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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING *Amended
Annual Budget Meeting & Special Meeting
May 5, 7, 12 and 14, 2025

Moderator Paul Goldstein called the Annual Budget Meeting & Special Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order on May 5, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kyrah Augmon-Bossa, Michael Bono (Arrived after Agenda Item C), Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo, Erica Casper, Mary Childs, Harry Colonis (Speaker Phone), Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Narciss Greene, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Christina Jessuck, Matthew Keatley, Lindsay Khan, Kate MacKenzie, Shawn Monahan, Ursula Moreshead, Kayla Mullen, Kathleen Mullen Kohl, Ted Olynciw, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue
ABSENT: None
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson, Selectman Richard Muckle.
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Attanasio.
ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

AGENDA ITEM C – April 7, 2025 & March 31, 2025 Minutes
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to accept the April 7, 2025 and the March 31, 2025 Minutes with the following correction to the April 7, 2025 minutes: remove "Selectman Richard Muckle, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson" from EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT
Helen Kwasniewski, 227 Bloomingdale Rd, spoke in favor of increasing efficiency while reducing the budget.
Laurie Wolfley, resident and Board of Education member, 15 Anita Ave, spoke in support of the Board of Education Budget.
Glenn Patterson, resident and Board of Finance member, 7 Leary Dr, spoke in regard to a letter submitted by Bill Sheehan and himself. (See Attachment)
Laura Rodriguez, 20 Shore Rd, spoke in support of the Board of Education Budget and that a reduction could lead to the elimination of staff.

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CORRESPONDENCE
The following correspondence was received: A letter from Board of Finance Members Bill Sheehan and Glenn Patterson. An email from Ethics Chair Betsy Ritter as to her availability to present for the Ethics Commission. RTM Moderator submitted during the Board of Education presentation the "Adjusted Equalized Net Grand List per Capita and AENGLC rank for the 169 towns" for FY25 and FY26. Copies of correspondence can be obtained through the office of the Town Clerk.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS
The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an ongoing meeting called to order on May 5, 2025, recessed, then continued on May 7, May 12, and May 14, only to be adjourned after final action on May 14, 2025. Consideration of the Budget by department/agency follows the posted schedule.

CALL ITEM 1 – Board of Education and General Fund Budget
Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government Budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and as may be modified by the determination of the Representative Town Meeting.

STANDING MOTION by Majority Leader Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Minority Leader Driscoll, to offer a standing motion to move each proposed budget for consideration in the order specified in the hearing schedules, with approvals at the series subtotal and the department total levels, with the understanding that all totals are considered tentatively approved until final action is taken at the end of our Budget hearing.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10132) $155,063
PRESENTATION: Ledge Light Health District Director Jennifer Muggeo
MOTION PASSED: 24-0-2 (Goldstein, Steward-Gelinas abstained)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV (10133) $21,600
PRESENTATION: Yale New Haven Health-Health at Home-Southeast Director Karen DeSantis
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS/MISC (10120) $103,510
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10160) $60,366,308 Amended total: $59,828,308
PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Board of Education Pat Fedor, Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, BOE Director of Finance Joseph Mancini presented the details of the budget and stood for questions.
Lengthy discussion ensued.
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Colonis, to reduce the increase by $538,000 for a new total for the Board of Education budget in the amount of $59,828,308.
VOTING IN FAVOR OF REDUCTION: Bracciale, M. Campo, Colonis, Condon, Dembek, Goldstein, Healy, Jessuck, Keatley, MacKenzie, Monahan, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue
VOTING AGAINST REDUCTION: Augmon-Bossa, Casper, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gonzalez, Greene, Khan, Moreshead, Mullen, Mullen Kohl, Olynciw

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ABSTAINED: Bono
MOTION TO REDUCE PASSED: 13-12-1
VOTING IN FAVOR OF AMENDED TOTAL ($59,828,308): Bracciale, M. Campo, Colonis, Condon, Dembek, Goldstein, Healy, Jessuck, Keatley, MacKenzie, Monahan, Moreshead, Mullen, Olynciw, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue
VOTING AGAINST AMENDED TOTAL: Augmon-Bossa, Casper, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gonzalez, Greene, Khan, Mullen Kohl
ABSTAINED: Bono
MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED TOTAL PASSED: 16-9-1

Recess at 9:46 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was resumed and called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 by Moderator Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Kyrah Augmon-Bossa, Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo, Erica Casper, Mary Childs, Harry Colonis (Speaker phone), Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Narciss Greene, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Christina Jessuck (Speaker phone), Matthew Keatley, Lindsay Khan, Kate MacKenzie, Shawn Monahan, Ursula Moreshead, Kayla Mullen, Kathleen Mullen Kohl, Ted Olynciw, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue
ABSENT: Michael Bono, Tim Condon
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson, Selectman Richard Muckle.
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Attanasio, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor
ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

CORRESPONDENCE
A letter from Richard Muckle, 864 Vauxhall St Ext in regard to the Monday May 5, 2025 Budget Meeting. Copies of correspondence can be obtained through the office of the Town Clerk.

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) $900
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10102) $121,255
PRESENTATION: Democratic Registrar of Voters Bigi Ebbin, Republican Registrar of Voters Patricia Waters
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) $244,204
PRESENTATION: Director of Human Resources Christine Walters
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

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RTM Member Jessuck left.

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) $7,760,257 Amended total: $7,200,257
PRESENTATION: Retirement Commission Chair Susan Driscoll
Lengthy discussion ensued.
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to reduce Line Item #10116-51949 by $560,000 for a new total for the Retirement Commission Budget in the amount of $7,200,257.
VOTING IN FAVOR OF REDUCTION: Augmon-Bossa, Bracciale, M. Campo, Childs, Colonis, Dembek, Fioravanti, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Healy, Keatley, Khan, MacKenzie, Monahan, Moreshead, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue
VOTING AGAINST REDUCTION: Driscoll, Greene, Mullen, Mullen Kohl, Olynciw
ABSTAINED: Casper
MOTION TO REDUCE PASSED: 17-5-1
MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED TOTAL PASSED: 20-3-0 (Driscoll, Mullen Kohl, & Olynciw voted against)

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES BUREAU (10119) $307,435
PRESENTATION: Director of Human Services Dani Gorman, Program Coordinator Brandon Smith, Human Services Coordinator Heidi McSwain
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10135) $523,586
PRESENTATION: Director of Human Services Dani Gorman, Assistant Director Terry Wheeler, Office Assistant Meaghan Rossi
MOTION PASSED: 22-0-1 (Bracciale abstained)

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) $1,829
PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ASSESSOR (10104) $319,641
PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CONTINGENCY (10121) $265,000
PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

DEBT SERVICE (10139) $7,964,500
PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

INSURANCE (10112) $5,604,561
PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

TOWN CLERK (10109) $272,301
PRESENTATION: Town Clerk David L. Campo, CCTC
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) $18,903 Amended total: $17,403
PRESENTATION: Town Clerk David L. Campo, CCTC
Lengthy discussion ensued.
MOTION by Childs, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce Line Item #10117-52010 by $1,500 for a new total for the Representative Town Meeting Budget in the amount of $17,403.
MOTION TO REDUCE PASSED: Unanimous
MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED TOTAL PASSED: Unanimous

Recess at 8:25 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 12, 2025, with the call to order by Moderator Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Kyrah Augmon-Bossa, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo, Erica Casper, Mary Childs, Harry Colonis, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Narciss Greene, Christina Jessuck, Matthew Keatley, Lindsay Khan, Kate MacKenzie, Shawn Monahan, Ursula Moreshead, Kathleen Mullen Kohl, Ted Olynciw Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue
ABSENT: Kayla Mullen
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Selectman Richard Muckle, and Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, and Selectman Greg Attanasio
ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Helen Kwasniewski, 227 Bloomingdale Rd, spoke in favor of increasing efficiency while reducing the budget.
Robert Kyne, 18 Dimmock Rd, spoke in favor of the Waterford Morning Swim Program.
Alan Briggs, 16 Quaker Ln, spoke in favor of the Waterford Morning Swim Program.

CORRESPONDENCE
None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (10115) $4,310
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) $25,352
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP; Town Planner Mark Wujtewicz
MOTION PASSED: 24-0-1 (Mullen Kohl abstained)

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) $18,250
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP, Environmental Planner Maureen Fitzgerald
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) $695,016
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP; Town Planner Mark Wujtewicz; Environmental Planner Maureen Fitzgerald
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (10141) $1,109
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP; Town Planner Mark Wujtewicz
MOTION PASSED: 24-0-1 (MacKenzie abstained)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) $321,515
PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP; Building Official Steve Cardelle
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) $1,020,000
PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Office Coordinator Sandy Kenniston
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (10130) $5,154,902
PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Office Coordinator Sandy Kenniston
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10137) $1,535,328
PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation and Parks Ryan McNamara, Assistant Director Tim Ceiplik
MOTION PASSED: 23-0-2 (Childs and Sugrue abstained)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10101) $206,402
PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Recess at 9:25 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, with the call to order by Paul Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Kyrah Augmon-Bossa, Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo (Speaker Phone), Erica Casper, Mary Childs, Harry Colonis, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Narciss Greene, Ryan Healy, Christina Jessuck, Matthew Keatley, Lindsay Khan, Kate MacKenzie, Shawn Monahan (Speaker Phone), Ursula Moreshead, Kayla Mullen, Kathleen Mullen Kohl,

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Ted Olynciw, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue
ABSENT: Michael Bono
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Selectman Richard Muckle, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Attanasio.
ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Helen Kwasniewski, 227 Bloomingdale Rd, expressed concerns over the budget and reminded the body to vote wisely.
Marcia Benvenuti, 1 Raymond Ln, expressed concerns in regard to the reduction of the Board of Education request. (See Attachment)
Glenn Patterson, resident and Board of Finance member, 7 Leary Dr, spoke in regard to a letter submitted by Bill Sheehan and himself and that Item 3 should be referred to committee for possible codification. (See Attachment)
Bill Sheehan, resident and Board of Finance member, 22 laurel Crest, spoke in regard to a letter submitted by Glenn Patterson and himself and that Item 3 should be referred to committee for possible codification. (See Attachment)

CORRESPONDENCE
None

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) $227,817
PRESENTATION: Tax Collector Alan Wilensky
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10136) $1,012,780
PRESENTATION: Library Director Christine Johnson, President of The Waterford Public Library Board of Trustees Miriam Wagner
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) $784,326
PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) $83,608
PRESENTATION: Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) $295,000
PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10122) $1,230,035
PRESENTATION: Director of Emergency Management Stephen Sinagra
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

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FIRE SERVICES (10123) $3,958,130
PRESENTATION: Director of Fire Services Michael Howley
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

POLICE COMMISSION (10129) 47,250,097 Amended total: $7,215,097
PRESENTATION: Chief of Police Marc Balestracci, Lieutenant David Ferland, Lieutenant Nicole VanOverloop, Lieutenant Patrick Flanagan, Administrative Sargent Michael Fedor, Office Coordinator Diane Driscoll
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to reduce Line Item #10129-51420 by $32,739 and Line Item #10129-51920 by $2,261 for a new total for the Police Commission Budget in the amount of $7,215,097
MOTION TO REDUCE PASSED: Unanimous
MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED TOTAL PASSED: Unanimous

RTM Member M. Campo arrived by speaker phone

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (10147) $1,214,796
PRESENTATION: Information Technology Manager Jeff Robillard
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) $1,101,089
PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule
MOTION PASSED: 24-1-0 (Childs opposed)

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) $773,264
PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule
MOTION PASSED: 23-2-0 (Childs and Mullen Kohl opposed)

FINAL ACTION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS $40,162,318
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to approve the General Government Operations Budget in the amount of $40,162,318.
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) $1,101,089
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to approve the Current Year Capital Improvements Budget in the amount of $1,101,089.
MOTION PASSED: 24-1-0 (Childs opposed)

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) $773,264
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to approve the Transfers to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund Budget in the amount of $773,264
MOTION PASSED: 24-1-0 (Childs opposed)

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DEBT SERVICE (10139) $7,964,500
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of $7,964,500
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: (10160) $59,828,308
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of $59,828,308
MOTION PASSED: 24-0-1 (Mullen Kohl abstained)

TOTAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026 $109,829,479
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to approve a Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of $109,829,479
MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 2 – Tax Payment Schedule.
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Keatley, to establish the schedule of tax payments for real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills for the next fiscal year as presented. (See Attachment)
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RTM Member Jessuck left.

CALL ITEM 3 – RTM Resolution
PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Finance Director Kim Allen
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve the attached resolution for a pilot program lasting one year to allow for all approved capital projects within the FY26 budget to move forward through the Finance Department without any further action by the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting. (See Attachment)
MOTION by Mullen Kohl, seconded by Childs, to refer the item to a RTM Standing Committee for further review.
Withdrawn
Original motion withdrawn
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to postpone to the June Regular Meeting of the RTM.
MOTION TO POSTPONE PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4 – 1 Tiffany Ave Sale
PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena
MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to authorize the Board of Selectman and the Town's Purchasing Agent to sell 207 Boston Post Rd (AKA 1 Tiffany Ave) at auction.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Childs, seconded by Khan, to adjourn at 9:54 P.M.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

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May 2, 2025

John W. "Bill" Sheehan
19 Laurel Crest Dr.
Waterford, CT 06385

Glenn Patterson
7 Leary Dr.
Waterford, CT 06385

Mr. Paul Goldstein
Moderator
Waterford Representative Town Meeting
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Mr., Goldstein

According to the Agenda of the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) for the Annual Budget Hearing and Special Meeting, the RTM will be considering a resolution for a pilot program for approved Capital Projects within the FY26 budget.

Rather than approving that resolution, in our capacity as individual members of the Board of Finance (BOF), we propose that the RTM send to a Standing Committee (possibly the Legislative and Administration Committee) the attached proposed change to the Code of Ordinances.

There is sufficient time between now and the FY2027 budget to pass the proposed ordinance and be ready in the FY2027 budget to have the best of both the designation procedure and the direct appropriation procedure.

We are sending this letter and proposed ordinance as individual members of the Board of Finance and not as a request or recommendation of the BOF.

Sincerely,

J. W. Sheehan Glenn Patterson.

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Proposed Ordinance Change for Capital Funds

3.04.020 - Reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures *and Current Capital Fund* established.

1. There is created a reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures.

a. The Reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures will have two types of funding- Appropriated and Designated.

1) If the expenditure requires accumulating funding over multiple years, the annual funding will be designated for the project After the total funds needed for the expenditure are accumulated, the funds will be appropriated by action of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and the Representative Town Meeting.

2) If the expenditure is well-defined and funding is complete in the initial request, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting shall appropriate the funds at the initial presentation.

3) If the expenditure is not well defined in the initial presentation, it will be designated and the Department or Board will have to return to the BOS, BOF, and RTM to become appropriated. This is likely to occur for an expenditure proposed in the First Selectman's Capital Plan.

b. The Current Capital Fund is established for expenditures that are expected to be completed in the Fiscal Year Proposed and funding will be considered appropriated when approved by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Representative Town Meeting.

1) If the expenditure is not complete in the fiscal year proposed, It should be transferred to the Reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring Fund by action by the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, and Representative Town Meeting before the end of the fiscal year.

2) If the expenditure is not complete in the fiscal year proposed and it is not transferred to the Reserve Fund, the remaining expenditure will be transferred to the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. If all that remains of the expenditure is final invoicing and payment then the funds may be encumbered to make those final payments in the next fiscal year.

b. The Board of Finance shall review the progress of projects in both funds quarterly.

c. Funds left after the completion of the expenditure shall be returned to the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund if from the Current Capital Fund and to the Undesignated fund

Balance of the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund if from the Reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures.

2. Implementation

a. This ordinance change will be effective with the fiscal year 2027 budget.

b. In June 2026 the Board of Finance will transfer any outstanding projects from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Capital Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund.

c. The Capital Improvement Fund will be renamed the Current Year Capital Fund.

RTM public comment 5/14/25

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I want to address the haphazard, inefficient way our town seems to be handling the recurring expenses of the BOE-like chrome books, capital improvements in general, and the burdens and benefits of a fully funded education budget.

First the sad saga of the chrome books. The BOE followed town instructions and placed the chrome books in capital improvements only to be denied and told to put them back in the operating budget. This occurred after the BOE finance committee started to fine tune and set the operating budget. It pushed the BOE budget up unexpectedly, making the budget higher than preferred. The administration and BOE found some savings and agreed upon a budget under 5%. One of the lowest in Southeastern Ct.

Now at the eleventh hour, the RTM decided the chrome books should be put back into the capital expenditures. This will require the BOE to go to the BOS, then the BOF, and then back to the RTM and request the funding. This flip-flopping mess has cost the taxpayers countless wasted hours of preparation and revision, will delay purchases, and it will make the BOE budget seem lower than it really is.

It and the the insurance cut artificially put the BOE budget at 3.85% and misleads the taxpayers. Next year when the BOE adds the chrome books back in the operating budget, because it is a recurring expense, it will automatically look higher when in reality it is not.

The 3.85% is just an illusion to fool the public. The BOE budget is really 4.85% and should reflect that.

Mr. Giard presented real data that shows that Waterford public schools are excelling in every way and out ranking many of our neighboring communities, while our costs are below those of our neighbors. WPS are doing an exceptional job with below average funding.

I am a senior. I am on a fixed income. I have lived in Waterford for over 65 years. I regularly volunteer in the preK-fifth grade classrooms at Great Neck School. I see the needs and the great lengths the administration and staff go to to do the best they can with less money. The benefits we reap from an exemplary school system far outweigh the few dollars saved by lowering the budget. We must be transparent and realistic about the process, the needs, and the costs of town business.

I urge you to stop this shell game, return the chrome books to the operating budget, and help keep WPS on top, by fully funding the BOE budget.

Submitted to be included in the record,

by Marcia Benedetto
1 Raymond Ln.
Waterford, CT

Statement of John W. "Bill" Sheehan
RTM Consideration of Resolution regarding Capital-Non-Recurring Requests
May 14, 2025

Thank you, Moderator Goldstein, for the opportunity to address the RTM about the Resolution Regarding the Appropriation of the FY26 Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Requests.

Tonight, the RTM will consider a resolution for a pilot program lasting one year to allow all approved capital projects within the FY26 budget to be considered appropriated without any further action by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, or the Representative Town Meeting.

I am recommending to the RTM that rather than approving this resolution, the RTM refer it to Committee for consideration and, if appropriate, a public hearing, and revision, before approval by the RTM.

1. Is the backup material provided by all the expenditure requests for the FY26 budget sufficient for a final appropriation decision by the RTM?
2. Does the appropriation of these expenditure requests impact the nineteen expenditures that are in a currently designated or partially designated status in the CNR?
3. Are any of these expenditure requests part of a multiyear funding request that will not be commenced until all of the funds are accumulated in the out years?
4. Although this resolution only discusses the CNR funding, is there any impact on the Current Capital Funding?

It is possible the Standing Committee will find other questions that need answering as it considers this resolution.

If there is a rush to get this resolution passed before the end of FY2025, it is possible for a standing committee to have a meeting, decide to have a public hearing, and fit that public Hearing into the calendar before the June RTM meeting. If a more leisurely schedule is allowed, then there is definitely enough time before the August RTM meeting.

Mr. Patterson and I submitted a letter to the RTM with a proposed ordinance that might answer some of these questions if it becomes part of the code of ordinances. However, this proposed ordinance also needs a Standing Committee consideration, including a public hearing, and Town Attorney review, before adoption.

Thank you for listening to my reasons for sending the resolution to a RTM Standing Committee for further consideration and revision.

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To: Paul Goldstein, RTM Moderator
David Campo, Town Clerk

From: Alan Wilensky, CCMC
Waterford Tax Collector

Date: April 25, 2025

Subject: Tax Payment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026
For the RTM meeting agenda of May 14, 2025

I have the following recommendations for the schedule of tax payments for Fiscal Year 2025– 2026:

- Retain the two-payment system for Real Estate tax bills, providing for collections in July and January.
- Real Estate tax bills over $100.00 would be collected in two equal installments, due July 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
- Real Estate tax bills of $100.00 or less would be due in full July 1, 2025.
- Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax bills would be due in full July 1, 2025.
- ***Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax bills will now be created twice per fiscal year. Vehicles registered between October 2, 2024 and March 31, 2025 will be billed in July 2025. Vehicles registered between April 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025 will be billed in January 2026.***

This collection schedule is recommended in order to keep the Town in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes 12-142, 12-144, and 12-144a.

Sec. 12-142. Installments; due date. The legislative body of each municipality, upon approving any budget calling for the laying of a tax on property, shall determine whether such tax shall be due and payable in a single installment or in two semiannual installments or in four quarterly installments and shall, unless otherwise provided by law, designate the date or dates on which such installment or installments shall be due and payable, subject to the provisions of section 7-383, in any municipality in compliance with requirements concerning the uniform fiscal year under chapter 110; provided the last installment of any such tax shall be due and payable not later than forty-five days before the end of the fiscal year in which the first installment thereof is due and payable, and provided any special tax shall be due and payable in a single installment. In case of failure of the legislative body to determine when such tax shall be due and payable or whenever the date on which such tax shall be due and payable has been determined, however, (1) the preparation and mailing of rate bills for such tax is delayed until after the date such tax is due or (2) such tax is not applicable to certain property until after the date such tax is due, such tax shall be due and payable, with respect to all property or property which becomes subject to tax after the date such tax is due, whichever is applicable, not later than thirty days following the date on which rate bills for such tax are mailed or handed to persons liable therefor. Except as otherwise provided by law, the several installments of a tax due in two or four installments shall be equal, but any taxpayer may pay two or more of such installments when the first is due.

Sec. 12-144. Payment of taxes of not more than one hundred dollars. Any property tax due in any municipality of this state in an amount not in excess of one hundred dollars shall be due and payable in a single payment when so determined by the appropriating body of such municipality.

Sec. 12-144a. Payment of tax on motor vehicles. Irrespective of the provisions of sections 12-142 and 12-144, the appropriating body of each municipality, upon approving any budget calling for the laying of a tax on property, shall determine whether such tax as it applies to motor vehicles shall be due and payable in a single installment.

Alan Wilensky, CCMC
Waterford Tax Collector

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RTM Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford, through its Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, present a yearly budget to the RTM for its review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the FY2026 budget presented to the RTM contains capital budget requests for both current year capital improvements and capital non-recurring requests; and

WHEREAS, traditionally capital non-recurring requests in the approved yearly budget are required to be presented a second time to the BOF and RTM for a specific re-voted appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the RTM hereby resolves and approves for fiscal year 2026 a pilot program to permit funds and projects approved in the 2026 budget to be acted upon by the Town Finance Department without a separate, further appropriation vote by the Board of Finance and RTM.

So voted this _____ day of May, 2025.

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Paul Goldstein
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