

**WARNING AND NOTICE
OF
REFERENDUM
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGETS
TOWN OF WATERTOWN
CONNECTICUT**

A referendum of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for the approval or disapproval of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budgets.

Voting will be at the following polling places:

- Voting District 68-01 – Watertown High School, 324 French Street, Watertown, CT
- Voting District 68-02 – Judson School, 124 Hamilton Lane, Watertown, CT
- Voting District 68-03 - Swift Middle School, 250 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT
- Voting District 68-04 - Polk School, 437 Buckingham Street, Oakville, CT

Persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting who are not electors shall vote at the Watertown Town Hall, Office of the Registrar, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office.

The Town Council proposes the following:

Town of Watertown Connecticut – Budget Summary

	Actual FY 2024-25	Adopted & Revised FY 2025-26	Projected FY 2025-26	Proposed FY 2026-27
<u>Revenues – General Fund</u>				
Property Taxes	74,972,387	78,309,048	78,309,048	81,701,966
State of CT to Schools	13,489,564	12,991,496	12,991,496	12,991,496
State of CT to Town	2,700,534	1,180,901	1,180,901	1,165,358
Local Revenues	1,036,792	642,230	642,230	654,890
Permits and Fees	784,025	621,720	621,720	762,832
Police Revenue	1,522,310	1,201,200	1,201,200	1,211,457
Board of Education	295,934	235,000	235,000	231,000
Other	1,386,949	739,583	762,331	1,364,318
Total General Fund Revenues	96,218,498	95,921,178	95,921,178	100,083,317
<u>Expenditures – General Fund</u>				
General Government	4,120,562	4,372,793	4,375,794	4,747,049
Public Safety	7,962,245	7,984,878	8,065,162	8,314,972
Public Works	5,911,125	5,458,045	5,458,045	5,675,220
Parks and Recreation	1,220,777	1,675,037	1,675,037	1,743,142
Miscellaneous	19,983,035	18,830,661	18,946,318	19,590,972
Watertown School District	57,475,617	57,599,765	57,599,765	60,011,962
Total General Fund Expenditures	96,673,361	95,921,178	96,120,121	100,083,317
Revenues – Water Operations 017	2,082,335	3,044,156	3,044,156	3,560,904

Revenues – Water Capital 018	13,073	637,500	637,500	0
Revenues – Water Extension 013	23,076	290,400	290,400	0
Revenues – Sewer Operations 015	3,084,704	3,178,036	3,178,036	6,760,790
Revenues – Sewer Capital 016	8,300	497,600	497,600	0
Revenues – Sewer Extension 014	28,087	45,000	45,000	0
Revenues – Water & Sewer Debt	126,152	320,340	320,340	2,244,742
Revenues – Town Road Aid	363,663	353,025	353,025	0
Revenues – Local Cap. Imp. Fund	317,088	239,562	239,562	0
Revenues – Crestbrook Golf Oper.	962,151	964,138	964,138	1,120,765
Revenues – Debt Service Fund	739,420	687,435	687,435	0
Expenditures – Water Operations 017	4,690,069	3,044,156	2,995,732	3,560,586
Expenditures – Water Capital 018	280,038	637,500	637,500	0
Expenditures – Water Extension 013	18,421	290,000	290,000	0
Expenditures – Sewer Operations 015	9,908,061	3,178,036	3,118,536	6,748,016
Expenditures – Sewer Capital 016	308,121	497,500	472,500	0
Expenditures – Sewer Extension 014	0	40,000	40,000	0
Expenditures – Water/Sewer Debt	400,098	319,740	319,740	2,537,566
Expenditures – Town Road Aid	271,405	353,035	353,035	471,772
Expenditures – Local Cap. Imp.	317,088	239,562	239,562	240,055
Expenditures – Crestbrook Golf	995,656	964,138	964,138	1,120,765
Expenditures – Debt Service Fund	446,416	687,435	387,435	0

The budget question will be placed on voting machines as follows:

1. Shall the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Town General Budget be approved in the amount of \$40,071,355 and shall the following Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budgets be approved in the amounts of:

A. Water Extension	0
B. Sewer Extension	0
C. Sewer Operations	6,748,016
D. Sewer Capital	0
E. Water Operations	3,560,586
F. Water Capital	0
G. Water and Sewer Debt	2,537,566
H. Crestbrook Golf Operations	1,120,765
I. Town Road Aid	471,772
J. Local Capital Improvement	240,055
K. Debt Service Fund	0

2. Shall the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 School General Fund Budget be approved in the amount of \$ 60,011,962?

Voters approving each question will vote “Yes” and those opposing each question will vote “No.”

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 1st day of May, 2026.

Jonathan, Ramsay, Chair Watertown Town Council

This Notice of Referendum is dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 1st day of May 2026.

Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk, Town of Watertown, CT