



WESTFORD CLIMATE ACTION

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WESTFORD CLIMATE ACTION SUPPORTS QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 ON THE LOCAL BALLOT

Westford voters will be asked to approve two debt exclusions on the local ballot to fund two projects that are integral to meeting net zero goals in town. Westford Climate Action urges you to vote YES on both of these important questions.

Question 1 on the ballot is to fund through bonding the construction of a new municipal building at 51 Main Street. This new building will be energy efficient and provide much-needed accessible and secure office space for Veterans Services, Technology and other town departments. Many members of the community have worked diligently to ensure that this building will not rely on fossil fuels, thus reducing greenhouse gases. If Question 1 passes, the Select Board intends to call a Special Town Meeting within 90 days to have the voters reconsider the article which was dismissed on a technicality on October 17. For more information: https://www.westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11833/51-Main-Street-Presentation---Special-Town-Meeting_101722?bidId=

Question 2 on the ballot is to fund through bonding the J.V. Fletcher Library's expansion and renovation, which also will be built with energy efficient technology. In addition to the overwhelming approval granted by Special Town

Meeting, this question requires local ballot approval in order for the library project to move forward and for the town to receive a \$7.8 million state library grant. For more information:

https://westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11669/ARTICLE-6_LIBRARY-PPT-STM-101722

Early and mail-in voting has begun. Early voting will continue at Town Hall until November 4th. Mail-in ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on November 8th. The in-person election is Tuesday, November 8th from 7 am – 8 pm.