



**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 NOTICE

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

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
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

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

6. Consider a resolution setting a referendum and ballot questions for the resolutions approved under Agenda Items a-b.
7. Consider a resolution authorizing explanatory text and materials for the bond referendum for Agenda Items a-b.
8. Adjournment.

RESOLUTIONS OF TOWN COUNCIL
(Bond Ordinance Adoptions)

Item 4.

The Town Council considered the authorization for the payment of the litigation judgment in the matter of City of Waterbury v. Town of Watertown, a public hearing having been held on the proposed ordinance on August 12, 2025. M _____ moved the adoption of the following ordinance which was seconded by M _____:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$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 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN:

1. That the sum of THIRTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$34,000,000) is hereby appropriated for: (i) payment by the Town of Watertown (the “Town”) to the City of Waterbury in full and complete satisfaction of any and all claims alleged in the complaint filed in Waterbury Superior Court, captioned City of Waterbury v. Town of Watertown, Docket No. UWY-CV19-6045213, as affirmed by the Connecticut Appellate Court, pursuant to the judgment of the Court, and (ii) for costs related thereto, including payment of post judgment interest, if any, assessed by the Court and for the cost of interest on any temporary borrowings and costs of issuance related thereto and to the issuance of the bonds authorized hereunder.

2. That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed THIRTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$34,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-374b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. It is anticipated that the payment of the judgment, including all debt service on bonds, notes and temporary notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be paid from the fees and other revenues of the Water and Sewer Authority of the Town.

3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed THIRTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$34,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

4. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

7. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain other funding to finance the aforesaid appropriation, including but not limited to applying for and accepting grants and funds that may be available for the Project.

8. This ordinance shall be published in full within ten days after passage by the Town Council in a newspaper having circulation within the Town, and shall become effective on the 21st day after such publication and after approval at referendum.”

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

IN FAVOR

OPPOSED

ABSENT/ABSTAIN

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2025

Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a special meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on August 12, 2025, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman

_____.
The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman

_____.
On a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed, the motion was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council

Item 5.

The Town Council considered the authorization of various road improvements and related work, a public hearing having been held on the proposed ordinance for the project on August 12, 2025. M _____ moved the adoption of the following ordinance which was seconded by M _____:

“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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN:

1. That the sum of TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) is hereby appropriated for costs of milling, paving and other improvements to Town Roads (the “Project”). The Project shall consist of milling and removal of waste materials, paving and materials, installation of manholes and drainage risers, traffic protection, including signage and police and flag personnel. The appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects’ fees, engineering fees, other consultants’ fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project. The Town Manager is, or such person or persons delegated such power by the Town Manager are, upon consultation with the Director of Public Works, authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

2. That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

4. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

7. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain other funding to finance the aforesaid appropriation, including but not limited to applying for and accepting grants and funds that may be available for the Project.

8. This ordinance shall be published in full within ten days after passage by the Town Council in a newspaper having circulation within the Town, and shall become effective on the 21st day after such publication and after approval at referendum.”

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IN FAVOR

OPPOSED

ABSENT/ABSTAIN

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2025

Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a special meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on August 12, 2025, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman

The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman

On a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed, the motion was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council

RESOLUTIONS OF TOWN COUNCIL
(Bond Ordinance Setting Referendum)

Item 6.

RESOLVED, that the ordinances considered under agenda items 4 and 5 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.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

IN FAVOR

OPPOSED

ABSENT/ABSTAIN

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2025.

Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a regular meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on August 12, 2025, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman

The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman

_____.

On a roll-call vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed, the motion was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council

RESOLUTION OF TOWN COUNCIL
(Authorizing explanatory text and material for bond referendum)

Item 6.

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 above 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.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2025

Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a special meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on August 12, 2025, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman

The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman

On a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed, the motion was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council