

# MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
WATERTOWN TOWN HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD  
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

A Special Town Meeting was held at Watertown Town Hall, Council Chambers, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and solicited for the election of a Moderator for the meeting.

Jonathan Ramsay asked for nominations for moderator of the meeting.

MOTION: Michele McHugh, I move to nominate Jonathan Ramsay as Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Nominations are closed.

All in favor of Jonathan Ramsay as Moderator of the meeting please say aye.

Motion passed unanimously

Jonathan Ramsay asked for nominations for Town Meeting Clerk of the meeting.

MOTION: Michele McHugh, I move to nominate Susan King as Town Meeting Clerk of the Special Town Meeting.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Nominations are closed.

All in favor of Susan King as Clerk of the meeting please say aye.

Motion passed unanimously

Jonathan Ramsay, Moderator: read the legal notice.



**WARNING AND NOTICE  
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
February 17, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Watertown and those entitled to vote in Town Meeting are hereby **WARNED AND NOTIFIED** Special Town Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. at the Watertown Town Hall, Town Council Chambers. to consider an appropriation of \$1,772,148.20 from the General Fund for the Communications Upgrade Project, to be allocated to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062, utilizing funds received through the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant.

A link to view the special town meeting will be posted on the Town of Watertown website [www.watertownct.org](http://www.watertownct.org) on the date of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to vote at the Special Town Meeting must attend in person. Anyone wishing to provide comments for the meeting may do so by emailing [towncouncil@watertownct.org](mailto:towncouncil@watertownct.org) or by mail to Watertown Town Council, 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795 and must be received by 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2026

If you require a translator, or accommodations for a hearing impairment or other accommodation, contact the Town of Watertown at 860-945-5255.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

RETURN OF  
WARNING AND NOTICE  
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

I hereby certify that on February 9, 2026 I left a duplicate copy of the attached WARNING AND NOTICE of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut, to be held on February 17, 2026 with Lisa Dalton Town Clerk.

I further certify that on February 9, 2026 I caused a copy of said Warning and Notice to be published in the *REPUBLICAN AMERICAN* Newspaper which has a substantial circulation in said Town and placed upon the Town of Watertown website under Legal Notices.

I further certify that on February 9, 2026 I caused to be set upon the signpost nearest the office of the Town Clerk and all other places with signposts designated by the Town, a written copy of said Warning and Notice signed by me as Town Manager.

I further certify that all the above acts were done at least five (5) days before the holding of the Special Town Meeting on February 17, 2026.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION  
AS TO WARNING AND RETURN OF WARNING

I hereby certify that the attached WARNING AND NOTICE of the foregoing RETURN OF WARNING are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut and that Mark A. Raimo was Town Manager of the Town of Watertown on the date the WARNING and RETURN OF WARNING were signed.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk

MOTION: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize an appropriation of \$1,772,148.20 from the General Fund for the Communications Upgrade Project to be allocated to account number 262.50320.511.0000.9062, These funds have been received through the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant.

Moderator Jonathan Ramsay asked is there any questions or comments from the public. As we discussed it is towers and radios.

A question was asked from the public what the money was going to be spend on.

Joshua Bernegger, Police Chief gave an overview of the project.

Moderator Jonathan Ramsay stated this is all money from a grant that we received. Just a reminder to the public anyone in the room can vote on this, it is not just the Town Council. Seeing no other questions all in favor say aye, all opposed, abstentions.

BY VOICE VOTE THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED

Adjournment

Moderator Jonathan Ramsay declared the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Ramsay, Moderator

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan King, Clerk