



# **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

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Good evening,

This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all residents of the Town of East Windsor.

Next Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, is the Town's annual budget vote. Voters in town will be asked whether to approve a Town budget representing an expenditure increase of 1.3% and a mill rate decrease of 0.22 mills, which is equal to a 0.64% tax cut.

Voters will also be asked to consider an added appropriation in the amount of \$3.5 million which would be used to pay off existing lease purchases, pay off a Clean Water Loan through USDA, and defease recent bonded projects. The upshot would be that we would forego incurring \$750,000 in interest over the life of the Clean Water Loan, reduce our existing debt, free up additional bond capacity for needed projects sooner – all without increasing our Town's debt service budget.

Polls will be open in person from 6am to 8pm. I encourage everyone to come out and vote.

There have been 8 new confirmed positive cases of COVID in East Windsor since last Wednesday.

The Town continues to offer COVID testing on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm at the Town Hall Annex and is offered in partnership with Priority Urgent Care.

We want to let people know that there is still plenty of COVID vaccine availability. Appointments can be made by visiting [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com), [Walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com), [Walmart.com/COVID](https://www.walmart.com/COVID).

For a number of years, DOT has expressed concerns about heavy trucks traversing the Stiles Bridge. Beginning Monday, the bridge will be undergoing repair work that is scheduled to continue until the first week of June. Disruptions may occur during the day and during the work week during that period of time. After the work is done, the bridge will be usable by emergency services, helping to ensure quick response times when emergencies occur. I want to thank DOT for their help in resolving this issue.

I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman