



WARNING AND NOTICE
of
REFERENDUM
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 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 23, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for the approval or disapproval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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:

	<u>Town of Watertown Connecticut – BUDGET SUMMARY</u>			
	Actual FY	Adopted		
		& Revised FY	Projected FY	Proposed FY
	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
<u>Revenues – General Fund</u>				
Property Taxes	65,471,466	67,678,064	67,678,064	72,588,935
State of CT to Schools	11,903,020	12,022,049	12,022,049	12,435,998
State of CT to Town	1,274,264	1,128,618	2,335,464	1,867,290
Local Revenues	1,090,042	922,078	987,091	955,149
Licenses, Fees and Permits	526,198	405,500	449,989	422,500
Police Revenue	954,279	830,200	1,324,910	1,016,000
Board of Education	155,717	17,000	194,496	26,000
Other	408,024	429,790	676,319	469,008
Total General Fund Revenues	<u>81,783,010</u>	<u>83,433,299</u>	<u>85,668,382</u>	<u>89,780,880</u>
<u>Expenditures – General Fund</u>				
General Government	2,892,757	3,169,462	3,229,160	3,612,623
Public Safety	6,549,136	6,896,115	6,939,402	7,352,709
Public Works	3,438,059	4,004,702	4,051,377	4,614,898
Parks and Recreation	968,766	1,150,097	1,155,961	1,274,665
Miscellaneous	17,598,116	18,163,485	18,511,813	18,968,916
Watertown School District	48,348,701	50,049,438	50,049,438	53,957,069
Total General Fund Expenditures	<u>79,795,535</u>	<u>83,433,299</u>	<u>83,937,151</u>	<u>89,780,880</u>
<u>Revenues – Water Operations</u>	<u>1,836,103</u>	<u>2,009,691</u>	<u>2,009,691</u>	<u>2,146,330</u>

<u>Revenues – Water Capital</u>	<u>170,001</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
<u>Revenues – Water Extension</u>	<u>1,078</u>	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,400</u>
<u>Revenues – Sewer Operations</u>	<u>2,675,975</u>	<u>2,287,200</u>	<u>2,287,200</u>	<u>2,639,200</u>
<u>Revenues – Sewer Capital</u>	<u>175,002</u>	<u>155,250</u>	<u>155,250</u>	<u>265,000</u>
<u>Revenues – Sewer Extension</u>	<u>2,357</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Revenues – Water & Sewer Debt</u>	<u>318,396</u>	<u>467,190</u>	<u>467,190</u>	<u>426,490</u>
<u>Revenues – Town Road Aid</u>	<u>349,015</u>	<u>348,918</u>	<u>348,918</u>	<u>352,824</u>
<u>Revenues – Local Cap. Imp. Fund</u>	<u>185,010</u>	<u>151,260</u>	<u>151,260</u>	<u>157,719</u>
<u>Revenues – Crestbrook Golf Oper.</u>	<u>772,488</u>	<u>723,068</u>	<u>723,068</u>	<u>809,477</u>
<u>Revenues – Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>292,585</u>	<u>292,585</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenditures – Water Operations</u>	<u>1,493,606</u>	<u>1,995,078</u>	<u>1,995,078</u>	<u>2,152,058</u>
<u>Expenditures – Water Capital</u>	<u>79,976</u>	<u>269,000</u>	<u>249,000</u>	<u>395,000</u>
<u>Expenditures – Water Extension</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenditures – Sewer Operations</u>	<u>1,533,966</u>	<u>1,979,320</u>	<u>1,985,684</u>	<u>2,582,048</u>
<u>Expenditures – Sewer Capital</u>	<u>75,269</u>	<u>169,000</u>	<u>209,121</u>	<u>265,000</u>
<u>Expenditures – Sewer Extension</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>105,917</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenditures – Water&Sewer Debt</u>	<u>309,600</u>	<u>300,750</u>	<u>300,750</u>	<u>426,490</u>
<u>Expenditures – Town Road Aid</u>	<u>449,884</u>	<u>348,918</u>	<u>348,918</u>	<u>352,824</u>
<u>Expenditures – Local Cap. Imp.</u>	<u>15,449</u>	<u>151,260</u>	<u>228,052</u>	<u>157,719</u>
<u>Expenditures – Crestbrook Golf</u>	<u>738,447</u>	<u>723,068</u>	<u>729,885</u>	<u>809,477</u>
<u>Expenditures – Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>359,628</u>	<u>292,585</u>	<u>292,585</u>	<u>0</u>

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

1. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TOWN GENERAL BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,823,811 AND SHALL THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGETS BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNTS OF:

A. Town Road Aid	\$352,824
B. Water Operation	2,152,058
C. Water Capital	395,000
D. Sewer Operations	2,582,048
E. Sewer Capital	265,000
F. Water and Sewer Debt	426,490
G. Crestbrook Golf Operations	809,477
H. Local Capital Improvement	157,719

2. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 SCHOOL GENERAL FUND BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,957,069?

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

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 11th day of May, 2023.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

This Notice of Referendum is dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 11th day of May, 2023.

Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk
Town of Watertown, Connecticut

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 11, 2023 I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of a referendum of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut, with Lisa Dalton, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the *Town Times* a newspaper having a general and substantial circulation in said Town, May 11, 2023.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 11, 2023 I caused to be set upon the signpost or other exterior place nearest the office of the Town Clerk and at all other places and signposts designated by the Town a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Town Clerk.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 11th day of May, 2023.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATE
AS TO NOTICE AND RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached warning and notice and the foregoing Return of Notice are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut.

Signed and sealed at Watertown, Connecticut this 11th day of May, 2023.

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Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk
Watertown, Connecticut