



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MOTIONS**

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chair Mary Ann Rosa called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Chair Mary Ann Rosa led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.
PRESENT: Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
Ken Demirs, Vice Chair
Robert Desena
Anthony DiBona
Gary Lafferty
Carina Noyd
Robert Retallick
Rachael Ryan (phone)

ABSENT: Jonathan Ramsay

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager

4. Consider a resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$34,000,000 FOR SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AGAINST THE TOWN IN THE CITY OF WATERBURY V. TOWN OF WATERTOWN AND FOR RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion that the Watertown Town Council approve the resolution adopting the bond ordinance titled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$34,000,000 FOR SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AGAINST THE TOWN IN THE CITY OF WATERBURY V. TOWN OF WATERTOWN AND FOR RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider a resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion to approve the resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance titled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider a resolution setting a referendum and ballot questions for the resolutions approved under Agenda Items a-b.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Desena: I make a motion that the ordinances considered under items 4 and 5 on today's agenda be submitted to the electors for approval or disapproval at referendum to be held Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and shall be published in full within ten days in a newspaper having circulation within the Town. The Town Clerk shall publish notice of the referendum. The ballot headings for the ordinances submitted under said items shall read as follows:

1. "SHALL THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN APPROPRIATE \$34,000,000 FOR SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AGAINST THE TOWN IN THE CASE OF CITY OF WATERBURY V. TOWN OF WATERTOWN AND FOR RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

2. "SHALL THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN APPROPRIATE \$10,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

Electors approving the ordinance shall vote "Yes" and those opposed to the ordinance shall vote "No". Polls shall be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

7. Consider a resolution authorizing explanatory text and materials for the bond referendum for Agenda Items a-b.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLVED, that the Office of the Town Clerk is directed to prepare and distribute a concise explanatory text regarding the questions for the approval or disapproval of the ordinances considered under items 4 and 5 at tonight's meeting to be submitted to the electors at the September 16, 2025 referendum vote, and the Town Manager is authorized, in such official's discretion, to prepare and distribute additional explanatory materials regarding said questions, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

8. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Gary Lafferty: to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously