



SCOTT SHANLEY, GENERAL MANAGER

# Town of Manchester

41 Center Street • P.O. Box 191  
Manchester, Connecticut 06045-0191  
[www.ci.manchester.ct.us](http://www.ci.manchester.ct.us)

JOSH M. HOWROYD, MAYOR  
LISA P. O'NEILL, DEPUTY MAYOR  
KEVIN L. ZINGLER, SECRETARY

DIRECTORS  
JASON E. DOUCETTE  
MATTHEW B. PEAK  
CHERI A. PELLETIER  
DAVID M. SHERIDAN  
LOUIS A. SPADACCINI  
JOHN D. TOPPING

Testimony of Alan J. Desmarais, Director of Finance, Town of Manchester to the Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections in support of:

Proposed S.B. No. 557 (2007) AN ACT VALIDATING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2003, REFERENDUM IN THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER REGARDING CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

February 28, 2007

To the Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections,

Thank you for the opportunity today to speak in favor of Proposed S. B. 557. The proposed validation bill will allow the Town of Manchester to proceed with the issuance of approximately \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds to fund the projects included in the successful 2003 referendum. On the advice of Bond Counsel, the Town has held up on the sale of these bonds due to a typographical error in the legal notice of the referendum.

The November 3, 2003 Public Works referendum included funding for projects such as road paving, sidewalk repairs, and drainage improvements. In anticipation of the sale of related general obligation bonds, the Town completed the projects. Again, due to the typographical error, the Town has been unable to reimburse itself for the cost of the projects.

The approval of this bill will allow the Town of Manchester to move forward and obtain the reimbursement funding needed to replace the approximately \$5,000,000 expended to address infrastructure improvements, repairs and significant public works enhancements for the community.

Your approval is respectfully requested.

Alan J. Desmarais  
Director of Finance

