

**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, June 23, 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<br>FY 2024-25 | Adopted &<br>Revised<br>FY 2025-26 | Projected<br>FY 2025-26 | Proposed<br>FY 2026-27 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Revenues – General Fund</u></b>     |                      |                                    |                         |                        |
| Property Taxes                            | 74,972,387           | 78,309,048                         | 78,309,048              | 79,189,867             |
| State of CT to Schools                    | 13,489,564           | 12,991,496                         | 12,991,496              | 14,446,272             |
| State of CT to Town                       | 2,700,534            | 1,180,901                          | 1,180,901               | 1,222,681              |
| 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              |
| <b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>        | <b>96,218,498</b>    | <b>95,921,178</b>                  | <b>95,921,178</b>       | <b>99,083,317</b>      |
| <b><u>Expenditures – General Fund</u></b> |                      |                                    |                         |                        |
| General Government                        | 4,120,562            | 4,372,793                          | 4,375,794               | 4,650,536              |
| Public Safety                             | 7,962,245            | 7,984,878                          | 8,065,162               | 8,177,897              |
| Public Works                              | 5,911,125            | 5,458,045                          | 5,458,045               | 5,573,808              |
| 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              | 19,425,972             |
| Watertown School District                 | 57,475,617           | 57,599,765                         | 57,599,765              | 59,511,962             |
| <b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>    | <b>96,673,361</b>    | <b>95,921,178</b>                  | <b>96,120,121</b>       | <b>99,083,317</b>      |
| 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 \$39,571,355 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 \$59,511,962?

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

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 4th day of June, 2026.

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Jonathan, Ramsay, Chair  
Watertown Town Council

This Notice of Referendum is dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

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Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk  
Town of Watertown, Connecticut