

MINUTES
WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2023
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, November 20, 2023. Mary Ann Rosa called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and solicited for the election of a Moderator for the meeting.

Mary Ann Rosa asked for nominations for moderator of the meeting.

MOTION: Ken Demirs, I move to nominate Mary Ann Rosa as Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.
Robert Retallick seconded.

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

Seeing none.

Nominations are closed.

All in favor of Mary Ann Rosa as Moderator of the meeting please say aye, anyone opposed.

Motion passed unanimously

Mary Ann Rosa asked for nomination for clerk of the meeting.

MOTION: Ken Demirs, I move to nominate Susan King as Clerk of the Special Town Meeting.
Robert Retallick seconded.

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

Seeing none.

Nominations are closed.

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

Mary Ann Rosa, Moderator: read the legal notice.



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

November 20, 2023

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 Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the appropriation of \$1,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act fund for the purpose of funding the required twenty percent match of the U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes' Congressionally Directed Spending Grant through the Federal Highway Infrastructure Program awarded to the Town of Watertown for the Main Street Improvement Project for project design, including survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees and legal fees.

A link to view the special town meeting will be posted on the Town of Watertown website www.watertownct.org by 4:00 p.m. 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. November 17, 2023

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 26th day of October, 2023.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

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

I hereby certify that on October 26, 2023 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 November 20, 2023 with Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk.

I further certify that on October 26, 2023 I caused a copy of said Warning and Notice to be published in the *Town Times* 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 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 November 20, 2023.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 26th day of October, 2023.

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 26th day of October, 2023.

Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk

MOTION: Robert Desena seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act fund for the purpose of funding the required twenty percent match of the U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes' Congressionally Directed Spending Grant through the Federal Highway Infrastructure Program awarded to the Town of Watertown for the Main Street Improvement Project for project design, including survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees and legal fees.

Jonathan Ramsay asked is this the last of the ARPA funds that we need to allocate?

Mark Raimo, Town Manager answered no, there would 1.4 million dollars that is left that we will allocate to the construction in the Oakville area as we proceed with this project.

Rachael Ryan asked why the Oakville area for the last 1.4 million?

Mark Raimo, Town Manager answered as we discussed this project, we expanded it to include Main Street, Oakville of Watertown in the surveying and design phase so that we can stay consistent. The project will encompass design from the Waterbury line north and Route 6 to French Street area, that is where our concentration will be. During that design phase the architects will ultimately identify smaller projects for other grants in the future. I thought it would be best if we start in Oakville as well, do some upgrades in that downtown area as well.

BY VOICE VOTE THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED

Adjournment

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Rosa, Moderator

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk