



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

**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. Public Participation.

The Town Council invites the public to speak under public participation. Please complete and provide a *Watertown Town Council Public Participation* Form if you wish to speak at the meeting. Copies are available on the Town's website or at the meeting. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker.

5. Minutes.
 - a. January 20, 2025 – Regular Meeting
6. Chairman's Report
 - a. Correspondence
7. Staff Reports.
 - a. Finance Director
8. Subcommittees.
9. New Business.
 - a. Consider setting the date, time, and location for a Special Town Meeting to authorize 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.

- b. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Request is to cover expenses incurred from significant weather related response efforts.
- c. Consider a resolution authorizing the payment of tax refunds.

10. Executive Session:

- a. Pending Litigation – Siemon Realty Company Tax Appeal (Property Located at 51 Depot Street, Suite 521)

11. New Business Continued:

- a. Consider settlement of Siemon Realty Company Tax Appeal v. Town of Watertown Tax Appeal. (Property Located at 51 Depot Street, Suite 521)

12. Adjournment.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
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WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
195 FRENCH STREET
WATERTOWN, CT 06195
860-945-5200

Town Council
Regular Meeting 02/02/2026
Item: 9 (a)

Joshua N. Bernegger
Chief of Police

Renee Dominguez
Deputy Chief

TO: Maria Guerrero, Finance Director
FROM: Chief Joshua Bernegger
CC: Megan Guiliano, Lisa Zambero, Lisa Cattaneo
DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds

I respectfully request the sum of \$1,772,148.20, received from the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant, be appropriated into account number 262-50320-511-0000-9062. This amount is to cover the milestone #2 - 60% payment of the Motorola contract.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2025-2026 fiscal year require the transfer of funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by vote of the Watertown Town Council, that the following actions are taken relative to the transfer of funds:

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT: \$100,000 NO: 1
FROM: 010.50530.032.0000.9010, Drainage Fees and Supplies
TO: 010.50130.032.0000.9010, \$50,000 - Overtime
TO: 010.50310.032.3224.9010, \$50,000 – Winter Supplies and Support
REASON: Costs associated with large winter weather events.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a regular meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on Monday February 2, 2026. the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman

The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman _____.

Motion declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council



**TOWN OF WATERTOWN
CONNECTICUT**

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

From: Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works

Date: January 29, 2026

Re: Budget Transfer – Snow, Emergencies, Natural Disaster and Drainage (SENDD)

Watertown Department of Public Works / Highway Department has responded to fifteen (15) winter weather events, all of which required overtime staffing (mostly on weekends and holidays), Salt Usage and Vehicle Maintenance Repairs. Below is the request to transfer funds between accounts within the 032 Snow, Emergencies, Natural Disasters, Drainage (SENDD) Account.

Transfer Funds into the following Accounts:

010.50130.032.0000.9010 Overtime - \$50,000

010.50310.032.3224.9010 Winter Supplies & Support - \$50,000

Transfer Funds from the following Account:

010.50530.032.0000.9010 Drainage Fees and Supplies - \$100,000

Additional Funds may be needed as the winter progresses based on the number and severity of the storms.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have made applications for property tax refunds in accordance with C.G.S. Sections *Refunds of Excess Payment*:

WHEREAS, per State Statute, the Tax Collector shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with recommendations thereon, to the Town Council, and shall certify to the amount of refund, if any, to which the applicant is entitled.

WHEREAS, Upon receipt of such application and certification, the Town Council shall draw an order upon the Finance Department in favor of such applicant for the amount of refund so certified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council authorizes a request that the Finance Department shall issue the payments for the certified refunds.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 2nd day of February, 2026

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a regular meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on February 2, 2026, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman _____.
The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman _____.

Motion declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council

ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWN COUNCIL: Refund Property Taxes, Interest Fees of \$_____

At a regular meeting of the Town Council held on _____,

refunds were authorized to the below applicants.

Bill	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Reason	TAX	INT	FEE	REFUND
2024-03-0053225	CAYABYAB RAYMOND E	27 PLENN CT	OAKVILLE, CT 0677	2006/JTDBR32E360084820	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	53.98	0	0	53.98
2024-03-0053242	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM ST STE 800	DALLAS, TX 75201-	2023/1C4JJXN67PW685581	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	321.4	0	0	321.4
2024-03-0053260	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM ST STE 800	DALLAS, TX 75201-	2022/1C4RJHAGXN8611192	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	165.67	0	0	165.67
2024-03-0053268	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM ST STE 800	DALLAS, TX 75201-	2023/1C4RJKBG8P8737324	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	222.6	0	0	222.6
2024-03-0053321	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM ST STE 800	DALLAS, TX 75201-	2022/1C4SDJCT3NC202586	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	281.39	0	0	281.39
2024-03-0063760	COMFORT ZONE HEATING	PO BOX 605	WATERTOWN, CT 0	2009/1GNFK03039R274440	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	86.22	0	0	86.22
2024-01-0003218	COTALITY	PO BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75015	589 HAMILTON AVE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments -	3,062.73	0	0	3,062.73
2024-04-0084401	DELORENZO MARK J	56 CHEROKEE RD	WATERTOWN, CT 0	2015/2G1WC5E30F1148785	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments -	23.97	0	0	23.97
2024-01-0002109	DELORENZO MARK J & LISA A	56 CHEROKEE DR	WATERTOWN, CT 0	56 CHEROKEE RD	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments -	2,317.29	0	0	2,317.29
2024-04-0082119	JOHNSON ROBIN A	PO BOX 1142	WOODBURY, CT 06	2017/5N1DR2MM9HC638351	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments -	231.76	0	0	231.76
2024-01-0005024	MANCINI EMIL	152 CLAXTON AVE	WATERTOWN, CT 0	152 CLAXTON AVE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	10.00	0	0	10.00
TOTAL						6,777.01	0.00	0.00	6,777.01

Susan King, Clerk of the Town Council