

**(20-11) RESOLUTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF DARIEN TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF FINANCE TO ADOPT A  
BUDGET FOR THE JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021 FISCAL YEAR**

**Primary – Finance & Budget**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to an unknown number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Darien, its First Selectman, has declared that a local state of emergency now exists in the Town of Darien; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7-I, paragraph 13 which dispenses with any in-person voting requirements (including referenda and town meetings requiring in-person votes) for purposes of adopting 2020-2021 fiscal year municipal budgets and setting the mill rate; in effect conferring final responsibility on the “budget-making authority” of the town to adopt a budget and set a mill rate; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 7-I provides that notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Connecticut general statutes including Title 7, or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance that conflicts with this order, the legislative body of a municipality shall authorize the budget making authority within said municipality to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby authorizes the Board of Finance to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Representative Town Meeting hereby authorizes the Board of Finance to take such action as would normally taken by the Representative Town Meeting at its annual meeting. This would include appropriations for the Selectmen's Operating Budget, the Education Operating Budget, Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures. This would further include appropriations for the Sewer Operating Funds, Sewer Assessment Fund, Sewer Capital Fund, as well as the Parking Lot Administrative Fund and the Parking Lot Capital Fund. It would further allow for the establishment of a mill rate and the authorization of additional borrowing.