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**TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**  
**7:00 PM March 14, 2023**  
**In Person - Chester Meeting House**  
**4 Liberty Street Chester CT**

The electors of the TOWN OF CHESTER, CT and all other citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned that a Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7 PM at the Chester Meeting House, to consider and act upon the following:

**ARPA**

1.) To consent and approve an appropriation using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$41,700 for Building - OSHA Compliance, to be funded as follows:

**Transfer**

From 30-01-80-0000-804	APRA - Tech Remote/Hybrid Meetings	\$18,265.10
From 30-01-80-0000-805	APRA - Police Camera Data Storage	\$ 7,884.96
From 30-05-80-0000-800	ARPA - unassigned	\$15,549.94
To Building - OSHA Compliance		\$41,700.00

2.) To consent and approve an appropriation using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$14,800 for Public Works - Equipment Maintenance/Purchases.

3.) To consent and approve an appropriation using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$35,433.88 for Defibrillators for all town buildings.

**Fire Truck**

4) To appropriate the sum of \$370,000 from the unassigned general fund balance, to the capital non-recurring line item # 10-05-62-1000-150.

5.) Authorize the following capital transfer:

From 20-00-01-0000-007	Board of Selectmen - Assigned	\$420,000
To 20-00-42-0000-062	Fire Protection - Apparatus Replacement	\$420,000

6.) Authorize the expenditure of \$855,000 from the capital fund - fire protection - apparatus replacement line item # 20-00-42-0000-062 for the purchase of a new fire truck.

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**Reconciliation** - Current balance in Capital - Chester Hose Co.-Apparatus Replacement \$449,125

Current balance in capital assigned \$ 54,384  
Additional appropriation from the general fund balance to capital assigned \$370,000  
Total in Capital assigned \$424,384

Transfer \$420,000 from capital assigned to Chester Hose Co. Apparatus Replacement.

Total available in Apparatus Replacement \$869,125

Requested release \$855,000

7.) To approve an ordinance providing

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Pursuant to a Special Town Meeting held on March 14, 2023 the following Ordinance was renewed:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED  
HOMEOWNERS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-129n, a municipality may by ordinance provide property tax relief to certain qualified elderly or disabled homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester is desirous of providing such property tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes §12-129n(b), the Board of Selectmen has undertaken and completed a study and investigation with respect to such property tax relief and, on the basis thereof, prepared a report meeting the requirements of said statute, which was presented to the Board of Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance of the Town of Chester has recommended the adoption of this Ordinance as required by said statute.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Town of Chester that the following ordinance be and is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §12-129n.

1. Property tax relief is provided hereunder to residents of the Town of Chester, with respect to real property owned and occupied by such residents as their principal residence, who are:
  - (a) Sixty-five years of age and over, or whose spouses, living with them, are sixty-five years of age or over or sixty years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer



qualified in such municipality under this section at the time of his or her death or with respect to real property on which such residents or their spouses are liable for taxes under Connecticut General Statutes §12-48;

or

- (b) Under age sixty-five and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security or similar plans defined under Connecticut General Statutes §12-129n(a) (2);

provided such residents or their spouses under subdivisions (a) or (b) above, have been taxpayers of the Town of Chester for one year immediately preceding July 1 of the tax year for which property tax relief is to be provided, and meet the maximum income requirements of this Ordinance.

2. Pursuant to CGS §12-129n(f), the Town of Chester shall be required to establish a lien on such property in the amount of the total tax relief granted, plus interest applicable to the total of such unpaid taxes at a rate to be determined by the municipality, provided if the total amount of such property tax relief with the respect to any such taxpayer, when combined with any such tax relief for which such taxpayer may be eligible in accordance with sections 12-129b to 12-129d, inclusive, or 12-170a, exceeds in the aggregate seventy five percent of the property tax for which such taxpayer would be liable but for the benefits under this section and any of the sections mentioned above in this subsection.
3. The total abatement of property tax for eligible taxpayers shall be based upon the following formula:
  - (a) Add the age of the qualified taxpayer to the total number of full years of residence within the property for which the tax abatement is sought. The resulting number shall be a percentage for the purposes of this Ordinance, but shall not exceed 100 percent;
  - (b) Multiply the amount of tax abatement for which the taxpayer is eligible under the Connecticut Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Tax Credit Program by the percentage arrived at under subsection (a). The resulting sum is the tax abatement under this Ordinance, subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraphs 4 and 5.
4. Any such property tax relief granted to any such residents in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall not disqualify such resident with respect to any benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §12-129b to 12-129d, inclusive, and 12-170a, and any such property tax relief provided under this Ordinance shall be in addition to any such benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under said sections. No such abatement under this Ordinance, together with relief



under said sections, shall exceed the total amount of the tax that would otherwise be laid against the taxpayer.

5. The total reduction of property tax revenue, based on an estimate in any tax year by the Board of Finance, which may be granted in such tax year shall not exceed an amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the total real property tax levied in such municipality in the preceding tax year.
6. The property tax relief provided for in this section may, in any case where titled real property is recorded in the name of the taxpayer or his or her spouse and any other person or
7. persons, be prorated to reflect the fractional share of such taxpayer or spouse or, if such property is a multi-family dwelling, such relief may be prorated to reflect a fractional portion of such property occupied by the taxpayer.
8. The determination as to eligibility under this Ordinance shall be made by the Tax Assessor. Application for the benefit shall be made on the same schedule as the application under said Connecticut Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Tax Credit Program. On a form to be provided by the Assessor on which the applicant shall set forth and affirm in the continuation of the eligibility requirements.

Ordinance shall stay in effect until such time as the governing body of the Town of Chester repeals it.

Charlene Janecek

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