



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025

**DIRECTLY FOLLOWING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 6:30 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. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the preparation of bonding documents for various road infrastructure projects to be sent for approval at referendum.
5. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the preparation of bond documents for the payment to the City of Waterbury for water and sewer litigation judgement to be sent for approval at referendum.
6. Adjournment.



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Watertown Town Council
Date: Special Meeting -7/31/2025
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TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER MEMORANDUM

To: Watertown Town Council

From: Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

Date: July 29, 2025

Subject: Watertown Town Council Schedule – Bonding for Waterbury Judgment & Road Infrastructure

This memorandum outlines the proposed schedule for Council actions related to the upcoming bond authorization process to support two critical funding initiatives: (1) satisfaction of the City of Waterbury Sewer & Water litigation judgment, and (2) road infrastructure improvements.

Bonding Schedule

| Date | Day | Meeting Type | Purpose |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| July 31, 2025 | Thursday | Special Meeting | Authorize preparation of bonding documents for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Waterbury Sewer & Water Litigation Judgment• Road Infrastructure Projects |
| August 4, 2025 | Monday | Special Meeting | Introduce Bond Ordinance(s); Set Public Hearing Date |
| August 11, 2025 | Monday | Special Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance(s)• Adopt Bond Ordinance(s)• Set Referendum Date |
| September, 2025 | Tuesday | Referendum | Conduct Town-wide Referendum to Approve Bonding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterbury Judgment Obligation• Road Infrastructure Projects |

Included Bonding Items

- **City of Waterbury Judgment Payment:**
Funding necessary to satisfy the final court judgment rendered in favor of the City of Waterbury concerning sewer and water service billing disputes. This bond will cover the

principal amount of the judgment as well as accrued interest and is required to avoid further financial penalties or enforcement actions.

- **Road Infrastructure Improvements:**

Funding for critical upgrades to the Town's roadway system. Projects will include paving, drainage improvements, sidewalk replacements, and road base stabilization.

These improvements are to be aligned with the **2022 BETA Group Road Study**, which evaluated and rated the condition of Watertown's roads and identified priority areas requiring capital investment.

These actions will enable the Town of Watertown to meet its legal obligations and strategically invest in essential infrastructure, thereby enhancing public safety, mobility, and long-term asset management.

Should any Council member have questions or wish to discuss the draft ordinances or financial implications in greater detail, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.



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To: Mark Raimo
From: Jerry Lukowski 
Date: July 30, 2025
Subject: Town Bonding for Pavement and Drainage Management

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Good News! — We have received an updated Pavement Management Report from BETA (dated January 16, 2025). BETA previously completed a full assessment and developed our pavement program back in August 2022.

BETA Pavement Program Summary:

- **Road Surface Rating (RSR):** Now at 64 (compared to 61 in 2022)
- **Unfinanced Requirement (UFR):** Now at \$40.4M (was \$44.5M in 2022)
- We lose approximately \$1.5M in road value each year across our 140-mile road system
- Even with progress, we're still looking at a \$30M UFR, with \$1.5M more added annually
- However, this bonding initiative will help significantly targeting our worst roads and preserving the good ones to keep them in strong condition

With \$10M in Town Bonding:

We'll be able to complete our current 3-Year Road Plan in 2 years or less

- This plan was originally developed a few months ago
- Additional roads will be added to the plan as needed
- We also plan to complete another full road evaluation this Fall (2025) using LIDAR technology
 - *LIDAR = Light Detection and Ranging* — the same advanced system used in 2022
- Drainage improvements will also be addressed—specifically at Knight Street and Ice House Road culverts, but not limited to those areas

Additional Notes:

- Coordination with utility companies will be essential to avoid conflicts with the paving schedule
- All paved roads with drainage will be inspected via CCTV
 - This allows us to assess the condition of underground drainage systems, especially metal pipes which have shown signs of failure

Pavement Management Methods (All Contracted, Except One):

- Crack Seal
- **Shim/Skim (Highway Dept. handles this in-house)**
- Chip Seal / Stone
- Hot-In-Place Recycling
- Mill and Pave
- Full-Depth Restoration

This funding will ensure we don't lose a full year of pavement work, which would have been the case in Summer 2026 without the bond.

Watertown CT Three Year Road List

| 2025 ROADS |
|---|
| JERICHO RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| BALDWIN ST |
| CHIMNEY RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| LEDGEWOOD RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| LEE ST |
| NIEL DRIVE(Pending Hot in Place) |
| NOVA SCOTIA HILL RD(Pending Hot in Place) |
| ROBERT ST |
| LINKFIELD RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| AVALON AVE (Chip Seal) |
| BARNES RD (Double Chip Seal) |
| GUERNSEYTOWN RD (Fog Seal) |
| KILLORIN RD (Fog Seal) |
| LAKE WINNEMAUG RD (Double Chip Seal) |
| LEWIS DR (Chip Seal) |
| MCDONNELL RD (Double Chip Seal) |
| NETTLETON ST (Fog Seal) |
| PARK LN (Chip Seal) |
| RADNOR LN (Chip Seal) |
| SILLS DR (Chip Seal) |
| WILLIAMSON CIR (Chip Seal) |
| Wilson Dr (2' Milling and Drainage) |

| 2027 ROADS |
|-------------------|
| TARBELL AVE |
| BALL FARM RD |
| BEARDSLEY AVE |
| COTTAGE PL |
| EARLE AVE |
| FAIRVIEW AVE |
| FLAGG AVE |
| HENRY ST |
| HIGHWOOD AVE |
| HUGHES AVE |
| PHELPS AVE |
| PLEASANT VIEW ST |
| ROACKLAND AVE |
| SAUNDERS AVE |
| SLADE AVE |
| SQUIRE CT |
| TAFT AVE |
| TUCKER AVE |
| WANER AVE |
| ZOAR AVE |

| 2026 ROADS |
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| SKILTON RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| AUBREY CT |
| BROOKVIEW CIR (Pending Hot in Place) |
| CHARTER OAK DR (Pending Hot in Place) |
| ECHO LAKE RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| FARM CIRCLE (Pending Hot in Place) |
| FARVIEW CIR (Pending Hot in Place) |
| HINMAN RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| ICE HOUSE RD (Pending Hot in Place) |
| WHEELER FARM RD (Pending Hot in Place) |

| 2028 ROADS |
|---------------------------------|
| DEPOT ST (Pending Hot in Place) |
| ADAMS ST |
| BIRCH ST |
| BURTON ST |
| CLIFF ST |
| COLLINS ST |
| CRESTWOOD AVE |
| EDGE RD |
| ELM ST |
| GILBERT LN |
| GREENWOOD ST |
| HART ST |
| INNES RD |
| JASON AVE |
| JENTA LN |
| LAKE RD |
| LANCASTER ST |
| MALLORY RD |
| MORELAND AVE |
| MT VERNON |
| PROSPECT ST |
| RUSSELL AVE |
| WEST RD |
| WESTBURY PARK RD |
| WILLIAMS AVE |
| WOODGATE CIR |