

MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Monday, September 21, 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: Mary Ann Rosa, 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?

Seeing none.

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

Motion passed unanimously

Jonathan Ramsay asked for nominations for clerk of the meeting.

MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa, I move to nominate Susan King as Clerk of the Special Town Meeting.

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

Seeing none.

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

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to waive the reading tonight of the Return of Warning and Notice of Warning for the Special Town meeting.

Motion passed unanimously



**WARNING AND NOTICE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 21, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Watertown and those entitled to vote in Town Meeting are hereby WARNED AND NOTIFIED of a Special Town Meeting to be held on September 21, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. in the Town Council Caucus Room, to consider approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$142,921 from the General Fund for the purchase of a Senior Transportation Mini-bus. The purchase will be offset by a 2024 CTDOT Section 5310 Transportation Grant, with the Town responsible for twenty percent, or \$30,330, and the grant covering eighty percent, or \$112,888.

A link to view the special town meeting will be posted on the Town of Watertown website 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 or by mail to Watertown Town Council, 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795 and must be received by 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 21, 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 10th day of September, 2026.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

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

I hereby certify that on September 10, 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 September 21, 2026 with Lisa Dalton Town Clerk.

I further certify that on September 10, 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 September 10, 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 September 21, 2026.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 10th day of September, 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 10th day of September, 2026.

Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk

MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$142,921 from the General Fund for the purchase of a Senior Transportation Mini-bus. The purchase will be offset by a 2024 CTDOT Section 5310 Transportation Grant, with the Town responsible for twenty percent, or \$30,330, and the grant covering eighty percent, or \$112,888. Funds to be deposited into an account for this purpose.

Comments from the public:

Al Mickel, 95 Woodvine Avenue stated I think it's a good idea.

Commission questions:

Carina Noyd asked I know you clarified before, this is replacing, it's not a new bus, correct?

Michael Ganem, Director of Park and Rec answered we currently have 3 buses, this new bus will replace the oldest of the fleet which is a 2014.

Carina Noyd stated I know we had some challenges keeping the bus driving crew fully staffed, how is it at this point?

Michael Ganem answered for the last 6 months or so we had 2 reliable bus drivers. We have drivers 5 days a week currently. The Commission on Aging has recently suggested that we might want to hire another per diem driver and so I will have to go through the process.

Carina Noyd asked at any time are all 3 buses up and running at the same time?

Michael Ganem answered we do rotate putting miles on all of the buses so that they are all running fairly consistently. We don't want to be surprised by a non-start type of thing.

Tom DeMatteis asked one of the buses will be sold, correct and the proceeds go back to the government?

Michael Ganem answered the proceeds will be 50% to the state and 50% to the town.

Tom DeMatteis stated one will be sold?

Michael Ganem answered yes.

Jonathan Ramsay, Moderator stated the public can vote as well.

BY VOICE VOTE THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Moderator

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk