251,833 4,617,631,719	\$ 6,626,074,047 6,596,616,741	\$ 46,485,000 51,015,000	1.00 1.10	0.70 0.77	44,039 44,039	\$1,055.54 1,158.41	2.03 2.23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assessment Ratio, 70%.

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

#### Ratio of Annual Long-Term General Fund Debt Service To Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out

(in thousands)

Ratio of

General Fund **Debt Service** Total Total To Total Fiscal Year Debt General Fund General Fund Ended 6/30 Service Expenditures 1 Expenditures Principal Interest 2025 4,530 \$ 1,774 \$ 6,304 196,218 3.21% \$ 2024 3,795 900 4,695 203,670 2.31% 2023 4,360 1,077 5,437 195,037 2.79% 2022 4,065 1,150 5,215 185,590 2.81% 183,223 2021 4,280 1,215 5,495 3.00% 2020 4,285 1,339 5,624 180,241 3.12% 2019 3,455 1,040 4,495 169,891 2.65% 2018 3,455 1,101 4,556 180,842 2.52% 2017 3,460 1,230 4,690 175,682 2.67% 163,981 2016 3,090 1,136 4,226 2.58%

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

### THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD HAS NEVER DEFAULTED IN THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST ON ITS BONDS OR NOTES.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Excludes enterprise fund debt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, American Community Survey (ACS), 2019-2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Money Income per Capita: ACS 2019-2023 data: \$51,875 used for all calculations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Subject to audit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GAAP basis of accounting. Includes Transfers out.

#### VI. Financial Administration

#### Fiscal Year

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

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of 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. In June 1999, GASB issued Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments". The statement established a new reporting model for governments that was substantially different from prior reporting standards. The Town changed its financial reporting to comply with GASB Statement No. 34 beginning with its financial report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2002. Please refer to Appendix A "Notes to Financial Statements" herein for compliance and implementation details.

The new reporting model includes the following segments:

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") – provides introductory information on basic financial statements and an analytical overview of the Town's financial activities.

Government-wide financial statements – consists of a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, which are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. These statements distinguish between governmental activities and business-type activities and exclude fiduciary (employee retirement system and agency funds). Capital assets, including infrastructure and long-term obligations are included along with current assets and liabilities.

Fund financial statements – provides information about the Town's governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds. These statements emphasize major fund activity and, depending on the fund type, utilize different basis of accounting.

 $Required\ supplementary\ information$  – in addition to the MD&A, budgetary comparison schedules are presented for the General Fund.

Please refer to Appendix A "Notes to Financial Statements" herein for measurement focus and basis of accounting of the government-wide financial statements as well as the fiduciary fund financial statements of the Town of Wallingford.

#### **Budget Procedure**

Departmental managers submit their budgets to the Finance Department one hundred twenty (120) days prior to year-end for the Fiscal Year commencing the following July 1. Thirty days later the Mayor and the Comptroller present the proposed operating budget to the Town Council. The Council shall hold one or more public hearings not later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. The Enterprise Funds are also under the same budgetary control. The Council is required to adopt a budget by the second Tuesday of May in each year and file such budget with the Town Clerk.

Supplemental budget appropriations must be adopted by the Town Council.

The annual budget is approved at the line-item level. Upon approval of the Town Council, transfers from one budgetary line to another, or from contingency accounts, may be made within a department. Transfers between departments can be made upon request of the Mayor and resolution of the Council during the last three months of the applicable fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at year-end except appropriations of the capital projects funds, which continue until completion of the applicable project.

The Town's budget process must also anticipate the impact of the State's budget which proceeds simultaneously with the Town's budget process. Every session legislative proposals are set forth which if enacted would impact Connecticut municipalities. It is impossible to predict which will be enacted, if any.

#### Municipal Budget Expenditures Cap

Section 4-66l of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, (the "Act") creates disincentives on increasing adopted budget expenditures for Connecticut municipalities. The Act reduces a municipality's State revenue sharing grant if its adopted general budget expenditures (as modified by the Act) in any fiscal year, with certain exceptions, exceeds the threshold set forth in the Act. As a result of utilizing modified budget growth to reduce a municipality's revenue sharing grant the Act is sometimes popularly referred to as imposing a "spending cap". Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") must reduce the municipal revenue sharing grant amount for those municipalities whose spending, with certain exceptions, exceeds the spending limits specified in the Act. Each fiscal year, OPM must determine the municipality's percentage growth in spending 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. The reduction to the municipal revenue sharing grant is generally equal to 50 cents for every dollar the municipality spends over this cap.

The Act requires that each municipality annually certify to the Secretary of OPM whether the municipality exceeded the spending cap and if so, the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

Under the Act, municipal spending does not include expenditures: (1) for debt service, special education, costs to implement 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; (2) associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration by the President or disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor under the civil preparedness law; or (3) for any municipal revenue sharing grant the municipality disburses to a special taxing district. In addition, if budget expenditures exceed the 2.5% cap, but are proportional to population growth from the previous year, the municipal revenue sharing grant will not be reduced.

The Town did not receive any revenue sharing grants in Fiscal Year 2025, and received \$1.121 million of such grants in Fiscal Year 2024.

#### Annual Audit

Pursuant to State 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 Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") and a copy of the audit report must be filed with OPM within six months of the end of the applicable fiscal year. For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024, the examination was conducted by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, of West Hartford, Connecticut.

#### Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Town has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial reports for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1988 through June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2003 through June 30, 2024. To be eligible for the award, financial reports must include general purpose financial statements presented in conformity with GAAP, and have been audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The reports must also contain statistical information useful in evaluating the financial condition of a government and meet the standards established for the Certificate Program.

#### **Pensions**

#### **Town Plan**

The Town is the administrator of the Town's Consolidated Pension Plan (the "Town Plan"), a single-employer contributory defined benefit public employee retirement system ("PERS") established and administered by the Town to provide pension benefits to all full-time non-certified employees. The Town Plan is considered to be part of the Town's financial reporting entity and is included in the Town's financial reports as a pension trust fund. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone report. The certified faculty and administrative personnel of the Board of Education participate in a contributory defined benefit retirement plan established under Chapter 167a of the Connecticut General Statutes and administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. The Town is not required to and does not contribute to this plan.

#### Schedule of Contributions

	<b>2025</b> 1	2024	2023	2022	2021
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$ 10,961,000	\$ 11,074,000	\$ 10,526,000	\$ 10,505,000	\$ 9,194,000
Contributions in Relation to the ADC	10,961,000	12,501,000	11,639,000	11,043,000	9,194,000
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ (1,427,000)	\$ (1,113,000)	\$ (538,000)	\$ -
Contributions as a % of ADC	100.00%	112.89%	110.57%	105.12%	100.00%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 43,641,000	\$ 43,590,000	\$ 44,546,000	\$ 43,061,000	\$ 43,559,000
Contributions as a Percentage of					
Covered Employee Payroll	25.12%	28.68%	26.13%	25.65%	21.11%
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budgetary basis and subject to audit.

#### Pension Liability

#### **Town Plan**

Total Pension Liability at June 30, 2024	\$ 347,587,000
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	263,896,000
Net Pension (Asset) Liability	\$ 83,691,000
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as % of	
Total Pension Liability	75.92%

#### **Volunteer Fire Plan**

The Town is the administrator of the Town's Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan ("Volunteer Fire Plan"), a single-employer defined benefit plan established and administered by the Town to provide pension benefits to qualified volunteer firefighters. The Volunteer Fire Plan is considered to be part of the Town's financial reporting entity and is included in the Town's financial reports as a pension trust fund. The Volunteer Fire Plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

#### Schedule of Contributions

	<b>2025</b> 1	2024	2023	2022	2021
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$ 16,746	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
Contributions in Relation to the ADC	16,746	11,000	11,000	13,000	13,000
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions as a % of ADC	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Covered Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budgetary basis and subject to audit.

#### Pension Liability

#### **Volunteer Fire Plan**

Total Pension Liability at June 30, 2024	\$ 1,657,000
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,646,000
Net Pension (Asset) Liability	\$ 11,000
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as % of	
Total Pension Liability	99.34%

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

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

				Current		
	1%	Decrease	L	Discount	1%	6 Increase
_		(6.00%)		(7.00%)		(8.00%)
Town - Net Pension Liability	\$	123,617,000	\$	83,691,000	\$	50,139,000
Volunteer Fire - Net Pension Liability	\$	185,000	\$	11,000	\$	(135,000)

The most recent valuation for the Town Plan was performed as of July 1, 2024. The next valuation for such plan will be prepared as of July 1, 2025. The most recent valuation for the Volunteer Fire Plan was performed as of July 1, 2023. The next valuation for such plan will be prepared as of July 1, 2025.

Please refer to the "Notes to Financial Statements – Note 14" in Appendix A herein for further information regarding the Town's pension plans.

#### Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Town provides post-employment health care benefits, in accordance with current contracts, to Board of Education certified teachers and administrators who retire from the Town in accordance with criteria listed in "Notes to Financial Statements-Note 13" in Appendix A. For those employees who are terminated without retirement, healthcare benefits continue for 30 days after termination.

The Town also provides health care benefits to retired police and fire employees as well as chiefs and assistant chiefs, in accordance with union contracts. When they retire, police and fire employees may have up to fifty percent of their health care benefits paid for by the Town until they reach age 65. The cost of this benefit is recognized as a General Fund expense in the year premiums are incurred.

The most recent OPEB valuation was performed as of July 1, 2024. The next OPEB valuation will be prepared as of July 1, 2025.

#### **Total OPEB Liability**

	2024	2023		2022
Total OPEB Liability				
Service Cost	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 1,109,000	\$	1,718,000
Interest	1,168,000	1,097,000		988,000
Differences Between Expected and				
Actual Experience	1,600,000	874,000	(	10,400,000)
Changes of Assumptions & Other Inputs	1,877,000	(307,000)		(4,457,000)
Benefit Payments	(1,357,000)	(2,234,000)		(1,773,000)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	4,418,000	539,000	(	13,924,000)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	31,539,000	31,000,000		44,924,000
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 35,957,000	\$ 31,539,000	\$	31,000,000
Covered Payroll	\$ 98,972,000	\$ 96,482,000	\$	93,400,000
Total OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Payroll	36.33%	32.69%		33.19%

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(2.93%)	(3.93%)	(4.93%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 39,139,000	\$ 35,957,000	\$ 33,073,000

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

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

			H	ealthcare Cost			
	1	% Decrease		Trend Rates		1% Increase	
	(6.0	0% Decreasing	(7.0	00% Decreasing	(8.00% Decreasing		
		to 3.40%)		to 4.40%)		to 5.40%)	
Total OPEB Liability	\$	32,086,000	\$	35,957,000	\$	40,491,000	

Please refer to the "Notes to Financial Statements – Note 13" in Appendix A herein for further information regarding OPEB.

#### **Investment 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 make. 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 Federal Home Loan Banks, all Federal Land Banks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, or any other agency of the United States government, and money market mutual funds.

The Connecticut General Statutes enumerate the allowable investment products for municipal funds. The Department of Finance is responsible for the treasury function and utilizes a short-term cash management approach. The three main objectives of the Town's operating cash policy are safety of principal, liquidity and rate of return. Available cash is invested on a daily basis in certificates of deposit ranging from 7 to 200 days, municipal money market accounts and other products allowed by State law. Derivatives and highly leveraged investments are not utilized for operating cash management purposes because of their unacceptable exposure to risk.

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#### Long Term Planning

#### Capital Improvement Plan

The Town, per ordinance, develops a Six-Year Capital Budget each year primarily for infrastructure projects, such as road and bridge reconstruction and other non-recurring expenditures. The ordinance requires the Electric Division to make a PILOT payment based upon the prior audited year kilowatt volume sales to finance a portion of these projects. These projects may also be funded by project specific federal and state grants, debt issuance and up to two mills of the Town's annual property tax levy. Proposed projects for the ensuing fiscal year and the next five fiscal years thereafter are presented in the same manner as all other funds during the annual budget process. Each year the recommended projects for the ensuing fiscal year are appropriated. This activity is accounted for in the Town's Capital and Non-Recurring Capital Projects Fund. The Fiscal Year 2025 adopted Capital and Non-Recurring Fund Budget was in the amount of \$1.739 million, which was funded by the PILOT payment from the Electric Division.

	Fiscal Year									
Project	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30		Total		
Town-Wide Paving Program	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$	6,550,000		
Sidewalk Install/Replace	328,288	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000		2,278,288		
Community Lake Tennis & Basketball	450,000	-	-	-	-	-		450,000		
Brick Paver - Townwide	-	50,000	-	25,000	-	25,000		100,000		
Downtown Parking Lot Improvements	-	80,000	150,000	-	-	-		230,000		
Durham Road Bridge Replacement	-	-	100,000	200,000	-	-		300,000		
Gregory Road Sidewalk Extension	-	320,000	-	-	-	-		320,000		
Town-Wide Guardrails	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		250,000		
Nothrup Road Improvements	-	100,000	-	-	-	-		100,000		
Marcus Cooke Park Improvements	-	175,000	-	-	-	-		175,000		
Community Lake Picklebal Courts	-	150,000	-	-	-	-		150,000		
Curbing Projects - Townwide	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		250,000		
Technology - Townwide	-	453,221	-	-	-	-		453,221		
Total	\$ 1,728,288	\$ 2,778,221	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,725,000	\$	11,606,509		

#### Risk Management

The Risk Management Office, a unit of the Department of Human Resources, administers the property and casualty insurance programs, and the workers' compensation benefits program. A professional risk manager supervises this function. In addition, the Town has retained an experienced risk management-oriented broker/agent to serve as a consultant to the Town.

The Town is self-insured for worker's compensation claims. A professional third-party administrator investigates claims and processes them for payment. Weekly disability and medical benefit payments and specific awards granted by the state Worker's Compensation Commission are budgeted annually.

The Town is self-insured for employee health claims and costs. A professional third-party administrator processes claims, reports financial activity, monitors costs and trends, and prepares analyses for annual budget purposes. The Town procures the service of a professional consulting firm to assist in this function.

The Town procures insurance policies with commercial insurance companies to protect itself against various property and liability exposures such as general liability, property damage and errors and omissions.

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## General Fund Revenues and Expenditures Four Year Summary of Audited Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis) and Adopted Budget (Budgetary Basis) (in thousands)

Revenues:         Budget 2026         Budget 2025         Actual 2024         Actual 2023         Actual 2024         Actual 2024
General Property Taxes         \$ 147,973         \$ 143,671         \$ 137,694         \$ 133,639         \$ 128,784         \$ 126,326           Licensese and Permits         1,255         955         1,433         1,149         836         712           Intergovernmental Revenues         31,089         30,962         51,936         50,105         46,626         45,496           Charges for Services         5,715         5,155         5,665         5,706         5,837         5,211           Investment Income         2,500         2,000         3,141         1,693         30         67           Other         3,615         3,582         4,730         3,242         2,419         1,738           Use of Fund Balance         9,000         7,900         -         -         -         -         -         -           Transfers In         2,903         1,993         2,023         2,022         1,954         1,981           Total         \$ 204,050         \$ 196,218         \$ 206,622         \$ 197,556         \$ 186,486         \$ 181,531           Expenditures:         \$ 204,050         \$ 34,954         \$ 30,506         \$ 27,884         \$ 27,128         \$ 27,639           Public Safety <td< th=""></td<>
Licensese and Permits         1,255         955         1,433         1,149         836         712           Intergovernmental Revenues         31,089         30,962         51,936         50,105         46,626         45,496           Charges for Services         5,715         5,155         5,665         5,706         5,837         5,211           Investment Income         2,500         2,000         3,141         1,693         30         67           Other         3,615         3,582         4,730         3,242         2,419         1,738           Use of Fund Balance         9,000         7,900         -         -         -         -         -         -           Transfers In         2,903         1,993         2,023         2,022         1,954         1,981           Total         \$ 204,050         \$ 196,218         \$ 206,622         \$ 197,556         \$ 186,486         \$ 181,531           Expenditures:         S         S         204,050         \$ 196,218         \$ 30,506         \$ 27,884         \$ 27,128         \$ 27,639           Public Safety         25,506         23,960         22,164         20,776         19,307         19,323           Public Works
Intergovernmental Revenues         31,089         30,962         51,936         50,105         46,626         45,496           Charges for Services         5,715         5,155         5,665         5,706         5,837         5,211           Investment Income         2,500         2,000         3,141         1,693         30         67           Other         3,615         3,582         4,730         3,242         2,419         1,738           Use of Fund Balance         9,000         7,900         -         -         -         -         -         -           Trans fers In         2,903         1,993         2,023         2,022         1,954         1,981           Total         2,904,050         196,218         306,622         197,556         186,486         181,531           Expenditures:         2         2,204,050         3,4954         30,506
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Trans fers Out
<b>Total.</b>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):
Issuance of Refunding Bonds\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$
Payments to Escrow Agent
Premium on Bond Issuance
Premium on Refunding Bond Issuance
Total\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues
<b>Over Expenditures</b> \$ - \$ - \$ 2,952 \$ 2,519 \$ 896 \$ (1,692)
Fund Equity, Beginning of Year         33,249         33,249         30,297         27,778         26,882         28,574
Fund Equity, End of Year         N/A         \$ 33,249         \$ 33,249         \$ 30,297         \$ 27,778         \$ 26,882

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budgetary basis and subject to audit.

#### Analysis of General Fund Equity

	Adopted Budget <sup>1</sup> 2026	Adopted Actual <sup>1</sup> 2025	ctual 2024	_	Actual 2023	_	Actual 2022	_	Actual 2021
Nonspendable	N/A	N/A	\$ 3	\$	11	\$	10	\$	523
Committed	N/A	N/A	1,844		2,367		2,843		2,956
Assigned	N/A	N/A	8,381		8,979		7,391		8,736
Unassigned	N/A	N/A	22,021		18,940		17,534		14,667
Total Fund Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,249	\$	30,297	\$	27,778	\$	26,882

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budgetary basis and subject to audit.

#### Intergovernmental Revenues

Fiscal Year	Inte	ergovernmental	Total	
Ended 6/30		Revenues	Revenues	Percent
2025 ¹	\$	30,962,000	\$ 196,218,000	15.78%
2024		51,936,000	206,622,000	25.14%
2023		50,105,000	197,556,000	25.36%
2022		46,626,000	186,486,000	25.00%
2021		45,496,000	181,531,000	25.06%
2020		46,763,000	182,674,000	25.60%
2019		35,984,000	169,381,000	21.24%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budgetary basis of accounting, subject to audit.

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

## Electric Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis) (in thousands)

	Actual 6/30/2024		Actual 6/30/2023		ctual 0/2022	otual 80/2021	ctual 0/2020
Operating Revenues:							
Operations	\$ 75,567	\$	79,953	\$	75,134	\$ 65,247	\$ 68,402
Other	1,371		1,491		1,175	886	1,480
Total	76,938		81,444		76,309	66,133	69,882
Operating Expenditures:							
Operations	67,985		69,659		64,175	59,107	59,954
Depreciation	3,731		3,716		3,673	3,609	3,587
Gross Earnings Tax	2,294		2,410		2,370	1,784	2,043
Other	119		104		1,225	2,593	
Total	74,129		75,889		71,443	67,093	65,584
Operating Income (Loss)	2,809		5,555		4,866	(960)	4,298
NON-OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):							
Interest on customer deposits	(230)		(69)		(5)	(6)	(84)
Gain on disposal of assets	-		2		-	-	-
Loss on disposal of assets	(7)		-		(11)	(18)	(23)
Rental income	626		665		-	-	-
Lease income	1,491		1,491		2,159	1,575	1,532
Investment income	1,974		898		66	59	273
Investment Income - affiliated benefit fund	-		-		-	-	
Total Non-Operating Income (Expenses)	3,854		2,987		2,209	1,610	1,698
NET INCOME (LOSS)							
BEFORE TRANSFERS	6,663		8,542		7,075	650	5,996
Capital Grants and Contributions	110		745		515	-	-
Transfers out	(1,758)		(1,762)		(1,781)	(1,842)	(1,808)
Change in net assets	5,015		7,525		5,809	(1,192)	4,188
Total Net Assets, July 1 (as restated)	71,983		64,458		58,649	59,841	55,653
Total Net Assets, June 30	\$ 76,998	\$	71,983	\$	64,458	\$ 58,649	\$ 59,841

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

#### Water Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis) (in thousands)

	ctual 0/2024	Actual 80/2023	ctual 80/2022	Actual 6/30/2021		ctual 80/2020
Operating Revenues:						
Operations	\$ 7,411	\$ 7,267	\$ 6,909	\$ 7,361	\$	7,067
Other	61	654	71	87		168
Total	7,472	7,921	6,980	7,448		7,235
Operating Expenditures:						
Operations	5,254	5,711	5,045	4,394		4,917
Depreciation	1,985	1,875	1,846	1,824		1,875
Gross Earnings Tax	-	-	-	-		-
Total	7,239	7,586	6,891	6,218		6,792
Operating Income (Loss)	233	335	89	1,230		443
NON-OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):						
Lease income	-	-	73	62		83
Rental income	-	104	-	-		-
Interest & Amortization Expense	(11)	(14)	(90)	(67)		(72)
Investment income	828	441	96	95		262
Other Nonoperating Revenues (Exp.)	-	-	-	-		-
Total Non-Operating Income (Expenses)	817	531	79	90		273
NET INCOME (LOSS)						
BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,050	866	168	1,320		716
Capital Grants and Contributions	43	17	24	35		190
Transfers out	-	-	-	-		
Change in net assets	 1,093	883	192	1,355		906
Total Net Assets, July 1 (as restated)	47,932	47,049	46,857	45,502		44,596
Total Net Assets, June 30	\$ 49,025	\$ 47,932	\$ 47,049	\$ 46,857	\$	45,502

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

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#### Sewer Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis) (in thousands)

	ctual 0/2024	ctual 80/2023	lctual 80/2022	Actual 6/30/2021		Actual 80/2020
Operating Revenues:						
Operations	\$ 9,367	\$ 8,743	\$ 7,595	\$ 6,952	\$	6,387
Other	77	405	269	244		294
Total	9,444	9,148	7,864	7,196		6,681
Operating Expenditures:						
Operations	5,628	5,489	5,210	4,745		5,458
Depreciation	2,824	2,076	2,043	2,074		2,036
Gross Earnings Tax	-	-	-	-		-
Total	8,452	7,565	7,253	6,819		7,494
Operating Income (Loss)	992	1,583	611	377		(813)
NON-OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):						
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-		-
Lease income	-	-	-	-		-
Interest & Amortization Expense	(634)	(625)	(536)	(283)		(60)
Investment income	1,091	554	106	102		230
Other Nonoperating Revenues (Exp.)	-	-	-	-		-
Total Non-Operating Income (Expenses)	457	(71)	(430)	(181)		170
NET INCOME (LOSS)						
BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,449	1,512	181	196		(643)
Capital Grants and Contributions	215	1,168	5,051	7,796		6,848
Transfers out	-	-	-	-		
Change in net assets	1,664	2,680	5,232	7,992		6,205
Total Net Assets, July 1 (as restated)	57,403	54,723	49,491	 41,499		35,294
Total Net Assets, June 30	\$ 59,067	\$ 57,403	\$ 54,723	\$ 49,491	\$	41,499

Source: Annual Audited Financial Statements.

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#### VII. Legal and Other Information

#### Litigation

The Town of Wallingford, its officers, employees, boards and commissions are named defendants in a number of lawsuits, tax appeals, administrative proceedings and other miscellaneous claims. It is the Town Attorney's opinion that such pending litigation, appeals and proceedings will not be finally determined, individually or in the aggregate, so as to result in final judgments against the Town which would have a material adverse effect on the Town's financial position.

#### The COVID-19 Outbreak and Future Pandemics

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

The outbreak of COVID-19 and the response of governments to the pandemic materially affected travel, commerce and economic activity and financial markets globally.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "Rescue Plan") that provided various forms of financial assistance and other relief to state and local governments. The Town has received approximately \$13.1 million from the Rescue Plan. To date, \$13.1 million of such Rescue Plan funds has been appropriated by the Town and \$11.6 million has been expended by the Town.

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

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

Pandemics, epidemics and other public health emergencies, including COVID-19 or a variant thereof, may adversely impact the Town and its revenues, expenses, operations and financial condition. The Town cannot predict the duration and extent of such pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies, or quantify the magnitude of their ultimate impact on the State and regional economy, or on the finances and operations of the Town. Pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies may be ongoing, and their dynamic nature may lead to many uncertainties, including (i) the geographic spread as they evolve; (ii) the severity as they mutate; (iii) the duration of the outbreak; (iv) actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain or mitigate future outbreaks; (v) the development of medical therapeutics or vaccinations; (vi) travel restrictions; (vii) the impact of the outbreak on the local, State or global economy; (viii) whether and to what extent the State Governor may order additional public health measures; and (ix) the impact of the outbreak and actions taken in response to the outbreak on the Town revenues, expenses, operations and financial condition.

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

#### Cybersecurity

The Town, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. The Town and its departments face cyber threats from time to time, including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware, phishing, and other attacks on computers and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations being impacted and/or damaged by cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the Town invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operational controls, including, but not limited to, the use of offsite servers and hosting platforms for its financial systems. The Town has cyber insurance coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. The Town has isolated its financial system from its online system. Additionally, the Town annually undertakes internal testing of its systems and maintains variable daily backup schedules. No assurances can be given, however, that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard against all cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could materially 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 wetlands, 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 cannot predict the timing, extent or severity of climate change and its potential impact on the Town's operations and finances. However, the Town holds various property insurance policies to protect from weather related losses. The Town also believes that it holds sufficient reserves and annually budgets for contingencies to address any unforeseen expenses resulting from the increasing frequency of severe weather. The Town is prepared to quickly respond to and recover from any such weather events that would exceed its annual operating budget.

#### Documents Furnished at Delivery of Bonds

The original purchaser will be furnished the following documents when the Bonds are delivered:

- 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 Bonds or the levy or collection of taxes to pay them.
- 2. A Certificate on behalf of the Town, signed by the Mayor and the Comptroller, 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 the bids were awarded for the Bonds, 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 necessary to make the statements therein, in 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. A receipt for the purchase price of the Bonds.
- 4. The approving opinion of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Bond Counsel, of Hartford, Connecticut substantially in the form contained in Appendix B attached hereto.
- 5. An executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Bonds in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix C to this Official Statement.
- 6. The Town will make available to the winning bidder of the Bonds a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the Town's expense. The copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the winning bidder at the office of the Town's Municipal Advisor no later than seven business days of the bid opening. If the Town's Municipal Advisor is provided with the necessary information from the winning bidder by noon of the day following the day bids on the Bonds are received, the copies of the final Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages, if necessary, indicating the interest rates, yields or reoffering prices, the name of the underwriters, the name of the insurer, if any, and any changes on the Bonds. The purchaser shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the Official Statement to the purchaser.

A record of the proceedings taken by the Town in authorizing the Bonds will be kept on file at offices of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Hartford, Connecticut, and may be examined upon reasonable request.

#### **Concluding Statement**

Dated as of September \_\_\_, 2025

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 hereof. References to statutes, charters, or other laws herein may not be complete and such provisions of law are subject to repeal or amendment.

Information set forth herein has been derived or obtained by the Town from official and other sources and is believed by the Town to be reliable, but such information other than that obtained from official records of the Town has not been independently confirmed or verified by the Town and its accuracy is not guaranteed.

The following officials, in their capacity as officers of the Town, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, do hereby certify in connection with this issue that they have examined this Official Statement, and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the description and statements relating to the Town and its finances were true and correct in all material respects and do 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.

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
Vincent Cervoni, Mayor
Timothy M. Sena, Comptroller

#### Appendix A

#### Fiscal Year Ended 2024 General Purpose Financial Statements Excerpted from the Town's Annual Financial Report

The following includes excerpts from the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The supplemental data which was a part of that report has not been reproduced herein. A copy of the complete report is available upon request from Matthew A. Spoerndle, Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., 53 River Street, Suite 1, Milford, Connecticut 06460. Telephone (203) 878-4945.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Town Council
Town of Wallingford, 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 Wallingford, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Wallingford, 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 Wallingford, Connecticut, as of June 30, 2024, 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 Wallingford, 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 Wallingford, 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 the Town of Wallingford, 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 the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

#### Required Supplementary Information

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

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit for the year ended June 30, 2024 was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule, and report of the tax collector for the year ended June 30, 2024 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 for the year ended June 30, 2024 and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule, and report of the tax collector are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2024.

We also previously audited, in accordance with GAAS, the basic financial statements of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2023 which contained unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. The accompanying General Fund balance sheet for the year ended June 30, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statements. The information was subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare those financial statements or to those financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the General Fund balance sheet is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### Other Information

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

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

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 12, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Wallingford, 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 Wallingford, 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 Wallingford, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

West Hartford, Connecticut December 12, 2024

This discussion and analysis of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut's (the Town) financial performance is offered by management to provide an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read this Management's Discussion and Analysis in conjunction with the transmittal letter and the Town's financial statements, Exhibits I to IX.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The Town's total net position increased as a result of this year's operations by \$9.4 million, an increase of 3.1% from last year.
- During the year, governmental activity expenses exceeded revenues by \$1.6 million (including transfers) and business-type activities revenues exceeded expenses by \$7.8 million (including transfers).
- Total cost of all of the Town's programs was \$319.3 million.
- The General Fund reported a total fund balance this year of \$32.3 million, which includes \$22.0 million 'Unassigned' and available for future use.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The analysis of the Town as a whole begins with Exhibits I and II. The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities for the current period. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's net position and changes in them. The Town's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader needs to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's capital assets, to assess the overall health of the Town.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the Town is divided into two types of activities:

- Governmental Activities Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including education, public safety, public works, health and social services, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes, charges for services, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- Business-Type Activities The Town charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Town's Electric Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund are reported here.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

- Governmental Funds (Exhibits III and IV) Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.
- Proprietary Funds (Exhibits V, VI and VII) When the Town charges customers for the services it provides, whether to outside customers or to other units of the Town, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities. In fact, the Town's enterprise funds (a component of proprietary funds) are the same as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide statements, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

Fiduciary Funds (Exhibits VIII and IX) – The Town is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. All of the Town's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the Town's other financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Town is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

The Town's combined net position increased from \$300.8 million to \$310.2 million. This was primarily due to capital additions made during the fiscal year for the Sewer Plant upgrade project. The analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Town's governmental and business-type activities.

TABLE 1 NET POSITION (in Thousands)

	Governmen	ntal Activities Business-Type Activities						Total				
	2024		2023		2024		2023		2024		2023	
Current and Other Assets	\$ 71,637	\$	75,643	\$	121,952	\$	115,628	\$	193,589	\$	191,271	
Capital Assets	245,784		225,217		151,183		151,308		396,967		376,525	
Total Assets	317,421		300,860		273,135		266,936		590,556		567,796	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	18,921		30,731		3,221		7,474		22,142		38,205	
Long-Term Debt Outstanding	173,646		162,427		53,006		59,173		226,652		221,600	
Other Liabilities	18,456		22,308		16,592		16,060		35,048		38,368	
Total Liabilities	192,102		184,735		69,598		75,233		261,700		259,968	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	19,155		23,361		21,668		21,859		40,823		45,220	
Net Position:												
Net Investments in Capital Assets	190,393		191,415		119,606		118,064		309,999		309,479	
Restricted	3,551		2,651		4,327		3,773		7,878		6,424	
Unrestricted	 (68,859)		(70,571)		61,157		55,481		(7,702)		(15,090)	
Total Net Position	\$ 125,085	\$	123,495	\$	185,090	\$	177,318	\$	310,175	\$	300,813	

#### TABLE 2 CHANGES IN NET POSITION (in Thousands)

	Governmen	ital Ac	tivities	Business-Ty	/ре Ас	tivities	To		
	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024		2023
Revenues:									
Program Revenues:									
Charges for Services	\$ 9,394	\$	8,611	\$ 93,854	\$	98,513	\$ 103,248	\$	107,124
Operating Grants and Contributions	60,878		60,936	-		-	60,878		60,936
Capital Grants and Contributions	2,265		1,501	368		1,930	2,633		3,431
General Revenues:									
Property Taxes	137,233		133,955	-		-	137,233		133,955
Grants and Contributions Not									
Restricted to Specific Purposes	9,152		8,855	-		-	9,152		8,855
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	3,238		1,710	3,893		1,893	7,131		3,603
Other General Revenues	 6,286		4,861	2,117		2,260	 8,403		7,121
Total Revenues	228,446		220,429	100,232		104,596	328,678		325,025
Program Expenses:									
General Government	32,090		30,196	-		-	32,090		30,196
Public Safety	23,864		25,499	-		-	23,864		25,499
Public Works	12,254		9,675	-		-	12,254		9,675
Health and Social Services	5,553		5,100	-		-	5,553		5,100
Parks and Recreation	2,218		2,523	-		-	2,218		2,523
Education	151,610		153,490	-		-	151,610		153,490
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,025		1,139	-		-	1,025		1,139
Electric	-		-	74,366		75,956	74,366		75,956
Water	-		-	7,250		7,600	7,250		7,600
Sewer	 			9,086		8,190	 9,086		8,190
Total Program Expenses	228,614		227,622	90,702		91,746	319,316	_	319,368
Change in Net Position Before Transfers	(168)		(7,193)	9,530		12,850	9,362		5,657
Transfers	1,758		1,762	(1,758)		(1,762)	 		-
Change in Net Position	1,590		(5,431)	7,772		11,088	9,362		5,657
Net Position - Beginning of Year	123,495		128,926	177,318		166,230	300,813		295,156
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 125,085	\$	123,495	\$ 185,090	\$	177,318	\$ 310,175	\$	300,813

The net position of the Town's Governmental activities increased by \$1.6 million, from \$123.5 million to \$125.1 million. Unrestricted net position—the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements—increased by \$1.7 million, from (\$70.6) million to (\$68.9) million.

The net position of the Town's business-type activities increased by \$7.8 million from \$177.3 million to \$185.1 million. \$5.0 million of this increase is due mostly to the operating surplus in the Electric Division due to higher operating income created by purchase power costs being less than market projections and higher non-operating revenues due to increased interest rates.

The Town's total revenues (excluding transfers) were \$328.7 million. The total cost of all programs and services was \$319.3 million. Our analysis below separately considers the operations of governmental and business-type activities.

#### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$1.6 million. Revenues of the Town's total governmental activities increased \$8.0 million in 2024, \$228.4 million compared to \$220.4 million. This is primarily due to the \$3.2 million increase in Property Taxes. The increase in expenses of \$1.1 million, \$228.6 million versus \$227.6 million for Governmental activities is attributed a slight increase in General Government expenses. Governmental Accounting Standards require that the activity from the Teacher's Retirement Fund be recognized in the financial statements as both a revenue and an expense. The slight tax increase in Property Taxes and budgetary conservatism allowed the Town to provide services consistent with previous years' levels.

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

TABLE 3
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
(in Thousands)

			S				
		2024	2023		2024		2023
General Government	\$	32,090	\$ 30,196	\$	24,018	\$	26,582
Public Safety		23,864	25,499		20,144		21,062
Public Works		12,254	9,675		9,999		8,541
Health and Social Services		5,553	5,100		1,868		4,188
Education		151,610	153,490		97,860		93,542
All Others		3,243	 3,662		2,188		2,659
Total	\$	228,614	\$ 227,622	\$	156,077	\$	156,574

#### **Business-Type Activities**

Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$7.8 million, primarily due to the aforementioned operating surplus in the electric division.

#### **TOWN FUNDS FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

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 the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements.

At June 30, 2024 the Town's governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet, Exhibit III) reported a combined fund balance of \$39.9 million, an increase of \$7.1 million from last year's total

of \$32.8 million, mostly due to Bond Proceeds from the Police Headquarters construction project that was bonded this year.

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Town. The Town's General Fund reported a total fund balance this year of \$32.3 million reflecting an increase of \$2.0 million over the prior year. The general Fund's unassigned component is \$22.0 million with \$7.9 million assigned to the FY 2025 Budget.

Key factors that contributed to the financial outcome are as follows:

Revenue exceeded the amended budget by \$5.0 million. Interest income, Building Department revenue & State grants were factors in the increase.

Town Departments and the Board of Education expended \$8.2 million less than budgeted. Of this amount, \$0.5 million was assigned to fiscal year 2025 for purchases on order at June 30, 2024.

The Town's pension contributions were approximately \$388 thousand less than budgeted, and the Town's health insurance contributions were approximately \$1.1 million less than budgeted primarily due to employee retirements exceeding the Town's expectations and the time lag in replacing them.

The same reason caused a total positive \$1.6 million budget variance in Regular Wages for the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments.

#### **Capital and Nonrecurring Fund**

The Town's Capital and Nonrecurring Fund reported a fund balance this year of \$4.8 million reflecting an increase of \$.8 million over the prior year. The \$1.6 million in expenditures shows the Town's continued commitment to capital improvements.

#### **American Rescue Plan Act**

The Town was awarded \$13.1 million in ARPA funds. As of June 30, 2024, the Town has received \$13.1 million and expended \$7.8 million, reporting the balance of \$5.3 million as unearned revenue.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The following were the primary General Fund revenue budget variances:

The Town collected \$688 thousand more in General Property Taxes.

The Town Clerk collected \$122 thousand less than budgeted due to decreased activity in the real estate market.

The Town earned \$2.1 million more interest income than budgeted, as rates increased significantly after the Town adopted its budget and as the fiscal year progressed.

The Town received \$1.1 million more than budgeted in municipal revenue sharing from the State of Connecticut.

The larger General Fund expenditure budget variances were in the following areas:

The Town's pension contributions were approximately \$388 thousand less than budgeted, and the Town's health insurance contributions were approximately \$1.1 million less than budgeted primarily due to employee retirements exceeding the Town's expectations and the time lag in replacing them.

The same reason caused a total positive \$1.6 million budget variance in Regular Wages for the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments.

A mild winter season resulted in \$283 thousand less spent than budgeted for Public Works Operating costs.

The Town had \$354 thousand remaining in the Contingency budget.

There were no significant expenditure budget line items that required additional funding during the year.

The final amended expenditure budget was \$5.1 million higher than the original budget, primarily due to general government and school items approved as Appropriations-in-Force carried forward from prior fiscal years budgets, as reported as part of the General Fund "Committed" Fund Balance.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION Capital Assets

At June 30, 2024, the Town had \$397 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, park facilities, vehicles and equipment, roads, bridges, and electric, water, and sewer utility plant, and transmission and distribution lines (see Table 4). This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions, and depreciation) of \$20.5 million or 5.43% more than last year. The Town's administration views this as a moderate increase and sufficient to meet the Town's needs, balanced with the economic times.

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## TABLE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR END (Net of Depreciation) (in Thousands)

		Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities						tivities	Total				
	2024		2023		2024		2023		2024			2023	
Land and Land Improvements	\$	42,765	\$	41,723	\$	2,318	\$	1,510	\$	45,083	\$	43,233	
Buildings, Utility Plant, and Improvements		131,866		137,613		75,817		27,822		207,683		165,435	
Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment		4,000		4,167		9,914		10,160		13,914		14,327	
Infrastructure		30,571		31,346		62,790		60,972		93,361		92,318	
Lease Assets		467		711		-		-		467		711	
Subscription Based Information Technology													
Arrangements		64		130		-		-		64		130	
Construction in Progress		36,051		9,527		344		50,844		36,395		60,371	
Total	\$	245,784	\$	225,217	\$	151,183	\$	151,308	\$	396,967	\$	376,525	

This year's major capital additions included:

Sheehan Track & Field Police HQ Building

\$1.8 Million \$21.2 Million

The Town's fiscal year 2024/2025 budget calls for spending \$1.7 million for capital projects, principally for road reconstruction. More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

#### **Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2024, the Town had \$82.4 million in bonds and serial notes outstanding versus \$63.4 million last year, as shown in Table 8.

## TABLE 5 OUTSTANDING DEBT AT YEAR END (in Millions)

	Governmenta	al Activities	Business-Ty	pe Activities	Total			
	2024	2023	2024	2024	2023			
General Obligation Bonds and State of Connecticut Serial Notes (Backed								
by the Town)	51.0	30.4	31.4	33.0	82.4	63.4		

The Town of Wallingford's total debt outstanding increased by \$19.0 million or 30.0% during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Town issued \$24,430,000 of General Obligation Bonds during this fiscal year. The bonds were sold in March 2024, Moody' Investors Service Rating Agency provided a rating of Aa1. The Town also participates in the State Clean Water Fund Program which provides grants and short-term/interim financing for qualifying projects. The Town utilized \$31.6 million of this interim financing, pending closing of this project with the state upon project completion. See Note 8 to the financial statements for more detailed information.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to up to seven times its annual receipts from taxation. The current debt limitation for the Town of Wallingford is \$935.5 million. The Town's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below this limitation.

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

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Some of the unemployment rate for the Town of Wallingford has continued to improve. At June 30, 2024 the unemployment rate was 2.0%, down from 3.2% one year ago. This also compares favorably to 2.8% for the state of Connecticut in 2024.

In addition, the real estate market for commercial/industrial and residential property has continued to be strong. Growth in the last few Grand Lists has been sustained, even through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Results of municipal financial operations show stability and consistency, as demonstrated by solid financial results in the past few audits.

As previously stated, the General Fund total fund balance increased from \$30.3 million at June 30, 2023 to \$32.2 million at June 30,2024. Of this \$32.2 million General Fund balance is \$18.9 million of unassigned fund balance. The Town feels that the \$22.0 million in the unassigned fund balance places the Town in a strong position to withstand unexpected events. Although all municipalities in the State, including the Town of Wallingford, are facing major uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting inflation rate, the Town's finances and financial plans remain stable.

The Town adopted a General Fund budget that contains conservative revenue forecasts as follows:

- Utilized an estimated tax collection rate of 98.2%, in recognition of the unemployment rate of homeowners who may fall delinquent on taxes.
- The Town will continue to work with its State assembly delegation and municipal cooperative organizations to minimize reductions in State aid and make necessary budget decisions if State grants are reduced.

The Town adopted expenditure budgets attempting to maintain essential services with no new programs or initiatives. Some of the major highlights of these efforts are:

- Most part time positions in the general government, which were eliminated over the last several years, remain unfilled and excluded from the budget.
- Several major capital items were reduced from General Fund budgets for consideration of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, which is recorded as a special revenue fund.

The taxable Grand List of October 1, 2023, which is in effect for fiscal 2024/2025 increased 0.23% from the previous year.

Although this is a slight increase in taxable property, expenditure requests had to be pared to present a modest tax increase to the Town Council. The Town Council also utilized \$7.9 million of fund balance, the same amount as last year, to achieve this.

The total adopted General Fund expenditure budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 increased \$9.4 million, or 5.03% higher than the fiscal year 2023/2024. The general government budget increased \$4.9 million, or 6.67%, mostly due increases in employee benefits for pension, health insurance and debt service. The Board of Education budget increased \$4.5 million, or 3.97%, mostly due to increases in wages and employee benefits.

As for the Town's business-type activities, the Electric Division operating expense budget reflects an increase of \$8.16 million, or 11.0%, mostly due to increased purchase power costs, depreciation expense, and customer service and information expense. Base electric rates were realigned in July 2024 on the results of the cost of service study completed in Quarter 2 of 2021. Wallingford Electric Division rates remain the lowest in Connecticut and among the lowest in New England. The Water Division operating expense budget increased by approximately \$458 thousand, or 4.9%, from the prior fiscal year. As a result of the water rate study conducted during the fiscal year, water rates increased for the average 5/8" meter median customer using 1600 cubic feet of water per quarter by \$24.95 per quarter effective July 2024. There had not been a basic service rate increase since June 2027 and a consumption charge increase since June 2015. The Sewer Division operating expense budget increased by \$426 thousand, or 3.6%, from the prior fiscal year. Sewer rates did not change from the prior fiscal year.

#### CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Office of the Comptroller, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

#### **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS	Φ 00.400	<b>4</b> 00.057	00.407
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 63,480	\$ 28,957	\$ 92,437
Investments	<del>-</del>	53,341	53,341
Receivables, Net	8,034	13,924	21,958
Lease Receivables	-	21,247	21,247
Due from Pension Trust	59	-	59
Supplies	39	4,146	4,185
Other Assets	25	337	362
Capital Assets:			
Assets Not Being Depreciated	68,518	2,662	71,180
Assets Being Depreciated, Net	177,266_	148,521	325,787
Total Assets	317,421	273,135	590,556
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Charge on Refunding	148	_	148
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	8,517	283	8,800
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	10,256	2,938	13,194
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	18,921	3,221	22,142
	. 5,52	0,	,
LIABILITIES	10.717	40.470	00.005
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	10,717	12,178	22,895
Internal Balances	2	(2)	-
Customer Deposits	-	4,416	4,416
Unearned Revenue	7,605	-	7,605
Other Liabilities	134	-	134
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	12,827	2,626	15,453
Due in More than One Year	160,817	50,380	211,197
Total Liabilities	192,102	69,598	261,700
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Advanced Property Tax Collections	3,377	-	3,377
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	11,711	802	12,513
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	4,067	1,077	5,144
Lease Receivables	-	19,789	19,789
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	19,155	21,668	40,823
		,	
NET POSITION	400.000	440.000	200.000
Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted:	190,393	119,606	309,999
Conservation Programs		4,327	4,327
Trust Purposes:	-	4,321	4,521
Nonexpendable	1,541		1,541
•		-	
Education Other Burnages	1,317	-	1,317
Other Purposes Unrestricted	693 (68,859)	- 61,157	693 (7,702)
Onestricted	(00,009)	01,137	(1,102)
Total Net Position	\$ 125,085	\$ 185,090	\$ 310,175

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

				Program Revenues Operating Charges Create and			Re	rogram evenues Capital	Net Revenues (Expenses) and Changes in Net Position					
	Е	Expenses		Charges Services	Grants and Contributions		Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities			Total
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS Governmental Activities:				00,11,000										
General Government	\$	32,090	\$	2,269	\$	5,803	\$	-	\$	(24,018)	\$	-	\$	(24,018)
Public Safety		23,864		3,602		118		-		(20,144)		-		(20,144)
Public Works Health and Social Services		12,254 5,553		7 14		- 3,671		2,248		(9,999) (1,868)		-		(9,999) (1,868)
Parks and Recreation		2,218		1,055		3,071		_		(1,000)		-		(1,000)
Education		151,610		2,447		51,286		- 17		(97,860)		_		(97,860)
Interest on Long-Term Debt		1,025		_,		-		-		(1,025)		_		(1,025)
Total Governmental Activities		228,614		9,394		60,878		2,265		(156,077)		-		(156,077)
Business-Type Activities:														
Electric		74,366		76,938		-		110		-		2,682		2,682
Water		7,250		7,472		-		43		-		265		265
Sewer		9,086		9,444				215				573		573
Total Business-Type Activities		90,702		93,854				368				3,520		3,520
Total	\$	319,316	\$	103,248	\$	60,878	\$	2,633		(156,077)		3,520		(152,557)
	GEI	NERAL REVE	ENUES	;										
		roperty Taxes		ons Not Res	tricted	to				137,233		-		137,233
		Specific Prog	rams							9,152		-		9,152
		nrestricted In	vestme	ent Earnings						3,238		3,893		7,131
	M	liscellaneous								6,286		2,117		8,403
		Total G	eneral	Revenues						155,909		6,010		161,919
	TRA	ANSFERS								1,758		(1,758)		
		Total G	eneral	Revenues ar	nd Trar	nsfers				157,667		4,252		161,919
	CHA	ANGE IN NET	POSI	TION						1,590		7,772		9,362
	Net Position - Beginning of Year									123,495		177,318		300,813
	NET	POSITION -	END (	OF YEAR					\$	125,085	\$	185,090	\$	310,175

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

ASSETS	General		pital and recurring	R	nerican escue an Act	Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total ernmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables, Net Due from Other Funds Supplies Prepaid Items	\$	58,886 6,067 5,455 -	\$ - - 4,867 - -	\$	- - 5,711 - -	\$	4,594 1,800 6,504 39 22	\$ 63,480 7,867 22,537 39 25
Total Assets	\$	70,411	\$ 4,867	\$	5,711	\$	12,959	\$ 93,948
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES Accounts and Other Payables Due to Other Funds Unearned Revenue Other Liabilities Total Liabilities	\$	6,966 22,390 462 - 29,818	\$ 91 - - - - 91	\$	431 - 5,280 - 5,711	\$	2,626 5,455 1,863 134 10,078	\$ 10,114 27,845 7,605 134 45,698
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes Advanced Property Tax Collections Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		4,967 3,377 8,344	- - -		- -		- - -	4,967 3,377 8,344
FUND BALANCES  Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances		3 1,844 8,381 22,021 32,249	4,776 - - - 4,776		- - - - - -		1,602 2,010 5,817 - (6,548) 2,881	 1,605 2,010 12,437 8,381 15,473 39,906
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$	70,411	\$ 4,867	\$	5,711	\$	12,959	\$ 93,948

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

#### RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 39,906
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	467,404
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(221,620)
Net Capital Assets	245,784
Other long-term assets and deferred outflows are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are not recorded in the funds:	
Property Tax Receivables Greater Than 60 Days	4,019
Interest Receivable on Property Taxes	948
Deferred Charges on Refunding	148
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	10,256
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	8,517
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.	662
Long-term liabilities, and deferred inflows, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds and Notes Payable	(51,015)
Interest Payable on Bonds and Notes	(603)
Leases Payable	(483)
Compensated Absences	(12,738)
Retired Employee Obligations	(387)
Heart and Hypertension	(2,145)
Premium on Bond Issuance	(2,257)
Net Pension Liability	(64,826)
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	(4,067)
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	(11,711)
Total OPEB Liability	(34,923)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit I)	\$ 125,085

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

	General			apital and	R	nerican escue an Act	Gov	onmajor ernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES	Φ.	407.004	Φ.		Φ.		Φ.		•	407.004
General Property Taxes	\$	137,694	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	137,694
Licenses and Permits		1,433		-		- - 700		40.000		1,433
Intergovernmental Revenues		51,936		17		5,728		16,236		73,917
Charges for Services		5,665		-		-		2,390		8,055
Investment Income		3,141		-		-		36		3,177
Other		4,730		25				2,378		7,133
Total Revenues		204,599		42		5,728		21,040		231,409
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General Government		30,506		_		97		17		30,620
Public Safety		23,164		_		2,934		138		26,236
Public Works		6,578		_		139		833		7.550
Health and Social Services		2,228		_		2,276		3,623		8,127
Parks and Recreation		1,046		_		87		886		2,019
Education		134,187		_		195		12,468		146,850
Capital Outlay		_		1,557		-		24,427		25,984
Debt Service		4,695		-		_				4,695
Total Expenditures		202,404		1,557		5,728		42,392		252,081
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES										
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		2,195		(1,515)		-		(21,352)		(20,672)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers In		2,023		2,258		_		8		4,289
Transfers Out		(2,266)		_,		-		(265)		(2,531)
Bonds Issued		-		_		-		24,430		24,430
Bond Premium		_		_		_		1,581		1,581
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(243)		2,258				25,754		27,769
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		1,952		743		-		4,402		7,097
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		30,297		4,033				(1,521)		32,809
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	32,249	\$	4,776	\$		\$	2,881	\$	39,906

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED) GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

#### **RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit IV)	\$ 7,097
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit II) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:	
Capital Outlay	30,171
Depreciation Expense	(9,604)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial	
resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, and revenues	
recognized in the funds are not reported in the statement of activities:	
Property Tax Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	(226)
Property Tax Interest and Lien Revenue - Accrual Basis Change	(235)
Intergovernmental Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	(510)
Change in Deferred Outflows related to Pension	(14,208)
Change in Deferred Outflows related to OPEB	2,504
Change in Net Pension Asset	(77)

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

Issuance of Bonds	(24,430)
Premium on Bonds Issued	(1,581)
Bond Principal Payments	3,795
Lease Payments	243

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED) GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

#### RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

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

in the governmental funds.		
Compensated Absences	\$	83
Retired Employee Obligations		(264)
Heart and Hypertension		(622)
Accrued Interest		(186)
Amortization of Bond Premium		167
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding		(106)
Total OPEB Liability		(4,732)
Change in Net Pension Liability		16,804
Change in Deferred Inflows related to Pension		(3,792)
Change in Deferred Inflows related to OPEB		1,623
Internal service funds are used by management to charge costs to individual funds. The net revenue of certain activities of internal service funds is reported		
with governmental activities.		(324)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit II)	<u>\$</u>	1,590

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

					Governmental Activities	
			ype Activities		Internal	
	Electric Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total	Service Fund	
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,095	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,079	\$ 19,759	\$ -	
Restricted Cash	8,743	455	-	9,198	-	
Receivables, Net	8,643	2,542	2,739	13,924	226	
Lease Receivables	21,247	-	-	21,247	-	
Investments	21,391	12,850	19,100	53,341	-	
Supplies	3,798	348	-	4,146	-	
Due from Other Funds	2	-	-	2	5,306	
Other Assets	330	_	7	337	_	
Total Current Assets	81,249	17,780	22,925	121,954	5,532	
Noncurrent Assets:	, -	,	,-	,	-,	
Capital Assets, Net	42,470	38,257	70,456	151,183	_	
•						
Total Assets	123,719	56,037	93,381	273,137	5,532	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB	212	50	21	283	-	
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pension	1,615	756	567	2,938		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,827	806	588	3,221	-	
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	9,706	1,978	494	12,178	-	
Bond and Notes Payable	-	195	1,757	1,952	-	
Risk Management Claims	_	_	-	_	3,866	
Compensated Absences	320	188	103	611	· -	
Total OPEB Liability	60	1	2	63	_	
Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:						
Customer Deposits Payable	4.416	_	-	4.416	_	
Total Current Liabilities	14,502	2,362	2,356	19,220	3,866	
Noncurrent Liabilities:	,	_,	_,	,	-,	
Bond and Notes Payable	_	1,033	28,592	29,625	_	
Compensated Absences	553	230	125	908	_	
Total OPEB Liability	690	181	100	971	_	
Net Pension Liability	12,251	3,362	3,263	18,876	_	
Risk Management Claims	12,201	0,002	0,200	10,070	1.004	
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	13,494	4,806	32,080	50,380	1,004	
Total Liabilities	27,996	7,168	34,436	69,600	4,870	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB	213	344	245	802	_	
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension	550	306	221	1,077		
Lease Receivables	19.789	300	-	19.789	_	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	20,552	650	466	21,668		
NET POSITION						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	42,470	37,029	40,107	119,606		
·	42,470	31,029	40, 107	4,327	-	
Restricted for Conservation Programs Unrestricted	4,327 30,201	- 11,996	- 18,960	4,327 61,157	662	
Omediated	30,201	11,990	10,900	01,137	002	
Total Net Position	\$ 76,998	\$ 49,025	\$ 59,067	\$ 185,090	\$ 662	

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

			_					Ac	rnmental tivities
	Flec	tric Fund		er Fund	pe Activities Sewer Fu	nd	Total		iternal rice Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	Liec	uic i uiu	vvai	er r unu	Sewerru	iiu	 Total	Jerv	ice i unu
Operations	\$	75,567	\$	7,411	\$ 9,	367	\$ 92,345	\$	-
Fund Premiums		· -		· -		-	-		30,321
Other		1,371		61		77	1,509		
Total Operating Revenues		76,938		7,472	9,	444	93,854		30,321
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Operations		67,985		5,254	5,	628	78,867		-
Depreciation		3,731		1,985	2,	824	8,540		-
Gross Earnings and Property Taxes		2,294		-		-	2,294		-
Employee Benefits		-		-		-	-		27,367
Other		119				-	119		3,278
Total Operating Expenses		74,129		7,239	8,	452	 89,820		30,645
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		2,809		233		992	4,034		(324)
NONOPERATING INCOME (LOSS)									
Lease Income		1,491		-		-	1,491		-
Rental Income		626		-		-	626		-
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets		(7)		-		-	(7)		-
Interest and Amortization Expense		-		(11)	(	634)	(645)		-
Interest on Customer Deposits		(230)		-		-	(230)		-
Investment and Interest Income		1,974		828	1,	091	3,893		
Total Nonoperating Income (Loss)		3,854		817		457	 5,128		-
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS		6,663		1,050	1,	449	9,162		(324)
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS									
Capital Grants and Contributions		110		43		215	368		_
Transfer Out		(1,758)		-			(1,758)		
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		5,015		1,093	1,	664	7,772		(324)
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year		71,983		47,932	57,	403	177,318		986
TOTAL NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$	76,998	\$	49,025	\$ 59,	067	\$ 185,090	\$	662

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

								Governm Activit	ies
	Business-Type Act			•			Internal		
	Elec	tric Fund	Wa	ter Fund	Sewer Fund		Total	Service	Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Cash Received from Operations	\$	76,902	\$	7,103	\$ 9,243		93,248	\$ 2	9,964
Cash Payments to Vendors and Other		(59,976)		(994)	(4,007	)	(64,977)	(2	9,964)
Cash Payments to Employees		(9,078)		(3,595)	(3,311	)	(15,984)		
Net Cash Provided by Operating									
Activities		7,848		2,514	1,925		12,287		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND									
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES									
Lease Principal Payments Received		1,491		-			1,491		-
Lease Interest Payments Received		433		-			433		-
Rental Income		626		-			626		-
Capital Grants		110		43	215		368		-
Purchase of Capital Assets		(4,023)		(3,400)	(1,007	)	(8,430)		-
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets		8		-			8		-
Principal Payment on Bonds and Notes		-		(240)	(1,481	)	(1,721)		-
Proceeds from Notes Payable		-		-	54		54		-
Interest Paid on Bonds and Notes		-		(11)	(634	)	(645)		
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related									
Financing Activities		(1,355)		(3,608)	(2,853	)	(7,816)		-
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND									
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES									
Customer Deposits		(230)		-			(230)		-
Transfers to Other Funds		(1,758)		-			(1,758)		
Net Cash Used by Noncapital and									
Related Financing Activities		(1,988)		-	-		(1,988)		-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING									
ACTIVITIES									
Sale of Investments		(5,565)		250	(2,800	,	(8,115)		-
Income on Investments and Interest		1,541		828	1,091		3,460		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		(4,024)		1,078	(1,709	<u> </u>	(4,655)		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH									
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		481		(16)	(2,637	)	(2,172)		-
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year		25,357		2,056	3,716		31,129		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -									
END OF YEAR	\$	25,838	\$	2,040	\$ 1,079	\$	28,957	\$	

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

			ı	Business-Ty	me Activ	vities			Ac	rnmental tivities ternal
	Elec	tric Fund		ter Fund	•	er Fund	Total		Service Fund	
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING										
INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED										
BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES										
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	2,809	\$	233	\$	992	\$	4,034	\$	(324)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to										
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:										
Depreciation Expense		3,731		1,985		2,824		8,540		-
Changes in Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources,										
Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows of Resources:										
Increase in Receivables and Unbilled Revenue		(36)		(369)		(201)		(606)		(28)
(Increase) Decrease in Lease Receivables		1,059		-		-		1,059		-
Increase in Due from Other Funds		(1)		-		-		(1)		(329)
Increase in Inventory		(1,264)		(21)		-		(1,285)		-
Decrease in Deferred Charges and Other Assets		451		-		-		451		-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued										
Expenses		1,215		1,040		(1,657)		598		681
Decrease in Total OPEB Liability		(75)		(101)		(138)		(314)		-
Decrease in Net Pension Liability		(1,434)		(1,751)		(1,066)		(4,251)		-
Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension		2,282		1,110		824		4,216		-
Increase in Deferred Onflows of Resources - Lease										
Receivable		(1,491)		-		-		(1,491)		
Increase in Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension		518		291		210		1,019		-
Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB		27		7		3		37		-
Increase in Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB		57		90		134		281		-
Total Adjustments		5,039		2,281		933		8,253		324
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	7,848	\$	2,514	\$	1,925	\$	12,287	\$	

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION PENSION TRUST FUND JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

	Pension Trust Fund				
ASSETS		_			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,667	7			
Investments:					
Mutual Funds	261,812	2			
Accounts Receivable	160	)			
Total Assets	265,639	)			
LIABILITIES					
Accounts and Other Payables	97	<u></u>			
NET POSITION					
Restricted for Pensions	<u>\$ 265,542</u>	<u> </u>			

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION PENSION TRUST FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

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ADDITIONS			
Contributions:			
Employer	\$	12,512	
Plan Members		3,604	
Total Contributions	'	16,116	
Investment Income (Loss):			
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments		24,965	
Interest and Dividends		6,897	
Other Income		13	
Investment Fee Expense		(33)	
Net Investment Income		31,842	
Total Additions		47,958	
DEDUCTIONS			
Benefits		22,441	
Refunds of Contributions		587	
Administration		138	
Total Deductions		23,166	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		24,792	
Net Position Restricted for Pensions - Beginning of Year		240,750	
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS - END OF YEAR	\$	265,542	

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Wallingford, 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 was incorporated in May 1670 under the provisions of the State of Connecticut General Assembly. It operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and provides services as authorized by its charter including public safety (police and fire), sanitation, health, recreation, social services, libraries, education, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State 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 a single-employer Public Retirement Systems (PERS) to provide retirement benefits to employees and their beneficiaries. The Town appoints a majority of the Pension Board and is required to make contributions to the pension plan and can impose its will.

The financial statements of the fiduciary component unit is reported as a Pension Trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Separate financial statements have not been prepared for the fiduciary component unit.

#### B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

#### B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

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. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the 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. 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.

Property taxes, charges for services, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received.

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

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The Capital and Nonrecurring Fund accounts for the resources accumulated and expenditures made for the construction of capital facilities and other capital improvements and equipment purchases.

The American Rescue Plan Act Fund accounts for grant revenues and expenditures related to the federal American Rescue Plan Act grant.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *Electric Fund* accounts for the activities of the Town's electric distribution operations.

The *Water Fund* accounts for the activities of the water plant, the collection system, the storage facilities, and the pumping system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of the sewage treatment plant, sewage pumping stations, and collection systems.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

The *Internal Service Fund* accounts for the health benefits and risk management activities of the Town.

The *Pension Trust Fund* accounts for the fiduciary activities of the Consolidated Pension Fund and the Volunteer Firefighters Pension Fund, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified participants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### D. Deposits and Investments

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

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

#### E. 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 uncollectibles.

Property taxes on all property are assessed as of October 1 prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and become legally due and payable on the following July 1 and January 1. If taxes are unpaid as of June 30 following the payable date, a lien is placed on the real property. Property assessments are made at 70% of the market value. Property taxes receivable are recorded on the due date. Taxes not paid within 30 days of the due date are subject to an interest charge of 1.5% per month. The Town is not a part of any overlapping government that assesses separate property taxes.

#### F. Supplies and Prepaid Items

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

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

#### G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as individual, or similar, assets with an initial cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of a year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value rather than estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

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

#### G. Capital Assets (Continued)

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	50 Years
Building Improvements	20 Years
Public Domain Infrastructure	50 Years
System Infrastructure	30 Years
Vehicles	5 Years
Office Equipment	5 Years
Computer Equipment	5 Years

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

SBITA assets are initially measured as the sum of the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term, payments associated with the SBITA contract made to the SBITA vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, when applicable, and capitalizable implementation costs, less any SBITA vendor incentives received form the SBITA vendor at the commencement of the SBITA term. Subsequently SBITA assets are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets.

#### H. 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 assets that applies to future 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 can result from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions, projected versus actual investment earnings or other inputs. With the exception of differences between projected and actual earnings, which are required to be recognized over a five-year period, these amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner over a period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension and OPEB plan (participating active employees and vested former employees).

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

#### H. 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 assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town reports a deferred inflow of resources related to pensions and OPEB in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred inflow of resources related to pension and OPEB can result from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions, projected versus actual investment earnings, or other inputs. With the exception of differences between projected and actual earnings, which are required to be recognized over a five-year period, these amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner over a period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension and OPEB plan (participating active employees and vested former employees). The Town also reports deferred inflow(s) of resources related to advanced property tax collections and leases in the government-wide statement of net position and in the governmental funds. 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, interest on property taxes, loans and other receivables. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) in the period during which the amounts become available.

#### I. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts. Upon retirement, termination or death, eligible employees are compensated for unused sick and vacation leave (subject to certain limitations) at specified payment rates established by contract, regulation or policy. Accumulated vacation and sick time are recognized as a liability of the Town in the statement of net position.

#### J. Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability (asset) 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 (asset) 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.

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

#### K. Total Other Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB) Liability

The total OPEB liability is measured as the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefits that is attributed to past periods of employee service. The total OPEB liability is measured as of a date (measurement date) no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the current fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period.

#### L. 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, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of any significant applicable bond premium or discount. Significant bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

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 expenditures.

#### M. Fund Equity

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

Net Investments in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization 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.

Restricted Net Position – Net position is restricted because it is 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.

*Unrestricted Net Position* – This component consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investments in capital assets."

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

#### M. Fund Equity (Continued)

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 Council). A fund balance commitment is established, modified and/or rescinded by ordinance.

Assigned Fund Balance – This balance represents amounts constrained for the intent to be used for a specific purpose by the Town Council or the Comptroller, as they have 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.

The Town does not have a minimum fund balance policy. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. Unrestricted resources are used in the following order: committed, assigned then unassigned.

#### N. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, including disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities and reported revenues, expenses and expenditures during the fiscal year.

#### NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Budgetary Information

Departmental managers submit their budgets to the finance department 120 days prior to year-end for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. Thirty days later, the Mayor and Comptroller present the proposed operating budget to the Town Council. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The Town Council holds a public hearing to obtain taxpayer comments, and the budget is legally adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to June 1. The enterprise funds are also under the same budgetary control.

Supplemental budget appropriations must be adopted by the Town Council. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, there were General Fund supplemental budget appropriations totaling \$2,663.

In the General Fund, capital purchase appropriations in force of \$2,367 were carried forward from prior years.

The annual budget is approved at the line-item level. The Town issues a separately prepared budget report by line item to comply with this legal requirement. Upon approval of the Town Council, transfers from one budgetary line to another, or from contingency accounts, may be made within a department. Transfers between departments can be made upon request of the Mayor and by passage of a resolution by the Council during the last three months of the fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at year-end except appropriations of the capital projects funds, which continue until completion of the applicable project.

The General Fund is the only governmental fund with a legally adopted annual budget.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported in either restricted, committed or assigned fund balance depending on level of restriction and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be re-appropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

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

#### **B.** Deficit Fund Equity

Nonmajor Funds:

Capital Project Funds:

School Renovations*	\$ 1,377
Vernon E. Cleaves Vo-Ag Center*	1,610
School Roof Projects*	1,373
Police Headquarters*	2,166
Workers' Compensation Fund**	46

- \* Deficit will be funded through permanent financing or through transfers from the General Fund.
- \*\* Deficit will be funded through receipt of additional program revenues or through transfers from the General Fund.

#### NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

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

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 position values and in highly rated no-load open end money market and mutual funds (with constant or fluctuating net position 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.

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

#### A. Deposits

#### Deposit Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposit will not be returned. The Town's formal deposit policy includes sections regarding qualified institutions, independent ratings, insurance and collateralization of uninsured funds to mitigate custodial credit risk. The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes. Deposits may be placed with any qualified public depository that has its main place of business in the state of Connecticut. Connecticut General Statutes require that each depository maintain segregated collateral (not required to be based on a security agreement between the depository and the municipality and, therefore, not perfected in accordance with federal law) in an amount equal to a defined percentage of its public deposits based upon the depository's risk-based capital ratio.

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures: an amendment of GASB Statement No.* 3, \$97,287 of the Town's bank balance of \$153,205 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and Uncollateralized	\$ 87,308
Uninsured and Collateral Held by the	
Pledging Bank's Trust Department,	
Not in the Town's Name	 9,979
Total Amount Subject to	 
Custodial Credit Risk	\$ 97,287

#### **B.** Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the Town had the following investments:

		Inv						
		Less than 1 Year		1 to 10 Years		than ears	Fa	air Value
Interest-Bearing Investment: Certificate of Deposit* Total	\$ \$	53,341 53,341	\$	-	\$ \$	<u>-</u>	\$	53,341 53,341
Other Investments: Mutual Funds Total Investments							\$	261,812 315,153

<sup>\*</sup> Certificates of deposit are unrated.

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

#### **B.** Investments (Continued)

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. 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, 2024:

	Fair Valu						
	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3		F	air Value
Investments by Fair Value Level: Mutual Funds	\$ 261,812	\$	_	\$		\$	261,812
Total Investments by	Ψ 201,012	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	201,012
Fair Value Level	\$ 261,812	\$		\$			261,812
Investments Not Recorded at							
Fair Value							53,341
Total Investments						\$	315,153

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to coverage by Federal Depository Insurance and collateralization as described under "Deposits" above

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Town's formal investment policy limits short-term investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Short-term investment maturities are allowed to range from seven days to one year. To the extent possible, the Town will attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements.

#### <u>Credit Risk – Investments</u>

As indicated above, State Statutes limit the investment options of cities and towns. The Town's investment policy further limits its investment choices. Derivatives, leveraged investments, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements are not used because of the unacceptable exposure to risk from these investment products. The Town does not have any further restrictions other than the state statute governing investments in obligations of any state or political subdivision or in obligations of the state of Connecticut or political subdivision.

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

#### B. Investments (Continued)

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town's investment policy does not restrict investments in any one issuer that is in excess of 5% of the Town's total investments. The investment policy does limit pooled investments in the management of pension funds; however, no additional restrictions on individual investments are established in the policy.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for an investment is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (the institution that pledges collateral or repurchase agreement securities to the Town or that sells investments to or buys them for the Town), the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town's formal investment policy includes sections regarding safekeeping and custody of investments to mitigate custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2024, the Town did not have any uninsured and unregistered securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent that were not in the Town's name.

#### NOTE 4 RECEIVABLES

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

	0	eneral		Electric	,	Water		Sewer		onmajor and er Funds		Total
Receivables:		ellelal		LIECUIC		vvalei		Sewei	Our	Other Funds		TOtal
Taxes	\$	5,641	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	5,641
Accrued Interest	Ψ	948	*	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	*	_	*	948
Intergovernmental		-		_		_		_		1,788		1,788
Service Fees and										,		,
Interest		_		4,347		469		587		-		5,403
Unbilled Service												
Fees		-		3,706		2,011		2,110		-		7,827
Leases				21,247								21,247
Due from Pension												
Trust		59		-		-		-		-		59
Accounts and Other		1,094		765		62		42		238		2,201
Gross												
Receivables		7,742		30,065		2,542		2,739		2,026		45,114
Less Allowance for												
Uncollectibles:												
Taxes		(1,015)		-		-		-		-		(1,015)
Interest on Taxes		(114)		-		-		-		-		(114)
Service Fees		-		(175)		-		-		-		(175)
Accounts and Other		(546)				-		-				(546)
Total Allowance		(1,675)		(175)								(1,850)
Net Total												
Receivables	\$	6,067	\$	29,890	\$	2,542	\$	2,739	\$	2,026	\$	43,264

#### NOTE 5 LEASE RECEIVABLES

The Town, acting as lessor, leases land, buildings and electrical pole space under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2040. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized \$1,491 and \$433 in lease revenue and interest revenue, respectively, pursuant to these contracts.

#### NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

, ,	Balance - Beginning of Year	Transfers	_Increases_		Balance - End of Year
Governmental Activities:					
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 32,467	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,467
Construction in Progress	9,527	(2,523)	29,047		36,051
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	41,994	(2,523)	29,047	-	68,518
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Land Improvements	18,093	1,905	-	-	19,998
Buildings and Improvements	271,171	618	-	-	271,789
Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment	24,103	-	1,124	(152)	25,075
Infrastructure	80,734				80,734
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	394,101	2,523	1,124	(152)	397,596
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Land Improvements	(8,837)	-	(863)	-	(9,700)
Buildings and Improvements	(133,558)	-	(6,365)	-	(139,923)
Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment	(19,936)	-	(1,291)	152	(21,075)
Infrastructure	(49,388)		(775)		(50,163)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(211,719)	-	(9,294)	152	(220,861)
Lease Assets Being Amortized:					
Buildings and Improvements	704	-	-	-	704
Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment	396				396
Total Lease Assets Being Amortized	1,100	-	-	-	1,100
Less Accumulated Amortization for:					
Buildings and Improvements	(291)	-	(146)	-	(437)
Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment	(98)		(98)		(196)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(389)	-	(244)	-	(633)
Intangible Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement Assets					
Subscription Based Information					
Technology Arrangements	190				190
Less Accumulated Amortization for:					
Subscription Based Information					
Technology Arrangements	(60)		(66)		(126)
Total Capital Assets Being					
Depreciated/Amortized, Net	183,223	2,523	(8,480)		177,266
Governmental Activities Capital					
Assets, Net	\$ 225,217	\$ -	\$ 20,567	\$ -	\$ 245,784

#### NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Business-Type Activities: Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:										
Land	\$	1.510	\$	_	\$	808	\$	_	\$	2.318
Construction in Progress	•	50,844	•	(50,500)	•	-	•	-	•	344
Total Capital Assets Not Being		,-		(,,						
Depreciated		52,354		(50,500)		808		-		2,662
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:										
Utility Plant		113,511		50,500		1,158		-	1	65,169
Infrastructure		164,317		-		5,435		(132)	1	69,620
Machinery and Equipment		42,330				1,029				43,359
Total Capital Assets Being										
Depreciated		320,158		50,500		7,622		(132)	3	378,148
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:										
Utility Plant		(85,689)		-		(3,663)		-		(89,352)
Infrastructure		(103,345)		-		(3,602)		117	(1	106,830)
Machinery and Equipment		(32,170)				(1,275)				(33,445)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(221,204)	_			(8,540)		117	(2	229,627)
Total Capital Assets Being										
Depreciated, Net		98,954	_	50,500		(918)		(15)	1	48,521
Business-Type Activities Capital										
Assets, Net	\$	151,308	\$		\$	(110)	\$	(15)	\$ 1	51,183

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

Parks and Recreation         832           Education         6,179           Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense -         \$ 9,604           Business-Type Activities:         \$ 3,731           Electric         \$ 3,731           Water         1,985           Sewer         2,824           Total Depreciation Expense -	Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works	\$ 408 1,098 1,087
Education       6,179         Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense -       \$ 9,604         Business-Type Activities:       \$ 3,731         Electric       \$ 3,731         Water       1,985         Sewer       2,824         Total Depreciation Expense -		•
Governmental Activities \$ 9,604  Business-Type Activities:  Electric \$ 3,731  Water \$ 1,985  Sewer \$ 2,824  Total Depreciation Expense -		
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Electric       \$ 3,731         Water       1,985         Sewer       2,824         Total Depreciation Expense -	Governmental Activities	\$ 9,604
Electric       \$ 3,731         Water       1,985         Sewer       2,824         Total Depreciation Expense -	Business-Type Activities:	
Sewer 2,824 Total Depreciation Expense -	• •	\$ 3,731
Total Depreciation Expense -	Water	1,985
·	Sewer	2,824
Pugingga Type Activities \$ 9.540	Total Depreciation Expense -	
business-Type Activities $\frac{\phi}{\phi}$ 6,340	Business-Type Activities	\$ 8,540

#### **Construction Commitments**

The Town has active construction projects as of June 30, 2024. At year-end, the projects unexpended authorization available to fund commitments with contractors is as follows:

	Cu	Cumulative		Current		ımulative		
Description	Aut	horization_	Exp	enditures	Exp	enditures	B	alance
Police HQ Building	\$	36,398	\$	21,159	\$	27,543	\$	8,855
Northford Road Bridge		2,030		1,401		1,780		250
Total	\$	38,428	\$	22,560	\$	29,323	\$	9,105

#### NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

During the course of operations, transactions are processed through a fund on behalf of another fund. Additionally, revenues received in one fund are transferred to another fund. A summary of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 is presented below.

Receivable Fund Payable Fund		<i></i>	Amount
General	Nonmajor Governmental	\$	5,455
American Rescue Plan Act	General		5,711
Capital and Nonrecurring	General		4,867
Proprietary Funds	General		2
Nonmajor Governmental	General		6,504
Internal Service Fund	General		5,306
Total		\$	27,845

Interfund receivables from the General Fund are the result of the General Fund holding cash on behalf of the other funds. Interfund payables to the General Fund are the result of the completion of projects which were temporarily financed by the General Fund. The General Fund will be repaid upon the permanent financing of the projects.

A summary of interfund transfers is presented below:

			Tra	nsfers In				
		Capital and Nonmajor						Total
	G	General		Nonrecurring		nmental	Transfers O	
Transfers Out:								
General Fund	\$	-	\$	2,258	\$	8	\$	2,266
Nonmajor Governmental		265		-		-		265
Electric Fund		1,758				-		1,758
Total Transfers In	\$	2,023	\$	2,258	\$	8	\$	4,289

General Fund transfers are made in accordance with budget appropriations. The General Fund transfers to other funds are primarily for the purpose of establishing local funding for capital projects to reduce bonding. The transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund represents a payment in lieu of taxes. The General Fund uses the payment in lieu of taxes to fund budgeted transfers to the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund.

#### NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

#### A. Governmental Activities

#### **Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	В	alance - eginning of Year	A	dditions	Re	ductions	_	alance - d of Year	 ie within ne Year
Governmental Activities:				-					
Bonds Payable	\$	30,380	\$	24,430	\$	3,795	\$	51,015	\$ 4,530
Plus Premiums		843		1,581		167		2,257	_
Total Bonds Payable		31,223		26,011		3,962		53,272	4,530
Lease Payable		726		_		243		483	250
Accrued Compensated Absences		12,821		2,227		2,310		12,738	2,335
Retired Employee Obligations		123		381		117		387	176
Heart and Hypertension		1,523		622		-		2,145	241
Net Pension Liability		81,630		-		16,804		64,826	-
Total OPEB Liability		30,191		4,732		-		34,923	1,429
Risk Management		4,189		681				4,870	 3,866
Total Governmental Activities									
Long-Term Liabilities	\$	162,426	\$	34,654	\$	23,436	\$	173,644	\$ 12,827

All long-term liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

Long-Term Debt continued on next page.

#### NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### A. Governmental Activities (Continued)

#### Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

A schedule of government activities bonds outstanding at June 30, 2024 is presented below:

Description	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Amount of Original Issue	Balance Outstanding	
General Purpose:					
Library and Land Acquisition (2007 and 2008					
Refunding)	August 27, 2015	2.00% to 5.00%	\$ 6,424	\$ 823	
North Farms Fire Station Building	March 13, 2019	2.00% to 4.00%	4,285	3,285	
Town-Wide Radio Communication System	March 13, 2019	2.00% to 4.00%	5,000	3,965	
Town-Wide Radio, Police HQ, Roads	August 11, 2021	2.00% to 4.00%	3,567	2,973	
Police Station	April 10, 2024	4.00% to 5.00%	22,000	22,000	
Total General Purpose				33,046	
School:					
Schools (2003 and 2005 Refunding)	March 15, 2012	2.00% to 4.00%	15,190	880	
Schools (2007 and 2008 Refunding)	August 27, 2015	2.00% to 5.00%	4,606	732	
School Roof Program	October 1, 2015	2.00% to 4.00%	7,200	4,320	
Lyman Hall Track and Field	October 1, 2015	2.00% to 4.00%	2,000	1,200	
Schools CIP Phase I	October 1, 2015	2.00% to 4.00%	1,120	360	
Schools CIP Phase II	March 13, 2019	2.00% to 4.00%	7,000	5,250	
Schools CIP Phase III	August 11, 2021	2.00% to 4.00%	3,213	2,797	
Schools CIP Phase IV	April 10, 2024	4.00% to 5.00%	2,430	2,430	
Total Schools				17,969	
Total				\$ 51,015	

#### Annual maturities of bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal		Interest		Interest		Total	
2025	\$	4,530	\$	1,775	\$ 6,305			
2026		3,640		1,633	5,273			
2027		3,610		1,491	5,101			
2028		2,890		1,371	4,261			
2029		2,800		1,269	4,069			
2030-2034		14,000		4,818	18,818			
2035-2039		12,595		2,526	15,121			
2040-2044		6,950		757	 7,707			
Total	\$	51,015	\$	15,640	\$ 66,655			

#### NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### A. Governmental Activities (Continued)

#### Leases Payable

The Town leases equipment, fiberoptic cable and office facilities for various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2027.

Total future minimum lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Pri	Principal		rest	Total		
2025	\$	250	\$	2	\$	252	
2026		229		3		232	
2027		4		2		6	
Total	\$	483	\$	7	\$	490	

Lease assets acquired through outstanding leases are shown below, by underlying asset class.

Equipment	\$ 704
Buildings	396
Less: Accumulated Amortization	 (633)
Total	\$ 467

#### **B.** Business-Type Activities

#### Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Ве	alance - eginning of Year	Add	itions	Red	ductions	alance - d of Year	 e within ne Year
Bonds Payable	\$	1,265	\$	-	\$	195	\$ 1,070	\$ 195
Plus Premiums		203		-		45	158	-
State of Connecticut - Serial Notes -								
Direct Borrowing		31,776		54		1,481	30,349	1,757
Total Bonds and Serial		•						 
Notes Payable		33,244		54		1,721	31,577	1,952
Net Pension Liability		23,127		-		4,251	18,876	-
Total OPEB Liability		1,348		-		314	1,034	63
Accrued Compensated Absences		1,454		658		593	 1,519	 611
Business-Type Activity								
Long-Term Liabilities	\$	59,173	\$	712	\$	6,879	\$ 53,006	\$ 2,626

#### NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### **B.** Business-Type Activities (Continued)

#### Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

A schedule of business-type activities bonds and serial notes outstanding at June 30, 2024 is presented below:

Description	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Amount of Original Issue	Balance Outstanding
Water Division:				
McKenzie Reservoir	August 25, 2021	5.00%	\$ 1,340	\$ 940
Pistapaug Water Tank	October 15, 2015	2.00% to 4.00%	680	130
Total Water Obligations				1,070
Sewer Division:				
State of Connecticut Serial Note 479-C	August 11, 2005	2.00%	1,997	109
State of Connecticut Serial Note 721-DC	August 31, 2023	* 2.00%	31,621	30,240
Total Sewer Obligations	-			30,349
Total				\$ 31,419

<sup>\*</sup> Interim funding obligation dated December 11, 2019 was permanently financed on August 31, 2023.

#### Annual maturities of bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	P	Principal		Principal Interest		 Total
2025	\$	195	\$	49	\$ 244	
2026		195		41	236	
2027		130		34	164	
2028		135		28	163	
2029		135		21	156	
2030-2031		280		21_	 301	
Total	\$	1,070	\$	194	\$ 1,264	

Annual maturities of notes payable – direct borrowing are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal		Interest		Total	
2025	\$	1,757	\$	591	\$ 2,348	
2026		1,665		556	2,221	
2027		1,657		523	2,180	
2028		1,657		490	2,147	
2029		1,657		457	2,114	
2030-2034		8,285		1,788	10,073	
2035-2039		8,285		960	9,245	
2040-2043		5,386		180	5,566	
Total	\$	30,349	\$	5,545	\$ 35,894	

#### NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### **B.** Business-Type Activities (Continued)

#### Bonds Authorized/Unissued

Bonds authorized/unissued for which bonds or notes are outstanding are as follows:

		Bonds/	Grants		Authorized	
	Authorized	Notes Issued	Received	Self-Funded	Unissued	
Northford Road Bridge	\$ 2,030	\$ 186	\$ -	\$ 61	\$ 1,783	
Toelles Road Construction & Bridge	1,000	191	-	-	809	
School CIP Phase II	11,175	9,925	-	-	1,250	
Town-Wide Radio Communications						
System	6,205	6,121	-	-	84	
Community Pool	625	395	-	-	230	
School CIP Phase III	490	288	-	-	202	
Sewer Phosphorous Removal &						
Improvements	60,000	31,621	20,330	-	8,049	
Police HQ Building	36,398	23,674	-	-	12,724	
School CIP Phase IV	898	630	-	-	268	
23/24 CNR	1,758	-	-	-	1,758	
Sheehan Track & Field	2,000	1,800			200	
Total	\$ 122,579	\$ 74,831	\$ 20,330	\$ 61	\$ 27,357	

#### **Debt Limitations**

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

			Net		
Category	 Debt Limit		ebtedness	Balance	
General Purpose	\$ 300,688	\$	50,917	\$	249,771
Schools	601,376		19,889		581,487
Sewers	501,146		8,049		493,097
Urban Renewal	434,327		-		434,327
Pension Deficit	400,917		-		400,917

The total of the Town's net statutory indebtedness of \$79 million does not exceed the legal debt limitation of \$935 million (seven times the base for debt limitation computation).

The net indebtedness excludes water bonds of \$1.07 million and clean water notes of \$30.3 million, which are considered to be self-funding.

#### NOTE 9 FUND EQUITY

#### A. Fund Balance

The components of fund balance for the governmental funds at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	General Fund	Capital and General Fund Nonrecurring		American Rescue Plan Act		Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total	
Fund Balances:									
Nonspendable:									
Supplies	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	39	\$	39
Prepaid Items	3		-		-		22		25
Permanent Fund Principal	-		-		-		1,541		1,541
Restricted for:									
General Government	-		-		-		104		104
Public Works	-		-		-		11		11
Health and Social Services	-		-		-		96		96
Education	-		-		-		1,630		1,630
Trusts	-		-		-		169		169
Committed to:									
General Government	-		-		-		515		515
Public Works	-		-		-		234		234
Health and Social Services	-		-		-		28		28
Parks and Recreation	-		-		-		17		17
Education	-		-		-		2,949		2,949
Capital Projects	1,844	4	4,776		-		2,074		8,694
Assigned to:									
General Government - Use of									
Fund Balance	7,900		-		-		-		7,900
Assessor Operating Expenditures	151		-		-		-		151
Conservation Operating Expenditures	3		-		-		-		3
Public Safety Encumbrances:									
Police Operating Expenditures	34		-		-		-		34
Police Capital Expenditures	7		-		-		-		7
Fire Operating Expenditures	4		-		-		-		4
Fire Capital Expenditures	6		-		-		-		6
Public Works Encumbrances:									
Public Works Capital Expenditures	6		-		-		-		6
Public Works Operating Expenditures	33		-		-		-		33
Education Encumbrances:									
Education Equipment									
Expenditures	114		-		-		-		114
Education Other Expenditures	123		-		-		-		123
Unassigned	22,021		-		-		(6,548)		15,473
Total Fund Balances	\$ 32,249	\$ 4	4,776	\$	_	\$	2,881	\$	39,906

There were no individually significant encumbrances as of June 30, 2024.

#### NOTE 9 FUND EQUITY (CONTINUED)

#### B. Electric Fund – Restricted Net Position

Through December 31, 2013, the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) administered a Municipal Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund (ECLMF) on behalf of the Town of Wallingford. The ECLMF was established to comply with provisions of House Bill 7501, Public Act No. 05-1 requiring municipal electric utilities to contribute to the fund and CMEEC to administer the fund. Effective January 1, 2014, with the expiration of the "full requirements" contract mentioned below, CMEEC transferred custody of the balance of that portion of the ECLMF held for Wallingford contributions to the Town of Wallingford. The Town's contribution rate is 2.5 mills per kilowatt hour sold. The contributions formerly sent by the Town to CMEEC are now deposited directly into a fund held by the Town. Disbursements from the ECLMF are required to be made pursuant to a comprehensive electric conservation and load management plan. In addition to the ECLMF, the Town receives revenues from periodic Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auctions. The Town also received custody from CMEEC of Renewable Resource Investment Funds (RRIF), for revenues received from Independent System Operators-New England (ISO-NE) through the forward capacity market (FCM) for ECLMF measures installed in Wallingford's service territory which CMEEC used to fulfill its obligations in the FCM. Beginning in January 2019, Wallingford, through its agent, CPower, began receiving additional credits from Independent System Operators-New England (ISO-NE) through the forward capacity market (FCM) for ECLMF measures installed in Wallingford's service territory.

Investment income earned on the Town's deposits along with the Fund's authorized expenses during the year are recorded in the Electric Fund's statement of activities. The funds held now by the Town are recorded as assets on the Electric Fund's statement of net position, and, accordingly, the Electric Fund's net position has been restricted. The balance of these unexpended funds held by the Town was \$4,327 at June 30, 2024.

#### NOTE 10 ELECTRIC DIVISION - POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND SPECIAL FUNDS

Through December 31, 2013, the Town purchased its wholesale power requirements under an "all requirements" Power Sales Agreement (PSA) with the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC). Under the PSA the Town was required to purchase from CMEEC and CMEEC was required to sell to the Town, essentially all electric capacity and energy that Wallingford required for sale at retail. On February 23, 2012, in recognition of the fact that the Town was contemplating not renewing the PSA, the Town and CMEEC entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which was amended on April 2, 2013. Under the MOA, CMEEC continued to purchase forward energy on behalf of the Town through July 31, 2013.

### NOTE 10 ELECTRIC DIVISION – POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND SPECIAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)

On July 1, 2006, the Town entered into the Contract for the Sale of Pierce Project Electric Power and Energy (Pierce Project Contract) with CMEEC. The Pierce Project Contract enables the Town to receive its entitlement allocation of all electric products of the Pierce Project and obligates the Town to pay its entitlement allocation of all fixed and variable costs associated with the Project, in the event the PSA is not extended.

As of June 1, 2009, the Town entered into the Contract for the Sale of 50 in 5 Peaking Electric Power and Energy and Crediting of Avoided Costs Benefits (50 in 5 Project Contract) with CMEEC. The 50 in 5 Project Contract enables the Town to receive its entitlement allocation of all electric products and crediting of avoided cost benefits of the 50 in 5 Project and obligates the Town to pay its entitlement allocation of all fixed and variable costs associated with the Project, in the event the PSA is not extended.

Since the Town did not extend the term of the PSA beyond December 31, 2013, the provisions for each of the project contracts went into effect as of January 1, 2014. The Town did not exercise its option to extend the 50 in 5 Project contract beyond the period ended December 2018, and, therefore, is no longer a participant.

On May 15, 2013, the Town entered into the Energy Portfolio Management and Power Supply Consulting Service Agreement (the Agreement) with Energy New England (ENE). The initial term of the Agreement is through December 31, 2018 and it provided for a single, three-year extension which has been exercised.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Wallingford Electric Division (WED) operates as an ISO-NE Market Participant (which it became on October 1, 2013) and enters into contracts directly with counterparties for the purpose of hedging the risks associated with its wholesale power supply. ENE acts as the WED's agent in all matters related to the WED's power supply acquisition activities and it assists the WED in fulfilling its obligations in the ISO-NE market. As the WED's agent, ENE managed the forward energy that CMEEC procured on the WED's behalf under the MOA.

As of this writing, the WED has entered into six Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreements with counterparties.

The WED's power procurement activities are governed by its Energy Risk Management Policy and its Hedging Policy, which were adopted by the Wallingford Board of Public Utilities Commissioners on August 8, 2013, and October 1, 2013, respectively. The Energy Risk Management Policy was amended on September 8, 2018. The Hedging Policy was amended on May 1, 2018.

The foregoing discussion of the Energy Portfolio Agreement, CMEEC contracts, Memorandum of Agreement, Master Power Purchase Agreements and Project Contracts is intended to be a summary of such contracts and funds and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the contracts themselves, which may be obtained from the Town.

#### NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town procures insurance policies with commercial insurance companies to protect itself against various risk exposures such as general liability, property damage and professional liability. The Town's Legal Counsel defends the Town in any lawsuits that arise from the normal course of operations.

The Town has a workers' compensation fund and is self-insured for claims up to a maximum of \$500,000 (amount not rounded). The Town purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of self-insured coverage. There is an individual claim maximum of \$500,000 (amount not rounded). Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years. The Town's third-party administrator estimates claims payable for incurred claims as of June 30, 2024, at \$2,929 for workers' compensation and heart and hypertension claims.

The Town administers the medical self-insurance program through the Health Benefits fund. The Town has an Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical plan for which payments are based upon actual claims (versus premium payments). In this case, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield acts as a claims processor and a transfer of risk does not occur.

All funds of the Town participate in the program and make payments to the Health Benefits Fund to pay claims, claim reserves and administrative costs of the program. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, \$25,069 in health care benefits and administrative costs were paid. Incurred but not reported health claims of \$1,941 have been accrued as a liability based upon information supplied by the Town's Health Care Administrator. Actuarial estimated liability for claims incurred but not reported is not available.

The changes in the claims liability were as follows for the years ended June 30:

	Ве	alance - ginning f Year	Yea and	Current ar Claims Changes stimates	Claim ayments	 alance - d of Year_
Workers' Compensation Fund:					 	
2022 to 2023	\$	2,932	\$	750	\$ 1,166	\$ 2,516
2023 to 2024		2,516		2,030	1,617	2,929
Health Benefits Fund:						
2022 to 2023		2,195		27,512	28,034	1,673
2023 to 2024		1,673		25,337	25,069	1,941

#### **NOTE 12 TAX ABATEMENTS**

As of June 30, 2024, the Town provides tax abatements via Tax Assessment (Stabilization) Agreements. The Town enters into Tax Assessment Agreements (Stabilization Agreements) which provide real property tax abatements for real property improvements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-65. The agreements are entered into by the Town and are approved by the Town Council. The abatements are obtained pursuant to a contract between the Town and the owner of the property. The agreements fix the assessment value prior to improvement and defer the increase in the assessed value attributable to the construction/renovation over a period of 7 to 15 years. Continuation of the agreement is conditioned upon continued compliance with the provisions of the agreement and is terminated upon sale or transfer of the property for any other purpose unless the Town has consented thereto. There are no provisions to recapture abated taxes under this program. No other commitments have been made by the Town to the abatement recipients under this program. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, taxes abated through this program total \$1,050.

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

#### **Town OPEB**

The Town, in accordance with various collective bargaining agreements, is committed to provide health and other benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses through a single-employer postemployment benefit plan. Benefits are established and amended through negotiations between the Town and the various unions representing Town employees. The Town provides postemployment healthcare benefits, in accordance with current contracts, to Board of Education certified teachers and administrators who retire from the Town in accordance with criteria listed in Note 14. For those employees who terminate without retirement, healthcare benefits continue for 30 days after termination.

Retiree health insurance is provided as a combination of HMO and indemnity coverage, with the retiree selecting the type of coverage. The Town pays for a major portion or all of the total health insurance cost for retirees depending on the coverage election. The Town pays approximately 50% of the cost of coverage for dependents and surviving spouses eligible to participate in the group plan. The remainder of the premium is paid by the retirees for their dependents or the surviving spouse for themselves.

The Town also provides health care benefits to retired police and fire employees as well as chiefs and assistant chiefs, in accordance with union contracts. When they retire, police and fire employees may have up to 50% of their health care benefits paid for by the Town until they reach age 65.

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(IN THOUSANDS)

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **Town OPEB (Continued)**

#### A. Funding Policy (Not Rounded)

The Town's current strategy is to fund current claims and administrative costs for postemployment benefits through its purchase of premium-based coverage.

Although a trust fund may be established in the future to exclusively control the funding and reporting of postemployment benefits, the Town's current commitment is to fund the other postemployment benefits provided to Town retirees on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The Town has not established an OPEB Trust fund, as of June 30, 2024, to irrevocably segregate assets to fund the liability associated with postemployment benefits, which would require the reporting of a trust fund in accordance with GASB guidelines.

The following is the current census of Town benefit participants as of July 1, 2023:

Inactive Employees Currently Receiving Benefit	
Payments	72
Active Employees	1,117
Total	1,189

Postemployment retiree benefit payments for the year ended June 30, 2024, net of retiree and other contributions, amounted to approximately \$1,357.

#### **B. Total OPEB Liability**

The Town's total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023.

#### Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

Inflation 2.40% (Prior: 2.60%)
Salary Increases 3.30%, including Inflation
Discount Rate 3.93% (Prior: 3.65%)

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates 7.00% in 2023, Reducing by 0.25% Each Year to an

Ultimate Rate of 4.40% per Year for 2034 and Later Dental is assumed to increased by 4.00% per year

Retirees' Share of

Benefit-Related Costs Various

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Town OPEB (Continued)**

# **B. Total OPEB Liability (Continued)**

### Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)

The discount rate was based on the 20-year AA municipal bond index for unfunded OPEB plans.

Mortality rates were based on Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount-Weighted Mortality Tables, projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2021.

# C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

		Total
	OPE	B Liability
Balance - July 1, 2023	\$	31,539
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost		1,130
Interest on Total OPEB Liability		1,168
Difference between Expected and Actual		
Experience		1,600
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs		1,877
Benefit Payments		(1,357)
Net Changes		4,418
	- <del>-</del>	
Balance - June 30, 2024	\$	35,957

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.65% in 2023 to 3.93% in 2024.

# D. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

			(	Current			
	1%	Decrease	Disc	count Rate	1%	Increase	
	(	(2.93%)		(3.93%)		(4.93%)	
Total OPEB Liability	\$	39,139	\$	35,957	\$	33,073	

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Town OPEB (Continued)**

# E. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

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

	Healthcare Cost				
	1% Decrease	1% Increase			
	(6.00%	(7.00%	(8.00%		
	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing		
	to 3.40%) to 4.40%)		to 5.40%)		
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 32,086	\$ 35,957	\$ 40,491		

# F. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$1,798. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	D	eferred		Deferred
	Out	flows of	In	iflows of
	Re	sources	R	esources
Differences Between Expected and Actual	' <u></u>			
Experience	\$	3,217	\$	(8,405)
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs		5,583		(4,108)
Total	\$	8,800	\$	(12,513)

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>	<i></i>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$	(332)
2026		(332)
2027		(332)
2028		(332)
2029		(332)
Thereafter		(2,053)

# NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **Teachers OPEB**

# 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 <a href="https://www.ct.gov/trb">www.ct.gov/trb</a>.

#### B. Benefit Provisions (Not Rounded)

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

Any member who is not currently participating in Medicare Parts A & B is eligible to continue health care coverage with their former employer. A subsidy of up to \$220 (amount not rounded) per month for a retired member plus an additional \$220 (amount not rounded) 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 (amount not rounded) 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 (amount not rounded) 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.

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **Teachers OPEB (Continued)**

# B. Benefit Provisions (Not Rounded) (Continued)

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 (amount not rounded) monthly subsidy or participate in the TRB-Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans, as long as they do not remarry.

# C. Eligibility

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

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

Normal Retirement – Age 60 with 20 years of Credited Service in Connecticut, or 35 years of Credited Service including at least 25 years of service in Connecticut.

Early Retirement – Age 55 with 20 years of Credited Service including 15 years of Connecticut service, or 25 years of Credited Service including 20 years of Connecticut service.

Proratable Retirement – Age 60 with 10 years of Credited Service.

Disability Retirement – No service requirement if incurred in the performance of duty, and five years of Credited Service in Connecticut if not incurred in the performance of duty.

Termination of Employment – Ten or more years of Credited Service.

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Teachers OPEB (Continued)**

#### D. Contributions

#### State of Connecticut

Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-183z, contribution requirements of active employees and the state of Connecticut are approved, amended and certified by the State Teachers' Retirement Board and appropriated by the General Assembly. The state 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.

#### Employer (School Districts)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the amount of "on-behalf" contributions made by the state was \$269 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

#### Employees/Retirees

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

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

At June 30, 2024, 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	 19,985
Total	\$ 19,985

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Teachers OPEB (Continued)**

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

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2024, the Town has no proportionate share of the net OPEB liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized OPEB expense and revenue of \$(2,354) in Exhibit II.

# F. Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Health Care Costs Trend Rate Known increases until calendar year 2024 then general

trend decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2031

Salary Increases 3.00%-6.50%, including Inflation

Investment Rate of Return 3.00%, Net of OPEB Plan Investment Expense,

including Inflation

Year Fund Net Position will be

Depleted 2028

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, 2023, 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 3.53% to 3.64%;
- Expected annual per capita claims costs were updated to better reflect anticipated medical and prescription drug claim experience;

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Teachers OPEB (Continued)**

# F. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, 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 (0.77)%.

#### G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.64% 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, 2023.

In addition to the actuarial methods and assumptions of the June 30, 2023, 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.

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Teachers OPEB (Continued)**

# G. Discount Rate (Continued)

Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2028 and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent rate.

# 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 <a href="https://www.ct.gov">www.ct.gov</a>.

#### J. Other Information

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

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS

#### **Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan**

# A. Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Not Rounded)

The Town of Wallingford is the administrator of the Town's Consolidated Pension Plan, a single-employer contributory defined benefit public employee retirement system (PERS) established and administered by the Town to provide pension benefits to all full-time noncertified employees. The plan is considered to be part of the Town of Wallingford's financial reporting entity and is included in the Town's financial reports as a pension trust fund. The plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

Per the Town Charter, the Personnel Department administers the pension system, receives retirement applications from employees, determines pension eligibility of those employees, calculates pension amounts for those eligible and handles all communication with retirees. The Personnel Department also procures the services of actuaries for pension plan valuation and other consultants as needed for advice regarding the pension plan. Also, per the Town Charter, a Pension Commission determines and invests the pension assets. The Commission consists of six members: the Town Comptroller, Town Treasurer, Personnel Director and three resident electors of the Town who have experience and training in investments and finance, who are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Town Council. The Town Treasurer has custody of all pension funds and sees to the investment of pension assets in conformity with actions and policies of the Pension Commission. The Commission may appoint a financial custodian to implement investment decisions and trustees to manage the pension funds.

Membership as of July 1, 2023, of the PERS consisted of the following:

	Number of Employees
Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving	
Benefits	599
Terminated Employees Not Yet Receiving Benefits	155
Active Plan Members	715
Total	1,469

Members are required to contribute to the plan, and the Town is required to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage for its employees. Benefits and contributions are established by the Town and may be amended only by the Town Charter and Union negotiation.

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)

# A. Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Not Rounded) (Continued)

The following summarizes the major provisions of the plan. It is not intended to be, nor should it be interpreted as, a complete statement of all plan provisions.

Regular Employees:

Normal Retirement: Age and Service Requirement:

Public Works 30 Years of Credited Service or Age 62 with 10 Years

of Credited Service

Management and

Supervisors 30 Years of Credited Service or Age 62 with 10 Years

of Credited Service.

Electric Division and

Water Division 29 Years of Credited Service or Age 60 with 10 Years

of Credited Service

Benefit:

Public Works 2.15% of Final Average Salary Multiplied by Years of

Credited Service, Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final Average Salary, including Social Security if Applicable

Management and

Supervisors: 2.25% of Final Average Salary Multiplied by Years of Credited Service. Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final

Average Salary, including Social Security if Applicable

Electric Division and Water Division:

2.35% of Final Average Salary Multiplied by Years of Credited Service, Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final

Average Salary, including Social Security if Applicable

Employees Covered by

Social Security: 1.00% to 1.30% Final Average Salary Multiplied by

Years of Credited Service, Subject to a Maximum of 70% Final Average Salary, including Social Security

if Applicable

Early Retirement:

Age Requirement 55

Service Requirement 15 Years

Amount: Normal Pension Accrued Reduced by 0.25% for Each

Month that the Participant's Retirement Date

**Precedes Normal Retirement** 

Vesting 100% Vested with 5 Years of Credited Service

**Employee Contributions:** 

Public Works 7% of Weekly Salary

Management and

Supervisors 7% of Weekly Salary
Water or Electric Divisions 7.5% of Weekly Salary

Interest Credited Limited to be Within 0% and 10.8%

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)

# A. Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Not Rounded) (Continued)

Hazard Employees: Normal Pension:

Police, Firefighters, and

Lineworkers:

Age Requirement: None

Service Requirement:

Police 22 Years of Service Firefighter 23 Years of Service Lineworker 25 Years of Service

Benefit:

Police: For Pre-February 23, 2018 Hires: 2.35% of Final

Average Salary per Year of Credited Service, Subject

to a Maximum of 75% Final Average Salary For Post-February 22, 2018 Hires: 2.25% of Final Average Salary per Year of Credited Service, Subject

to a Maximum of 75% Final Average Salary

Firefighter 2.35% of Final Average Salary per Year of Credited

Service, Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final Average

Salary, Minimum of \$1,200 per Year For Post-July 1, 2015, Hires: 2.25%

Lineworker For Pre-July 1, 2007 Hires: 2.35% of Final Average

Salary per Year of Credited Service, Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final Average Salary, Minimum of

\$1,200 per Year

For Post-July 1, 2007, Hires: 2.25% of Final Average Salary per Year of Credited Service, Subject to a Maximum of 75% Final Average Salary. Minimum of

\$1,200 per Year

Vesting 100% Vesting after 5 Years of Credited Service

Employee Contributions:

Police 9.0% of Weekly Salary
Firefighter 9.0% of Weekly Salary
Lineworker 8.5% of Weekly Salary

Interest is Credited at 3% per Year

Cost-of-Living Adjustment:

Police 2% per Year after Age 60. Normal Retirements Only Firefighter 2% per Year after Age 60, Normal and Disability

Retirements

Lineworker 2% per Year after Age 60, if Hired on or before

January 1, 2001, All Normal Retirement Benefits on or after July 1, 1992, with at Least 25 Years of Service

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### **Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)**

# B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and System Assets

# **Basis of Accounting**

Financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting for the defined benefit pension plan. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which they are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and a formal commitment to provide the contributions has been made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

#### Method Used to Value Investments

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

#### Concentration of Investments

There were no investments in any one organization that represented 5% or more of net position available for benefits, except for investments in United States backed bonds.

# Plan Expenses

Expenses of administering the plan are paid for from contributions to the plan.

#### Measurement Date

The most recent valuation was performed as of July 1, 2023, rolled forward to a measurement date of June 30, 2024.

#### C. Funding Policy

Employees contribute between 5% and 7.5% of their weekly salary to the plan. Contributions earn 3% interest returnable upon termination before retirement. The Town is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to finance the benefits for its employees as determined by its actuaries; the current rate is 25.1% of annual covered payroll. Benefits and employee contributions are fixed by contract and may be amended subject to union negotiations.

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)

#### D. Investments

The Pension Commission utilizes the plan's Investment Policy Statement (IPS) to determine the allocation of the plan's invested assets. The goal of the IPS is to reduce risk by utilizing an investment strategy through the prudent diversification of the portfolio across a broad selection of distinct asset classes. The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2024.

		Long-Term	
	Target	Expected Real	
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return*	Weighting
Fixed Income	24.50 %	2.40 %	0.59 %
U.S. Equity	41.50	7.60	3.15
International Equity	30.00	10.30	3.09
International Equity	4.00	5.60	0.22
Total Portfolio	100.00 %		7.05
Long-Term Expected			
Nominal Return			7.05 %

<sup>\*</sup>Long-Term Returns are provided by Fiducient Advisors. The returns are geometric means.

# Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 13.45%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### E. Net Pension Liability of the Town

The components of the net pension liability of the Town at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 347,587
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 263,896
Town's Net Pension Liability	\$ 83,691
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage	
of the Total Pension Liability	75.92 %

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### **Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)**

E. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.40%

Salary Increases:

Hazardous Plan Ranges from 2.4% to 8.9%, Based on Age Non-Hazardous Plan Ranges from 2.4% to 8.7%, Based on Age

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

For hazard employees and regular employees, mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount-Weighted Mortality Tables, with separate tables for General Employees and Public Safety, projected to valuation date with Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed. Best estimates of the real rates of return for each major asset class are included along with the pension plan's long-term target asset allocation. Since the term rates shown above are geometric averages, the impact of asset allocation and rebalancing is not reflected in the expected return. An expected rate of return of 7.00% was used.

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

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan (Continued)

# E. Net Pension Liability of the Town (Continued)

# Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)						
	Tot	tal Pension	Plai	n Fiduciary	Net Pension		
		Liability	Ne	t Position		Liability	
		(a)		(b)		(a) - (b)	
Consolidated Pension Fund:							
Balance - July 1, 2023	\$	343,942	\$	239,184	\$	104,758	
Changes for the Year:							
Service Cost		6,042		-		6,042	
Interest on Total							
Pension Liability		23,709		-		23,709	
Differences between							
Expected and Actual							
Experience		(3,153)		-		(3,153)	
Changes in Assumptions		-		-		-	
Employer Contributions		-		12,501		(12,501)	
Member Contributions		-		3,604		(3,604)	
Net Investment Income		-		31,697		(31,697)	
Benefit Payments,							
Including Refunds of							
Employee Contributions		(22,953)		(22,953)		-	
Administrative Expenses		-		(137)		137	
Other Changes							
Net Changes		3,645		24,712		(21,067)	
Balance - June 30, 2024	\$	347,587	\$	263,896	\$	83,691	

# Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

			C	Current		
	1%	1% Decrease Discount Rate			1% Increase	
	(	(6.00%)	(7.00%)		(8.00%)	
Net Pension Liability	\$	123,617	\$	83,691	\$	50,139

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan

# A. Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Not Rounded)

The Town of Wallingford is the administrator of the Town's Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan, a single-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system (PERS) established and administered by the Town to provide pension benefits to qualified volunteer firefighters. The plan is considered to be part of the Town of Wallingford's financial reporting entity and is included in the Town's financial reports as a pension trust fund. The plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

The plan is administered by the Personnel Department and Pension Commission as previously stated in the Consolidated Pension Plan Note above.

Membership as of July 1, 2023, of the PERS consisted of the following:

	Number of
	Employees
Inactive Members Currently Receiving Benefits	20
Inactive Vested Members	63
Current Active Members	43
Total	126

Benefits are established by the Town and may be amended only by the Town Charter.

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 (IN THOUSANDS)

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan (Continued)

#### A. Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Not Rounded) (Continued)

The following is a brief summary of the plan provisions:

Normal Pension:

Age Requirement 65

Service Requirement 5 Years (1 Year After Program's Initiation)

Amount \$10 per Month for the 1st 10 Years of Service Plus

\$15 per Month for the 2nd 10 Years of Service; Plus \$20 per Month for Each Year of Service for the Next 10 Years of Service (30-Year Maximum). The monthly

pension amount is subject to a \$450 maximum.

Disability:

Age Requirement None Service Requirement None

Amount Regular Pension Accrued Deferred to Age 65 or

Lump-Sum Cash Benefit Equal to the Accrued Benefit

Multiplied by 120

Vesting:

Age Requirement None Service Requirement 5 Years

Amount Regular Pension Accrued Deferred to Age 65
Service One year of service will be credited for each year the

activity requirement is met. Currently, this

requirement is 100 points.

# B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and System Assets

#### Basis of Accounting

Financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting for the defined benefit pension plan. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which they are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and a formal commitment to provide the contributions has been made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

#### Method Used to Value Investments

The plan reports investments at fair value. Investment income is recognized as earned.

# Concentration of Investments

There were no investments in any one organization that represented 5% or more of net position available for benefits, except for investments in United States-backed bonds.

#### Plan Expenses

Expenses of administering the plan are paid for from contributions to the plan.

#### Measurement Date

The most recent valuation was performed as of July 1, 2023, rolled forward to a measurement date of June 30, 2024.

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan (Continued)

# C. Funding Policy

The Town funding policy is to contribute the amount equal to the normal cost, plus a past service payment representing amortization of the unfunded accrued liability.

#### D. Investments

Funds are invested in the same manner as in the Consolidated Pension Plan Note above.

The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2024.

		Long-Term	
	Target	Expected Real	
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return*	Weighting
Fixed Income	24.50 %	2.40 %	0.59 %
U.S. Equity	41.50	7.60	3.15
International Equity	30.00	10.30	3.09
Real Assets	4.00	5.60	0.22
Total Portfolio	100.00 %		7.05
Long-Term Expected Nominal Return			7.05 %

<sup>\*</sup>Long-Term Returns are provided by Fiducient Advisors. The returns are artihmetic means.

#### Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 9.41%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

# E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town

The components of the net pension liability (asset) of the Town at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 1,657
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 1,646
Town's Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 11
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Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	99 34 %

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan (Continued)

E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town (Continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.40% (Prior: 2.60%)

Salary Increases N/A - Members are Volunteers

Investment Rate of Return 7.0%, Including Inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount-Weighted Mortality Tables for Safety Employees, projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021 (Prior: RP-2000 Mortality Tables).

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed. Best estimates of the real rates of return for each major asset class are included along with the pension plan's long-term target asset allocation. Since the term rates shown above are geometric averages, the impact of asset allocation and rebalancing is not reflected in the expected return. An expected rate of return of 7.00% was used.

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

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan (Continued)

# E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town (Continued)

# Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	Increase (Decrease)								
	Tota	l Pension	Plan	Fiduciary	Net	Pension			
	Li	iability	Net	Position	Liability (Asset)				
		(a)		(b)		) - (b)			
Volunteer Firefighter's	<u> </u>		·-	_	·	_			
Pension Fund:									
Balance - July 1, 2023	\$	1,490	\$	1,566	\$	(76)			
Changes for the Year:						, ,			
Service Cost		7		-		7			
Interest on Total									
Pension Liability		102				102			
<b>Employer Contributions</b>		-		11		(11)			
Net Investment Income		-		145		(145)			
Benefit Payments,						,			
Including Refund to									
Employee									
Contributions		(75)		(75)		-			
Administrative									
Expenses		-		(1)		1			
Net Changes		167		80		87			
Balance - June 30, 2024	\$	1,657	\$	1,646	\$	11			

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

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

			Cu	rrent			
	1% D	ecrease	unt Rate	1% Increase			
	(6.	00%)	(7.0	00%)	(8.00%)		
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	\$ 185 \$ 17				(135)	

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan and Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service</u> <u>Award Plan Information</u>

# A. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town

The Town maintains two pension trust funds. The following tables are prepared combining the Consolidated Pension Plan and the Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Plan.

# <u>Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of</u> Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized total pension expense of \$14,768. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related pension from the following sources:

		Defe	ources				
	Con	solidated		ınteer			
	Pension		Firef	ighters	Total		
Differences Between							
Expected and Actual	_		_		_		
Experience	\$	6,347	\$	63	\$	6,410	
Changes of Assumptions		6,649		42		6,691	
Net Difference Between							
Projected and Actual							
Earnings on Pension Plan				00		02	
Investments	ф.	40.006	ф.	93	Ф.	93	
Total	\$	12,996	\$	198	\$	13,194	
		Defe	erred Inflo	ws of Reso	urces		
	Con	solidated	Volu	ınteer			
	Р	ension	Firef	ighters	Total		
Differences Between					•		
Expected and Actual							
Experience	\$	2,660	\$	8	\$	2,668	
Net Difference Between							
Projected and Actual							
Earnings on Pension Plan							
Investments		2,476		-		2,476	
Total	\$	5,136	\$	8	\$	5,144	

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan and Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service</u> <u>Award Plan Information (Continued)</u>

# A. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town (Continued)

<u>Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)</u>

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

	Con	Consolidated		unteer			
Year Ending June 30,	F	Pension	Fire	fighters	Total		
2025	\$	2,609	\$	58	\$	2,667	
2026		10,574		113		10,687	
2027		(2,615)		24		(2,591)	
2028		(2,370)		(5)		(2,375)	
2029		(338)		<u> </u>		(338)	
Total	\$	7,860	\$	190	\$	8,050	

The following schedules present the net position held in trust for pension benefits at June 30, 2024, and the changes in net position for the year then ended:

	Volunteer Consolidated Firefighters Pension Fund Pension Fund E			erfund ninations	Totals
Assets:					
Cash and Cash					
Equivalents	\$ 3,899	\$	(232)	\$ -	\$ 3,667
Investments:					
Mutual Funds	261,812		-	-	261,812
Accounts Receivable	160		-	-	160
Due from Consolidated					
Pension Fund	 		1,878	 (1,878)	 
Total Assets	265,871		1,646	(1,878)	265,639
Liabilities:					
Accounts and Other					
Payables	37		-	-	37
Due to Other Funds	 1,938			 (1,878)	 60
Total Liabilities	1,975			(1,878)	97
Net Position:					
Restricted for Pensions	\$ 263,896	\$	1,646	\$ -	\$ 265,542

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Wallingford Consolidated Pension Plan and Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service</u> <u>Award Plan Information (Continued)</u>

# A. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Town (Continued)

<u>Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)</u>

	Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position							
		nsolidated nsion Fund	Fire	lunteer fighters ion Fund	Totals			
Additions: Contributions:								
Employer	\$	12,501	\$	11	\$	12,512		
Plan Members	¥	3,604	Ψ	-	Ψ	3,604		
Total Contributions		16,105		11		16,116		
Investment Income: Net Change in Fair Value								
of Investments		24,851		114		24,965		
Interest and Dividends		6,866		31		6,897		
Other Income		13		-		13		
Investment Fee Expense		(33)				(33)		
Total Investment Income		31,697		145		31,842		
Total Additions		47,802		156		47,958		
Deductions:								
Benefits		22,366		75		22,441		
Refunds of Contributions		587		-		587		
Administration		137		1,000		138		
Total Deductions		23,090		76		23,166		
Net Change		24,712		80		24,792		
Net Position Restricted for Pensions - Beginning of Year		239,184		1,566		240,750		
Net Position Restricted for Pensions - End of Year	\$	263,896	\$	1,646	\$	265,542		

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension</u>

# 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 <a href="https://www.ct.gov">www.ct.gov</a>.

#### **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 with a minimum of 20 years of Connecticut service, or age 55 with 20 years of credited service with a minimum of 15 years of Connecticut service with reduced benefit amounts.

#### Disability Retirement

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

#### C. Contributions

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

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

# C. Contributions (Continued)

#### Employer (School Districts)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the amount of "on-behalf" contributions made by the state was \$19,793 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

# **Employees**

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

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

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

At June 30, 2024, 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	 213,316
Total	\$ 213,316

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2024, the Town has no proportionate share of the net pension liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense and revenue of \$20,424 in Exhibit II.

# NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)</u>

#### E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Salary Increase 3.00% to 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, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ended June 30, 2019.

Assumption changes since the prior year are as follows:

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

Benefit changes since the prior year are as follows:

• There were no changes in benefit provisions that affected the measurement of the TPL since the prior measurement date.

#### 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%.

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (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:

	Expected	Target
Asset Class	Return	Allocation
Domestic Equity Fund	6.80%	37.00 %
Developed Market Intl. Stock Fund	2.90	2.00
Emerging Market Intl. Stock Fund	0.40	13.00
Core Fixed Income Fund	(0.40)	1.00
Private Credit	0.10	5.00
Emerging Market Debt Fund	11.20	15.00
High Yield Bond Fund	6.10	10.00
Real Estate Fund	6.20	10.00
Private Equity	7.70	7.00
Total		100.00 %

### 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.

#### NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# **Connecticut Teachers Retirement System - Pension (Continued)**

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

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

#### H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial statements available at <a href="https://www.ct.gov">www.ct.gov</a>.

#### 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 15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Town is contingently liable in connection with litigation involving personal injury claims, zoning matters, property tax appeals, other miscellaneous suits and unasserted claims. The Town intends to vigorously defend these actions; however, there can be no assurance that the Town will prevail.

The Town Attorney estimates that the potential claims against the Town not covered by insurance resulting from such litigation would not materially affect the financial position of the Town. When it has been determined that the Town faces an exposure in matters of litigation, the Town's policy is to establish an appropriate reserve.

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

					Va	riance
	Budgeted	Amo	ounts		Fa۱	orable/
	Original		Final	Actual	(Unfa	avorable)
Revenues:						
General Property Taxes:						
Current Tax Levy	\$ 134,821	\$	134,821	\$ 134,211	\$	(610)
Prior Year's Levy	1,430		1,430	2,273		843
Interest and Liens	 755		755	1,210		455
Total General Property Taxes	137,006		137,006	137,694		688
Licenses and Permits:						
Building	750		750	1,379		629
Public Safety	29		29	27		(2)
Public Works	5		5	7		2
Health	 21		21	20		(1)
Total Licenses and Permits	805		805	1,433		628
Intergovernmental Revenues:						
Education Cost Sharing	21,009		21,009	20,998		(11)
PILOT Housing / State	4,446		4,446	4,471		25
Municipal Revenue Sharing	3,482		3,482	4,603		1,121
Disability and Veterans Exemptions	34		34	33		(1)
Pequot Funds	33		33	33		-
Health	27		27	27		-
Vocational Agriculture	1,464		1,464	1,464		-
Election Grant	-		10	10		-
Miscellaneous Grants	100		234	235		1
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	30,595		30,739	31,874		1,135
Charges for Services:						
Rent	52		52	53		1
Town Clerk	900		900	778		(122)
Public Safety	3,081		3,232	3,440		208
Public Works	40		40	29		(11)
Veterans	13		13	13		-
Tuition	 1,184		1,184	1,352		168
Total Charges for Services	5,270		5,421	5,665		244
Use of Money:						
Investment Income	 1,000		1,000	 3,141		2,141

	 Budgeted Original	Amo	ounts Final	Actual	Fa	ariance vorable avorable)
Revenues (Continued):	 zrigiriai		Tillal	 Tiotaai	<u> (Om</u>	<u>avolabioj</u>
Other Revenue:						
Sewer Assessment	\$ 1	\$	1	\$ -	\$	(1)
In Lieu of Taxes/Telephone	800		3,100	3,120		20
Compensation and Insurance Recovery	87		87	27		(60)
Proportionate Charges	1,279		1,279	1,279		-
Encumbrance Cancellations	65		65	87		22
Miscellaneous	 126		194	 304		110
Total Other Revenue	2,358		4,726	 4,817		91
Total Revenues	177,034		179,697	184,624		4,927
Other Financing Sources:						
Transfers In:						
Electric Division	1,758		1,758	1,758		-
Other Funds	 134		134	 265		131
Total Other Financing Sources	1,892		1,892	 2,023		131
Total Revenues and Other						
Financing Sources	\$ 178,926	\$	181,589	186,647	\$	5,058
Budgetary revenues are different than GAAP revenues because:						
State of Connecticut "on-behalf" contribution Teachers' Retirement System for Town teach				40.702		
Pension OPEB				19,793 269		
Under liquidation of prior year encumbrance miscellaneous revenue for budgetary report for financial reporting purposes.		is ex	cluded	(87)		
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Funds - Exhibit IV	•			\$ 206,622		

		ed Amounts		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	Original	Final	Actual		
General Government:					
Town Council:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 58	\$ 58	\$ 57	\$ 1	
Operating and Maintenance	10	11_	7	4	
Total Town Council	68	69	64	5	
Information Technology					
Salaries and Wages	-	22	21	1	
Operating and Maintenance		2	2		
Total Information Technology	-	24	23	1	
Mayor:					
Salaries and Wages	266	281	281	-	
Operating and Maintenance	69	68	52	16	
Capital		7	7		
Total Mayor	335	356	340	16	
Program Planning:					
Salaries and Wages	109	113	112	1	
Operating and Maintenance	7	7	4	3	
Total Program Planning	116	120	116	4	
Government Access TV:					
Salaries and Wages	53	53	38	15	
Operating and Maintenance	10	10	6	4	
Total Government Access TV	63	63	44	19	
Department of Law:					
Salaries and Wages	369	362	361	1	
Operating and Maintenance	251	266	250	16	
Total Department of Law	620	628	611	17	
Board of Assessment Appeals:					
Salaries and Wages	8	8	6	2	
Operating and Maintenance	2	2	1	1	
Total Board of Assessment					
Appeals	10	10	7	3	

	Budgeted Amounts					Variance Favorable	
	Or	iginal		Final	 Actual	(Unfa	vorable)
General Government (Continued): Finance:							
Salaries and Wages	\$	1,946	\$	2,000	\$ 1,973	\$	27
Operating and Maintenance		725		734	673		61
Capital		112		112	107		5
Total Finance		2,783		2,846	2,753		93
Library:							
Operating and Maintenance		3,314		3,314	3,314		
Personal Pension and Risk Management:							
Salaries and Wages		594		605	599		6
Operating and Maintenance		314		317	 286		31
Total Personal Pension and							
Risk Management		908		922	885		37
Pension Fund:		10.701		10.701	40.400		
Operating and Maintenance		10,791		10,791	 10,403		388
Employee Insurance and Other Benefits:		054		050	40.4		450
Salaries and Wages		654		653	494		159
Operating and Maintenance		9,219		9,214	 8,135		1,079
Total Employee Insurance and Other Benefits		9,873		9,867	8,629		1,238
Property and Casualty Insurance:							
Operating and Maintenance		1,420		1,420	 1,382		38
Building Department:							_
Salaries and Wages		487		497	492		5
Operating and Maintenance		37		37	 17		20
Total Building Department		524		534	509		25
Register of Voters:							
Salaries and Wages		185		185	157		28
Operating and Maintenance		51		55	 26		29
Total Register of Voters		236		240	183		57

	Budgeted Amounts					Variance Favorable		
	Original		Final		A	ctual	(Unfa	/orable)
General Government (Continued): Town Clerk:								_
Salaries and Wages	\$	240	\$	242	\$	236	\$	6
Operating and Maintenance	•	78		78		51	•	27
Total Town Clerk		318		320		287		33
Planning and Zoning:								
Salaries and Wages		273		283		281		2
Operating and Maintenance		34		37		33		4
Capital				8		4		4
Total Planning and Zoning		307		328		318		10
Inland/Wetlands Commission:								
Salaries and Wages		101		105		104		1
Operating and Maintenance		12		12		11		1_
Total Inland/Wetlands								
Commission		113		117		115		2
Zoning Board of Appeals:								
Salaries and Wages		2		2		1		1
Operating and Maintenance		13		13		7		6
Total Zoning Board of Appeals		15		15		8		7
Economic Development Commission:								
Salaries and Wages		89		92		89		3
Operating and Maintenance		36		36		17		19
Total Economic Development Commission		125		128		106		22
		0		0				
Conservation Commission:								
Salaries and Wages		1		1		1		-
Operating and Maintenance		8		8		8		
Total Conservation Commission		9		9		9		-
Public Utilities Commission:								
Salaries and Wages		294		299		298		1
Operating and Maintenance		10		10		6		4
Total Public Utilities Commission		304		309		304		5

	Budgeted Amounts					Variance Favorable		
	Original			Final		Actual	(Unfavorable)	
General Government (Continued): Probate Court:								
Operating and Maintenance Capital	\$	15 -	\$	13 2	\$	13 2	\$	-
Total Probate Court		15		15		15		-
Civil Preparedness:		14		14		14		
Salaries and Wages								-
Operating and Maintenance		<u>9</u> 23		9 23		<u>3</u> 17		6
Total Civil Preparedness		23		23		17		6
Contingency Accounts:								
General and Accrued Expenses		900		354				354
Total General Government		33,190		32,822		30,442		2,380
Public Safety:								
Police Department:								
Salaries and Wages		10,308		10,647		9,827		820
Operating and Maintenance		1,652		1,652		1,361		291
Capital		72		72		45		27
Total Police Department		12,032		12,371		11,233		1,138
Dog Pound:								
Salaries and Wages		192		198		191		7
Operating and Maintenance		59		60		51		9
Total Dog Pound		251		258		242		16
Fire Department:								
Salaries and Wages		9,049		9,334		8,869		465
Operating and Maintenance		1,280		1,280		1,134		146
Capital		137		1,837		1,575		262
Total Fire Department		10,466		12,451		11,578		873
Total Public Safety		22,749		25,080		23,053		2,027

	Budgeted Amounts						Variance Favorable	
	Or	iginal	Final		A	Actual	(Unfavorable)	
Public Works:						,		
Engineering Department:								
Salaries and Wages	\$	423	\$	439	\$	438	\$	1
Operating and Maintenance		59		75		66		9
Capital		185		185		162		23
Total Engineering Department	'	667		699		666		33
Department of Public Works:								
Salaries and Wages		3,524		3,405		3,101		304
Operating and Maintenance		2,870		2,971		2,688		283
Capital		5		635		34		601
Total Department of Public Works		6,399		7,011		5,823		1,188
Total Public Works		7,066		7,710		6,489		1,221
Health and Social Services: Health Department:								
Salaries and Wages		437		444		352		92
Operating and Maintenance		44		45		30		15
Total Health Department		481		489		382		107
Social Services:								
Salaries and Wages		422		427		396		31
Operating and Maintenance		102		102		83		19
Capital		4		4		4		-
Pass-Through Agency Contributions		1,312		1,337		1,330		7
Total Social Services	'	1,840		1,870		1,813		57
Veteran's Service Center:								
Salaries and Wages		25		25		25		-
Operating and Maintenance		1_		1_		<u> </u>		1_
Total Veteran's Service Center		26		26		25		1
Total Health and Social Services		2,347		2,385		2,220		165

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) GENERAL FUND

#### YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Budgeted Original	d Amounts Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Parks and Recreation: Department of Parks and Recreation:		- mai	, totadi	(emaverage)
Salaries and Wages	\$ 819	\$ 823	\$ 776	\$ 47
Operating and Maintenance	165	168	152	16
Capital	24	27	22	5
Total Parks and Recreation	1,008	1,018	950	68
Education	113,512	113,512	113,485	27
Debt Service:				
Principal	3,795	3,795	3,795	-
Interest	899	899	899	<del>-</del>
Administration, Registration, and Other	2	2	1	1
Total Debt Service	4,696	4,696	4,695	1
Appropriations in Force Carryforward:				
Capital and Nonrecurring Items		2,367	649	1,718
Total Expenditures	184,568	189,590	181,983	7,607
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers Out	2,258	2,266	2,266	
Total Expenditures and Other				
Financing Uses	\$ 186,826	\$ 191,856	184,249	\$ 7,607

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) (IN THOUSANDS)

Budgetary expenditures are different than GAAP expenditures because:

	State of Connecticut "on-behalf" contributions to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted: Pension OPEB	\$ 19,793 269
	Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year received for financial reporting purposes.	(394)
	Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered in the previous year, that were received and liquidated in the current year are reported for in the current year are reported for financial statement reporting purposes.	905
	The Town and Board of Education do not budget for accrued payroll services earned at year end. The accrued wages are charged to the subsequent year's budget. The change in the accrual is recorded as an adjustment to the current year expenditure for GAAP financial statement purposes.	(152)
-	Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV	\$ 204,670

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS TOWN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015
Total Pension Liability: Service Cost	\$ 6	)42	\$ 6.750	\$	6,661	\$	6,507	\$	6,456	\$	6,014	\$	6,069	\$	5.664	\$	5,280	\$	5,102
Interest	23,		22,327	Ψ	21,625	Ψ	20,892	Ψ	20,393	Ψ	19,524	Ψ	18,772	Ψ	17,964	Ψ	17,178	Ψ	16,642
Changes of Benefit Terms Differences between Expected and Actual Experience Changes of Assumptions	(3,	-  53) -	6,775 6,775		3,339 3,372		2,691 3,197		(957) 2,230		- 2,850 2,847		- (1,276) 5,242		1,596 2,618		1,376		(1,525)
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Member Contributions	(22,		(21,414)		(20,026)		(18,071)		(16,659)		(15,702)		(14,698)		(13,966)		(13,828)		(12,847)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	3,	645	21,213		14,971		15,216		11,463		15,533		14,109		13,876		10,006		7,372
Total Pension Liability - Beginning of Year	343,	942	322,729		307,758		292,542	_	281,079		265,546	_	251,437		237,561		227,555		220,183
Total Pension Liability - End of Year	347,	587	343,942		322,729		307,758		292,542		281,079		265,546		251,437		237,561		227,555
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:																			
Contributions - Employer Contributions - Member	12,		11,639 3,378		11,043		9,194		9,602		9,367 2,989		9,297		8,639 2,797		8,411 2,723		8,192 2,626
Net Investment Income	31.i	604 807	23,383		3,204 (39,545)		3,042 59,407		3,046 5,912		2,969 11.504		2,919 14.521		23,070		766		4,904
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Member Contributions	(22,		(21,414)		(20,026)		(18,071)		(16,659)		(15,702)		(14,698)		(13,966)		(13,828)		(12,849)
Administrative Expense		37)	(173)		(124)		(132)		(106)		(112)		(109)		(97)		(102)		(95)
Other											2		7		80		33		697
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	24,	'12	16,813		(45,448)		53,440		1,795		8,048		11,937		20,523		(1,997)		3,475
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	239,	84	222,371		267,819		214,379	_	212,584		204,536		192,599		172,076		174,073		170,598
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year	263,	396	239,184	_	222,371	_	267,819		214,379		212,584		204,536		192,599		172,076		174,073
Net Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ 83,	91	\$ 104,758	\$	100,358	\$	39,939	\$	78,163	\$	68,495	\$	61,010	\$	58,838	\$	65,485	\$	53,482
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.9	2 %	69.54 %		68.90 %		87.02 %		73.28 %		75.63 %		77.02 %		76.60 %		72.43 %		76.50 %
Covered Payroll	\$ 43,	590	\$ 44,546	\$	43,061	\$	43,559	\$	43,663	\$	43,222	\$	43,097	\$	42,990	\$	41,595	\$	39,273
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	192.0	0 %	235.17 %		233.06 %		91.69 %		179.01 %		158.47 %		141.56 %		136.86 %		157.43 %		136.18 %

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

### (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially	\$ 11,074	\$	10,526	\$ 10,505	\$ 9,194	\$ 9,602	\$ 9,367	\$ 9,297	\$ 8,639	\$ 8,411	\$ 8,192
Determined Contribution	 12,501	_	11,639	 11,043	 9,194	 9,602	 9,367	 9,297	 8,639	 8,411	 8,192
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ (1,427)	\$	(1,113)	\$ (538)	\$ 	\$ _	\$ 	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 
Covered Payroll	\$ 43,590	\$	44,546	\$ 43,061	\$ 43,559	\$ 43,663	\$ 43,222	\$ 43,097	\$ 42,990	\$ 41,595	\$ 39,273
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	28.68 %		26.13 %	25.65 %	21.11 %	21.99 %	21.67 %	21.57 %	20.10 %	20.22 %	20.86 %

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2023
Measurement Date: June 30, 2024

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

#### Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method Level Percentage of Salary
Remaining Amortization Period 24 Years, Open

Remaining Amortization Period 24 Years, Open Asset Valuation Method 5-Year Smoothed

Inflation 2.40%

Salary Increases:

Hazardous Plan Ranges from 2.4% to 8.9%, Based on Age Non-Hazardous Plan Ranges from 2.4% to 8.7%, Based on Age

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

Retirement Age - Hazardous Plan:

Police 22 Years of Service
Fire 23 Years of Service
Lineman 25 Years of Service

Retirement Age - Non-Hazardous Plan:

Public Works 30 Years of Credited Service or Age 62 with 10 Years of Credited Service

Management and Supervisors 30 Years of Credited Service or Age 62 with 10 Years of Credited Service

Electric and Water Division 29 Years of Credited Service or Age 60 with 10 Years of Credited Service

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS TOWN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of										
Investment Expense	13.45 %	10.66 %	(14.93)%	28.03 %	2.81 %	5.68 %	7.60 %	13.57 %	0.46 %	3.30 %

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS VOLUNTEER FIRE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015
Total Pension Liability: Service Cost Interest Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience Changes of Assumptions	\$	7 102 83 50	\$	7 100 -	\$	8 103 (84) 32	\$	8 100 -	\$	13 117 (298) 27	\$	13 112 -	\$	23 115 (115) 26	\$	22 110 16	\$	17 103 22	\$	18 101 (38)
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions Net Change in Total Pension Liability		(75) 167		(67) 40		(62) (3)		(53) 55		(57) (198)		(53) 72		(59) (10)		(63) 85		(50) 92		(52) 29
Total Pension Liability - Beginning of Year		1,490		1,450		1,453		1,398		1,596		1,524		1,534		1,449		1,357		1,328
Total Pension Liability - End of Year		1,657		1,490		1,450		1,453		1,398		1,596		1,524		1,534		1,449		1,357
Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Contributions - Employer Net Investment Income Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions Administrative Expense Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position		11 145 (75) (1) 80		11 112 (67) (2) 54		13 (312) (62) - (361)		13 365 (53) - 325		26 20 (57) (7) (18)		26 62 (53) - 35		43 124 (59) (8) 100		43 178 (62) - 159		41 (10) (50)		42 127 (52) -
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year		1,566		1,512		1,873		1,548		1,566		1,531		1,431		1,272		1,291		1,174
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year		1,646		1,566		1,512		1,873		1,548		1,566		1,531		1,431		1,272		1,291
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - End of Year	\$	11	\$	(76)	\$	(62)	\$	(420)	\$	(150)	\$	30	\$	(7)	\$	103	\$	177	\$	66
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)		99.34 %		105.10 %		104.28 %		128.91 %		110.73 %		98.12 %		100.46 %		93.29 %		87.78 %		95.14 %
Covered Payroli*	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	A	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	

<sup>\*</sup>Covered payroll is not included in the above schedule as the persons covered are volunteers.

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS VOLUNTEER FIRE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$	11	\$	11	\$	13 13	\$	13 13	\$	26 26	\$	26 26	\$	43 43	\$	43 43	\$	41	\$	42
Actuariany Determined Contribution						13_	_	13	_	20		20		40		43		41		42
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$		\$		\$	_	\$	_	\$		\$		\$	_	\$	_	\$		\$	
Covered Payroll*	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	N/A		N/A	<b>\</b>	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/	A	N/A	Ą	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	

#### Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date July 1, 2023 Measurement Date June 30, 2024

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1, one and a half years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method Level Percentage of Salary

Remaining Amortization Period 25 Years, Open Asset Valuation Method 5-Year Smoothed Inflation 2.40% (Prior: 2.60%)

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

Retirement Age The Later of Age 65 and 5 Years of Service

Mortality Healthy. RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount-Weighted Mortality Tables for Safety Employees, for non-annuitants / annuitants, projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021.

(Prior: RP-2000 Mortality Table)

Disabled: Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Amount-Weighted Mortality Tables for Safety Employees, for disabled retirees, projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021.

(Prior: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table)

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS VOLUNTEER FIRE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of					·	·				
Investment Expense	9.41 %	7.54 %	(16.84)%	23.79 %	1.28 %	4.07 %	8.64 %	13.90 %	(0.79)%	10.62 %

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

	 2024	 2023	_	2022	_	2021	 2020	_	2019	_	2018	2017	_	2016	_	2015	
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	- %	- %		- %		- %	- %		- %		- %	- %		- %		- %	
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Town	 213,316	233,968		188,480		237,978	214,685		165,534		166,166	175,306	_	133,407	_	123,308	
Total	\$ 213,316	\$ 233,968	\$	188,480	\$	237,978	\$ 214,685	\$	165,534	\$	166,166	\$ 175,306	\$	133,407	\$	123,308	
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 59,196	\$ 58,065	\$	57,631	\$	55,439	\$ 53,946	\$	52,545	\$	51,357	\$ 50,654	\$	49,221	\$	47,622	
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Its Covered Payroll	- %	- %		- %		- %	- %		- %		- %	- %		- %		- %	
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	58.39 %	54.06 %		60.77 %		49.24 %	49.24 %		49.24 %		49.24 %	49.24 %		49.24 %		49.24 %	

#### Notes to Schedule:

 Changes in Benefit Terms
 None

 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

Remaining 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: the measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date.

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\* (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service Cost	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,109	\$ 1,718	\$ 1,627	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,077
Interest	1,168	1,097	988	995	1,291	1,327	1,226
Differences Between Expected and Actual							
Experience	1,600	874	(10,400)	(713)	1,346	26	429
Changes of Assumptions and Other Inputs	1,877	(307)	(4,457)	214	5,111	1,276	(1,022)
Benefit Payments	(1,357)	(2,234)	(1,773)	(1,134)	(1,176)	(1,493)	(1,789)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	4,418	539	(13,924)	989	7,767	2,202	(79)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	 31,539	 31,000	 44,924	 43,935	 36,168	 33,966	 34,045
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	\$ 35,957	\$ 31,539	\$ 31,000	\$ 44,924	\$ 43,935	\$ 36,168	\$ 33,966
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 98,972	\$ 96,482	\$ 93,400	\$ 92,723	\$ 89,760	\$ 89,958	\$ 87,084
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	36.33 %	32.69 %	33.19 %	48.45 %	48.95 %	40.21 %	39.00 %

Note: There are no assets accumulated in a trust to pay benefits for the OPEB plan.

<sup>\*</sup>This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\* (IN THOUSANDS)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Town's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Town	19,985	20,490	20,535	35,494	33,481	33,091	42,769
Total	\$ 19,985	\$ 20,490	\$ 20,535	\$ 35,494	\$ 33,481	\$ 33,091	\$ 42,769
Town's Covered Payroll	\$ 59,196	\$ 58,065	\$ 57,631	\$ 55,439	\$ 53,946	\$ 52,545	\$ 51,357
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Its Covered Payroll	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	11.92 %	9.46 %	6.11 %	2.50 %	2.08 %	1.49 %	1.79 %
Notes to Schedule:							
Changes in Benefit Terms	There were r	o changes to b	enefit terms sir	nce the prior Me	easurement Dat	te	
Changes of Assumptions		procedure des		,			U
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age	· .					
Amortization Method	Level Percer	t of Payroll ove	r an Open Peri	od			
Remaining Amortization Period	30 Years						
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value						
Investment Rate of Return	3.00%, Net o	f Investment-Re	elated Expense	including Price	e Inflation		

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

Price Inflation

2.50%

<sup>\*</sup>This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

### Appendix B

Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Matters

#### Appendix B

#### Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Tax Matters

October 14, 2025

Town of Wallingford 45 South Main Street Wallingford, CT 06492

RE: Town of Wallingford, Connecticut \$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025, dated October 14, 2025

#### Greetings:

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut (the "Town") of its \$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025 dated October 14, 2025 (the "Bonds").

In connection therewith, we have examined the law and such other materials as we have deemed necessary in order to render this opinion and have relied upon originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such public and private records, certificates and correspondence of public officials, including certificates of officials of the Town, and such other documents as were provided to us. In making such examinations, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of documents submitted as certified or photostatic copies, the validity of all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, the capacity of all persons executing documents and the proper indexing and accuracy of all public records and documents. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon written representations and agreements executed by officials of the Town authorized to issue the Bonds, in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law, as follows:

1. When certified as provided thereon by a duly authorized official of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, the Bonds will be the valid and binding general obligations of the Town.

- 2. The Bonds will be payable as to both principal and interest, unless paid from other sources, from <u>ad valorem</u> taxes which may be levied on all taxable property in the territory of the Town without limitation regarding rate or amount except as to certain classified property. Pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, classified property includes 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.
- 3. Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

The opinions set forth in the preceding paragraphs are subject to the condition that the Town comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. The Town has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

4. Interest on the Bonds is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates subject to and required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors, and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

We express no opinion regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement dated September 23, 2025, the final Official Statement dated September 30, 2025, or any other offering material relating to the Bonds.

Further, we express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth herein.

The opinions given in this opinion letter are given as of the date set forth above, and we assume no obligations to revise or supplement them to reflect any facts or circumstances that may later come to our attention, or any changes in law that may later occur.

Very truly yours,

UPDIKE, KELLY & SPELLACY, P.C.

#### TAX MATTERS

#### Federal Tax Matters

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes certain requirements which must be met at and subsequent to delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remains excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with the continuing requirements of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs. The Tax Regulatory Agreement, which will be executed and delivered by the Town concurrently with the Bonds, contains certain representations, covenants and procedures relating to the use, expenditure and investment of proceeds of the Bonds in order to comply with requirements of the Code. Pursuant to the Tax Regulatory Agreement, the Town also covenants and agrees that it shall perform all things necessary or appropriate under any valid provision of law to ensure interest on the Bonds shall be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance by the Town with its covenants and the procedures contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in certain collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, certain S corporations with excess passive income, individual recipients of Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers utilizing the earned income credit and taxpayers who have or are deemed to have incurred indebtedness to purchase or carry tax exempt obligations, such as the Bonds. The foregoing is not intended to be an exhaustive list of potential tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the Bonds.

#### State Taxes

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates, and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. The opinion of Bond Counsel is rendered as of its date and is based on existing law, which is subject to change. Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to its attention, or to reflect any changes in law that may thereafter occur or become effective.

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

No assurance can be given that future legislation, or amendments to the income tax law of the State of Connecticut, if enacted into law, will not contain provisions that could, directly or indirectly, reduce the benefit of the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds or any gain made on the sale or exchange thereof from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates, and Bond Counsel expresses no opinion thereon.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding other state and local tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the Bonds.

#### Original Issue Discount

With respect to any of the Bonds where the initial public offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds (the "OID Bonds"), may be less than their stated principal amounts, the difference between the stated principal amount and the initial public offering price of each maturity of the OID Bonds to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the OID Bonds is sold will constitute original issue discount ("OID"). The offering prices relating to the yields set forth on the cover page of the Official Statement for the OID Bonds are expected to be the initial offering prices to the public at which a substantial amount of each maturity of the OID Bonds are sold. Under existing law, OID on the Bonds accrued and properly allocable to the owners thereof under the Code is not includable in gross income of the owners of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes if interest on the Bonds is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Accrued original issue discount on an OID Bonds is also excludable from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excludable 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.

Under Section 1288 of the Code, the amount of original issue discount treated as having accrued with respect to any bond during each day it is owned is added to the adjusted basis of such owner for purposes of determining gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of such bonds by such owner. Original issue discount on any bond is treated as accruing on the basis of economic accrual, computed by a constant semiannual compounding method using the yield to maturity on such bond, and the adjusted basis of such OID Bonds acquired at such initial offering price by an initial purchaser thereof will be increased by the amount of such accrued original issue discount. Owners of the OID Bonds are advised to consult with their tax advisors with respect to the federal, state and local tax consequences of owning the OID Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of OID Bonds 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 Bonds purchasing such Bonds after the initial offering and sale, and the state and local tax consequences of owning or disposing of such OID Bonds.

#### Original Issue Premium

With respect to any of the Bonds where the initial public offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds is greater than the amount payable on those Bonds at maturity (the "OIP Bonds"), the excess of the price paid by the first owner of an OIP Bond over the principal amount payable at maturity, or the earlier call date, if any, of such OIP Bond constitutes original issue premium. Original issue premium on any bond is treated as amortizing on the basis of the taxpayer's yield to maturity using the taxpayer's adjusted basis and a constant semiannual compounding method. The portion of such premium amortizing over the period the OIP Bond is held by the owner does not reduce taxable income for purposes of either the federal income tax or the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and does not reduce 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, but it does reduce the owner's adjusted basis in the OIP Bond for purposes of determining gain or loss on its disposition. Prospective purchasers of OIP Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the amortization of premium and the effect upon basis.

#### **Proposed Legislation and Other Matters**

Federal, state or local legislation, administrative pronouncements or court decisions may affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds, gain from the sale or other disposition of the Bonds, the market value of the Bonds, or the marketability of the Bonds, or otherwise prevent the owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the exclusion from gross income of the interest thereon. For example, federal legislative proposals have been made recently and in recent years that would, among other things, limit the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations such as the Bonds for higher-income taxpayers. If enacted into law, such proposals could affect the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds or the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. No assurance can be given with respect to the impact of future legislation on the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax and financial advisors regarding such matters.

#### General

The opinions of Bond Counsel are rendered as of their date, and Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement their opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to their attention or any changes in law that may occur after the date of their opinion. Bond Counsel's opinions are based on existing law, which is subject to change. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events after the date of issuance of the Bonds may affect the tax status of interest on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that future federal legislation enacted or proposed after the date of issuance of the Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax-exempt status or market price of the Bonds or will not change the effect of other federal tax law consequences discussed above of owning and disposing of the Bonds. No assurance can be given that future legislation, or amendments to the State of Connecticut income tax law, if enacted into law, will not contain provisions which could, directly or indirectly, reduce the benefit of the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds or any gain made on the sale or exchange thereof from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on

individuals, trusts and estates. The opinions of Bond Counsel are further based on factual representations made to Bond Counsel as of the date of issuance. Moreover, Bond Counsel's opinions are not a guarantee of a particular result, and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts; rather, such opinions represent Bond Counsel's professional judgment based on its review of existing law, and in reliance on the representations and covenants that it deems relevant to such opinions.

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 who 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 Bonds, including any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state or other taxing jurisdiction.

## Appendix C

Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement

#### **Appendix C**

#### Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement

#### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement ("Agreement") is executed and delivered as of the 14th day of October, 2025 by the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut (the "Town") acting by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, in connection with the issuance of its \$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds Issue of 2025 (the "Bonds"), dated October 14, 2025, for the benefit of the beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds.

#### **Section 1. Definitions.**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Final Official Statement" means the official statement of the Town, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, prepared in connection with the Bonds.

"Listed Events" means any of the events listed in Section 3 of this Agreement.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto.

"Repository" means the MSRB, through the operation of the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59061 and maintained by the MSRB for purposes of the Rule, or any other nationally recognized municipal securities information repository or organization recognized by the SEC from time to time for purposes of the Rule.

"Rule" means rule 15c2-12 adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the date of this Agreement.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States, or any successor thereto.

#### Section 2. Annual Financial Information.

(a) The Town agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Repository in an electronic format, accompanied by identifying information, as prescribed by the MSRB, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Rule and of this Agreement, annual financial information and operating data (commencing with information and data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024) as follows:

- (i) Audited financial statements of the Town's general fund, governmental funds, proprietary funds, fiduciary funds internal service and agency funds and other funds for the prior fiscal year, which statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or mandated state statutory principles as in effect from time to time. As of the date of this Agreement, the Town is required to prepare audited financial statements of its various funds and accounts. The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the Town's general fund with major revenues recorded when measurable and available and expenditures recorded when incurred.
  - (ii) In addition to the information and statements described in (i) above:
    - (A) amounts of the gross and net taxable grand list applicable to the fiscal year,
    - (B) listing of the ten (10) largest taxpayers on the applicable grand list, together with each such taxpayer's taxable valuation thereon,
    - (C) percentage of the annual property tax levy collected and uncollected as of the close of the fiscal year,
    - (D) schedule of annual debt service on outstanding long-term bonded indebtedness as of the close of the fiscal year,
    - (E) calculation of the direct debt, net direct debt and overall net debt (reflecting overlapping and underlying debt) as of the close of the fiscal year,
    - (F) the direct debt and overall net debt of the Town per capita,
    - (G) the ratios of direct debt and overall net debt of the Town to the Town's equalized net (taxable) grand list,
    - (H) statement of statutory debt limitations and debt margins as of the close of the fiscal year, and
    - (I) funding status of the Town's pension benefit obligations.
- (b) The financial statements and other financial information and operating data described above will be provided on or before the date eight (8) months after the close of the fiscal year for which such information is being provided. The Town's fiscal year currently ends on June 30. The Town agrees that if audited information is not available eight months after the close of any fiscal year, it shall submit unaudited information, if available, by such time and will submit audited information when available.
- (c) Annual financial information or operating data may be provided in whole or in part by specific reference to other documents available to the public on the MSRB's Electronic

Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system, the current internet web address of which is www.emma.msrb.org, or filed with the SEC. If the document to be cross-referenced is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Town shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by cross-reference. All or a portion of the financial information and operating data may be provided in the form of a comprehensive annual financial report or the annual adopted budget.

- (d) The Town reserves the right (i) to provide financial statements which are not audited if no longer required by law, (ii) to modify from time to time the format of the presentation of such information or data, and (iii) to modify the accounting principles it follows to the extent required by law, by changes in generally accepted accounting principles, or by changes in mandated statutory accounting principles as in effect from time to time, provided that the Town agrees that the exercise of any such right will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.
- (e) The Town may file information with the Repository, from time to time, in addition to that specifically required by this Agreement (a "Voluntary Filing"). If the Town chooses to make a Voluntary Filing, the Town shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update information contained in such Voluntary Filing or include such information in any future filing. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2(e), the Town is under no obligation to provide any Voluntary Filing.

#### **Section 3. Reporting of Listed Events.**

The Town agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Repository in an electronic format, accompanied by identifying information, as prescribed by the MSRB, notice of the occurrence of any of the following Listed Events with respect to the Bonds, in a timely manner not later than ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any such Listed Event:

- (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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (g) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (h) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;

- (i) defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (k) rating changes;
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Town;

Note to clause (l): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (l) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Town in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Town, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business 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 trustee, if material;
- (o) the incurrence of a financial obligation of the Town, 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 securities holders, if material; and
- (p) a 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.

Note to clauses (o) and (p): For the purposes of the events identified in clauses (o) and (p) above, the term "financial obligation" shall mean 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) but shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to MSRB consistent with the Rule.

#### Section 4. Notice of Failure to Provide Annual Financial Information.

The Town agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to the Repository in an electronic format, accompanied by identifying information, as prescribed by the MSRB, notice of any failure by the Town to provide annual financial information as set forth in Section 2(a) hereof on or before the date set forth in Section 2(b) hereof.

#### **Section 5.** Use of Agents.

Annual financial information and operating data and 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 purpose from time to time.

#### Section 6. 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 Bonds, or (ii) such time as the Town ceases to be an obligated person with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule.

#### **Section 7. Enforcement.**

The Town acknowledges that the undertakings set forth in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Agreement are intended to be for the benefit of, and enforceable by, the beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds. 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 thirty (30) days with respect to the undertakings set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement or five (5) business days with respect to the undertakings set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Agreement) from the time the Mayor, or a successor, receives written notice from any beneficial owner of the Bonds of such failure. For purposes of this section, notice to the Town should be made to the Mayor, Town of Wallingford, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

In the event the Town does not cure such failure within the time specified above, the beneficial owner of any of the Bonds shall be entitled only to the remedy of specific performance. 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 Bonds.

#### Section 8. 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 Bonds. 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.
- Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Town may amend this (c) 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) this Agreement as so amended or waived would have complied with the requirements of the Rule as of the date of this Agreement, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, and (iii) such amendment or waiver is supported by either an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not materially adversely affect the beneficial owners of the Bonds or an approving vote by the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding. A copy of any such amendment or waiver will be filed in a timely manner with the Repository in electronic format. The annual financial information provided on the first date following adoption of any such amendment or waiver will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment or waiver and the impact of the change in the type of operating or financial information provided.

By:
VINCENT CERVONI
Mayor

By:
TIMOTHY M. SENA
Comptroller

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD,

CONNECTICUT

### Appendix D

Notice of Sale

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#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

#### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

#### \$20,025,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2025

NOTICE IS GIVEN that ELECTRONIC BIDS <u>solely</u> via *PARITY* ® will be received by the TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT (the "Town"), at the office of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., the Town's Municipal Advisor, 53 River Street, Suite 1, Milford, Connecticut 06460, until 11:30 A.M. (E.T.) on TUESDAY,

#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

(the "Sale Date") for the purchase, when issued, of all (but not less than all) of the Town's \$20,025,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2025, dated October 14, 2025 (the "Bonds"), at no less than par and accrued interest from the date of the Bonds to the date of delivery, if any, maturing on October 1 in the principal amounts and in each of the years as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$1,000,000	2036	\$1,000,000
2027	\$1,000,000	2037	\$1,000,000
2028	\$1,000,000	2038	\$1,000,000
2029	\$1,000,000	2039	\$1,000,000
2030	\$1,000,000	2040	\$1,000,000
2031	\$1,000,000	2041	\$1,000,000
2032	\$1,000,000	2042	\$1,000,000
2033	\$1,000,000	2043	\$1,000,000
2034	\$1,000,000	2044	\$1,010,000
2035	\$1,000,000	2045	\$1,015,000

The Bonds will bear interest commencing April 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter on April 1 and October 1 in each year until maturity, as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined), at the rate or rates per annum specified by the winning bidder.

#### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or before October 1, 2032 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on October 1, 2033 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Town, on or after October 1, 2032, at any time, either in whole or in part, in such amounts and in such order of maturity as the Town may determine, and by lot within a maturity, at the redemption price (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed) set forth in the following table, plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date:

Period During Which Redeemed
October 1, 2032 and thereafter

Redemption Price 100.0%

#### **Nature of Obligation**

The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the Town, and the Town will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. Unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied against all taxable property in the Town. All property taxation is without limit 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 and of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

#### **Bank Qualification**

The Bonds **shall NOT be** designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Bonds.

#### **DTC Book Entry**

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in registered form and one bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The purchaser, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Town or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Principal 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. Upon receipt from the Town, the Paying Agent will pay principal of and interest on the Bonds directly to DTC so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co, is the bondholder.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Town fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, or (b) the Town determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds, the Town will authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered certificates. Any such replacement Bonds will provide that interest will be payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owner whose name appears on the registration books of the Town as of the close of business on the record date preceding each interest payment date. The record dates for the Bonds will be the fifteenth day of March and September in each year, or the preceding business day if such fifteenth day is not a business day.

#### **Proposals**

Each bid must be for the entire \$20,025,000 of the Bonds. Each proposal must specify the amount bid for the Bonds (which shall be the aggregate par value of the Bonds and, at the option of the bidder, a premium), and must specify in a multiple of one-twentieth of one percent (1/20 of 1%) or one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, provided that such proposal shall not state (a) more than one interest rate for any Bonds having a like maturity, or (b) any interest rate for any Bonds of one maturity which exceeds the interest rate stated in such proposal for Bonds of a different maturity by more than three (3) percentage points. In addition to the amount bid for the Bonds, the purchaser must pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of delivery. 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 bids the true interest cost ("TIC") to the Town, as described under "Basis of Award" below, represented by the rate or rates of interest and the bid price specified in their respective bids. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. No proposal for less than par and accrued interest to the date of delivery will be considered.

#### Basis of Award; Right to Reject Proposals; Waiver; Postponement; Change of Terms

Unless all bids are rejected, as between proposals which comply with this Notice of Sale, the Bonds will be awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid proposes the lowest TIC to the Town. The TIC will be the annual interest rate, compounded semiannually, which, when used to discount all payments of principal and interest payable on the Bonds results in an amount equal to the purchase price for the Bonds, excluding interest accrued to the date of delivery. If there is more than one responsible bidder making said offer at the same lowest TIC, the Bonds will be sold to the responsible bidder whose proposal is selected by the Town by lot from among all such proposals. It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a statement of the percentage of TIC computed and rounded to six (6) decimal places. Such statement shall not be considered as part of the proposal. The purchase price must be paid in immediately available federal funds.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

The Town further reserves the right to postpone the sale to another time and date in its sole discretion for any reason, including Internet difficulties. The Town will use its best efforts to notify prospective bidders in a timely manner of any need for a postponement. Upon the establishment of an alternative sale date, any bidder may submit proposals for the purchase of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

#### **CUSIP Numbers**

The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. The Town's Municipal Advisor will apply for CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery and will provide the CUSIP Service Bureau with the final details of the sale, including the identity of the winning bidder. The Town will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of the Municipal Advisor to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the Town in a timely manner. Neither the failure to print such CUSIP number on any bond, nor any error with respect thereto, shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Town; provided, however, that 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.

#### **Electronic Proposals Bidding Procedure**

Electronic bids for the purchase of the Bonds must be submitted through the facilities of **PARITY®** by 11:30 A.M. (E.T.) on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Any prospective bidder must be a subscriber of Ipreo's BiDCOMP competitive bidding system. Further information about **PARITY®**, including any fee charged, may be obtained from **PARITY®**, c/o Ipreo LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, Attention: Customer Support (telephone: (212) 849-5021 – email notice: parity@ihsmarkit.com). The Town neither will confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe. All bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice.

Once an electronic bid made through the facilities of *PARITY*® is communicated to the Town, it shall constitute an irrevocable offer, in response to this Notice, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by the signed, sealed bid delivered to the Town. By submitting a bid for the Bonds via *PARITY*®, the bidder represents and warrants to the Town that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Town will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Bonds on the terms described in this Notice. The Town shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of *PARITY*®, or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by *PARITY*®, the use of *PARITY*® facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.

<u>Disclaimer.</u> Each of **PARITY®** prospective electronic bidders shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access **PARITY®** for the purpose of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice. 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 or **PARITY®** shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, **PARITY®**. The Town is using **PARITY®** as a communication mechanism, and not as the Town's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. The Town is not bound by any advice and

determination of *PARITY*® to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via *PARITY*® are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Town is not responsible directly or indirectly, for any of such costs or expenses. If the prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Bonds, the prospective bidder should telephone *PARITY*® at (212) 849-5021. If any provision of this Notice shall conflict with information provided by *PARITY*®, this Notice shall control.

For the purpose of the electronic bidding process, the time maintained on *PARITY*® shall constitute the official time.

#### Certifying Agent, Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent

The Bonds will be authenticated by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Hartford, Connecticut. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association will also act as Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent.

#### **Delivery, Payment and Closing Requirements**

At or prior to the delivery of the Bonds the winning bidder shall be furnished, without cost, with (a) the approving opinion of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut ("Bond Counsel") (see "Bond Counsel Opinion" below); (b) a signature and no litigation certificate, in form satisfactory to said firm, dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and stating that there is no litigation pending, or to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof threatened, affecting the validity of the Bonds or the power of the Town to levy and collect taxes to pay them; (c) a signed copy of the Official Statement prepared for this bond issue; (d) a certificate of Town Officials relating to the accuracy and completeness of the Official Statement; (e) an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement (as defined below); and (f) a receipt of payment for the Bonds.

The Bonds will be delivered against payment in immediately available federal funds through the facilities of DTC, New York, New York or its agent via Fast Automated Securities Transfer ("FAST") on or about October 14, 2025.

The Town will have no responsibility to pay for any expenses of the purchaser except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The purchaser will have no responsibility to pay for any of the Town's costs of issuance except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The purchaser will be responsible for the clearance or exemption with respect to the status of the Bonds for sale under securities or "Blue Sky" laws and the preparation of any surveys or memoranda in connection with such sale. The Town shall have no responsibility for such clearance, exemption or preparation.

#### **Bond Counsel Opinion**

The legality of the issue will be passed upon by Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, and the purchaser will be furnished with its opinion, without charge, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B to the Official Statement. The opinion will appear on each Bond certificate and will state that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the

Town. Bond Counsel will require as a precondition to release of its opinion printed on the Bonds that the purchaser of such Bonds deliver to it a completed "issue price" certificate, or similar certificate, regarding expectations or public offering prices, as applicable, with respect to the Bonds awarded to such bidder, as described below under "Establishment of Issue Price".

#### **Establishment of Issue Price**

In order to provide the Town with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Town at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the "Initial Offering Price") or the actual sales price or prices of the Bonds, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. Communications relating to this "Establishment of Issue Price" section, the completed certificate(s) and any supporting information shall be delivered to (1) Bond Counsel at Michael P. Botelho, Esq., Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., 225 Asylum Street, 20th floor, Hartford, CT 06103, Telephone: (860) 548-2637, E-mail: mbotelho@uks.com and (2) the Municipal Advisor at Matthew Spoerndle, Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 53 River Milford. 06460, Telephone: (203)878-4945, Street. CTE-mail: mspoerndle@muniadvisors.com (the "Municipal Advisor"). Questions related to this "Establishment of Issue Price" section should be directed to Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor. For purposes of this "Establishment of Issue Price" section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Town and the Municipal Advisor may act on behalf of the Town.

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Bonds 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.

By submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the Town that it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds such as the Bonds, represents that such bidder's bid is submitted for or on behalf of such bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Bonds, and understands that upon award by the Town that this Notice of Sale constitutes a written contract between such bidder, as winning bidder, and the Town.

By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that if the Competitive Sale Rule (as set forth below) is not met, it will satisfy either the Actual Sales Rule (as set forth below) or the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule (as set forth below).

Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

**Notification of Contact Information of Winning Bidder**. Promptly upon award, the winning bidder shall notify the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel of the contact name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person(s) of the winning bidder for purposes of communications concerning this "Establishment of Issue Price" section.

**Competitive Sale Rule**. The Town intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "Competitive Sale Rule") because:

- (1) the Town shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Town anticipates receiving bids from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Town anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Competitive Sale Rule Met. The Town, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Town, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Rule has been met. Within two (2) hours of award (or such other time as agreed to by Bond Counsel), the winning bidder shall provide Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, via e-mail, a completed "ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE" in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

Competitive Sale Rule Not Met. In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the Town, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Town, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder. The Town may determine to treat (i) the first price at which ten percent (10%) of a Maturity of the Bonds (the "Actual Sales Rule") is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity, and/or (ii) the Initial Offering Price to the Public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that Maturity (the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule"), in each case applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis. In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the winning bidder, by 3:30 p.m. (E.D.T.) on the Sale Date, shall notify and provide, via e-mail, Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor (I) of the first price at which ten percent (10%) of each Maturity of Bonds has been sold to the Public, and (II) reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such price the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel; i.e., those Maturities of the Bonds that satisfy the Actual Sales Rule as of the Sale Date. After such receipt, the Town, or Bond Counsel on behalf of the Town, shall promptly confirm with the winning bidder, via e-mail, which Maturities of the Bonds shall be subject to the Actual Sales Rule and which Maturities shall be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule.

For those Maturities of Bonds subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, the winning bidder shall (i) provide Bond Counsel (via e-mail) a copy of pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds, (ii) confirm that each Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or will offer all of the Bonds to the Public on or before the date of award at the Initial Offering

Prices, and (iii) agree, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any Maturity to which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, via e-mail, when the Underwriters have sold ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that Maturity or all Bonds of that Maturity have been sold to the Public, and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that Maturity or all Bonds of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale.

**Definitions**. For purposes of this "Establishment of Issue Price" section:

(1) "Maturity" means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.

- (2) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (3) "Related Party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (4) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Town (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

#### **Official Statement**

For more information regarding the Bonds or the Town, reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement dated September 23, 2025 (the "Official Statement") describing the Bonds and the financial condition of the Town. The Official Statement is available in electronic format at www.i-dealprospectus.com, and such electronic access is being provided as a matter of convenience only. Copies of the Official Statement may be obtained from Matthew Spoerndle, Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 53 River Street, Milford, CT 06460, Telephone: (203) 878-4945, E-mail: mspoerndle@muniadvisors.com. The Town deems such Official Statement to be a final official statement for purposes of complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), but such Official Statement is subject to revision or amendment as appropriate. The Town will make available to the purchaser twenty-five (25) copies of the final Official Statement at the Town's expense, and the final Official Statement will be made available to the purchaser by no later than the earlier of the delivery of the Bonds or by the seventh (7th) business day after the day bids on the Bonds are received. If the Town's Municipal Advisor, is provided with the necessary information from the purchaser by 12:00 noon on the day after the Sale Date, the copies of the final Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages, if necessary, indicating the interest rates, rating(s), yields or reoffering prices and the name of the managing underwriter of the Bonds, and any corrections. The purchaser shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the final Official Statement to the purchaser. Additional copies of the final Official Statement may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

#### **Continuing Disclosure Agreement**

As required by the Rule, the Town will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide annual financial information and operating data including audited financial statements, notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Bonds within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of such events, and timely notice of any failure by the Town to provide annual financial information on or before the date specified in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. A form of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix C. The purchaser's obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to delivery of the Bonds, an executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

VINCENT CERVONI Mayor

TIMOTHY M. SENA Comptroller

September 23, 2025

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

#### **ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

#### (If Competitive Sale Requirements Satisfied)

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT \$20,025,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2025 Dated October 14, 2025

The undersigned, on behalf of [UNDERWRITER] ("[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

Due Authorization. The undersigned is a duly authorized representative of

2	. Purchase	<i>Price</i> . T	he TOWN	OF WAL	LINGFORD,	CONNECTIO	UT (the
"Issuer")	sold to [SHOF	RT NAME C	F UNDER	WRITER],	for delivery o	n or about Oc	tober 14,
2025, the	e Bonds at a pri	ce of par (\$2	0,025,000)	, plus an ag	gregate net pre	mium of \$	and
less an i	underwriter's d	iscount of \$	<u>,                                    </u>	resulting in	an aggregate	net purchase	price of
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#### 3. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER], the purchaser of the Bonds.

- (a) As of September 30, 2025 (the "Sale Date"), the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] are the prices listed in **Schedule A** (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as **Schedule B** is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] to purchase the Bonds.
- (b) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

#### 4. **Defined Terms**.

- (a) "Maturity" means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (b) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than fifty percent (50%) common ownership, directly or indirectly.

- (c) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of the selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).
- 5. Representations and Information. The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Code"). The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer in making its certification as to issue price of the Bonds under the Code and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds. Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., bond counsel, may rely on the foregoing representations in rendering its opinion on the exclusion from federal gross income of the interest on the Bonds, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer relating to the Bonds. Except as set forth above, no third party may rely on the foregoing certifications, and no party may rely hereon for any other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate as of October 14, 2025.

[UNDERWRITER]

By:		
Name:		
Title:		

### **Schedule A to Issue Price Certificate**

Maturity,PrincipalInterestPriceOctober 1Amount (\$)Rate (%)(\$, not Yield)

### **Schedule B to Issue Price Certificate**

[Copy of Bid]

