

# Town of Watertown Water & Sewer Authority Update



**Moving  
Forward**



**What is  
Happening  
Now**



**Funding**

**and more...**



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# Moving Forward

## WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REVIEW

Over the past several months, there has been significant public discussion regarding matters involving the Watertown Water & Sewer Authority, including issues related to the Waterbury v. Watertown litigation and financial considerations affecting the Town's water and sewer systems.

**With those matters now largely addressed, the Town is now focusing on:**

- **Responsible financial planning**
- **Infrastructure sustainability**
- **Transparent public communication**



To support this effort, the Town Council has established a bipartisan committee to review policies and provide recommendations regarding governance and risk management associated with the Water & Sewer Authority.

## What is Happening Now

Beginning **March 18, 2026**, the Water & Sewer Authority will begin a structured 90–120 day public financial review process.

**This process will include:**

- **Regular Water & Sewer Authority meetings**
- **Public posting of financial information**
- **Plain-language explanations of technical materials**
- **Opportunities for residents to review information and ask questions**
- **A formal public hearing before any final decision**

**Important:** No final rate decision has been made at this time.



# How the Water & Sewer System is Funded

## ENTERPRISE FUND STRUCTURE

### PROPERTY TAXES Town Services

POLICE

FIRE

SCHOOLS

ROADS

### ENTERPRISE FUND Water & Sewer System

FUNDED BY:

USER FEES

NOT FUNDED BY:

PROPERTY TAXES

SEPARATE

**Key Point:** Water and sewer services operate as an enterprise fund, meaning the system is self-supporting through user fees, not property taxes.

### Revenue from water and sewer rates supports:

- System operations and maintenance
- Infrastructure repairs and upgrades
- Environmental and regulatory compliance
- Long-term capital investments
- Debt associated with major infrastructure projects



# Why This Review is Important

Water and sewer infrastructure lasts for decades but must be maintained and periodically replaced.

The Authority is reviewing:

- **Operating costs and treatment expenses**
- **Infrastructure replacement needs**
- **Long-term financing and debt planning**
- **Capital investment priorities**

The goal is to ensure the system remains:

**Reliable**

**Financially sustainable**

**Responsibly managed for the long term**



# Timeline of the Review Process

**March 18,  
2026**

## **PROCESS BEGINS**

**WSA financial review  
framework Introduced**

**April  
2026**

## **INFORMATION RELEASED**

**Website materials and  
public updates posted**

**May-June  
2026**

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Financial analysis and  
scenario discussions**

**July  
2026**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Residents may provide  
testimony before  
any decision**

**August  
2026**

## **ADDITIONAL REVIEW**

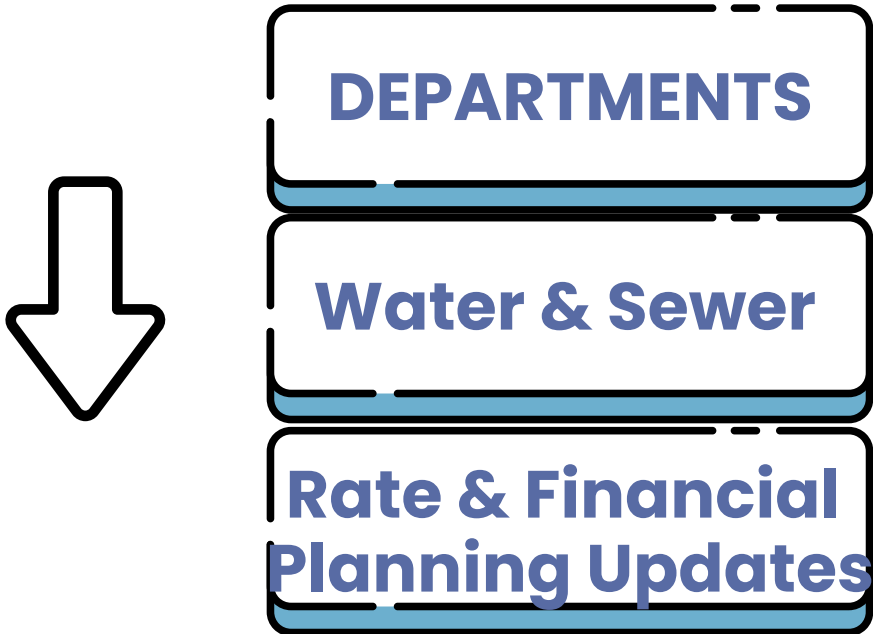
**Extension period if further  
analysis is required**

**IF NEEDED**



# Follow the Process Online

Residents can review materials and updates at:  
[www.watertownct.org](http://www.watertownct.org)



Online materials include:

- Plain-language summaries
- Technical financial exhibits
- Meeting schedules and materials
- Frequently asked questions
- Public hearing information



# What Happens Next

## Over the coming months:

- **Financial information will be posted publicly**
- **The Water & Sewer Authority will review the materials in meetings**
- **Residents may attend meetings and review documents**
- **A formal public hearing will occur before any rate decision**

Public participation is encouraged throughout the process.

## Our Commitment

### The Town of Watertown remains committed to:

- **Transparent financial planning**
- **Responsible infrastructure investment**
- **Clear communication with residents**
- **Long-term sustainability of the water and sewer systems**



Additional updates will be shared as the review process continues.



The logo is a circular seal with a light blue background. Inside the seal, there is a stylized illustration of a town skyline with various buildings and a church steeple. Below the skyline, the year '1780' is written in a white, serif font. At the bottom of the seal, a ribbon banner contains the text 'Working for you'. The entire seal is set against a white background with blue brushstroke accents at the top and bottom.

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Water & Sewer Authority**

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