




TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2025

TO: The Granby Board of Selectmen
FROM: Mike Walsh, Town Manager 
REGARDING: Bond Referendum Question – Doherty Bridge

Attached please find a bond referendum package related to an amending resolution that seeks to include the Doherty Bridge reconstruction as part of the 2019 bond authorization approved by the voters in 2019.

The bond referendum package, including adoption timelines, was prepared by Marie Phelan who is an attorney with Pullman and Comley, the Town's Bond Counsel.

In brief, the Board of Selectmen should approve the attached resolution at your March 17, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting. This will allow the Board of Finance to approve the resolution at their March 25, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting.

The Town Clerk will then need to post the Notice of Town Meeting and Referendum on or before April 9, 2025. A Town meeting will need to be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 in order for the referendum to be held on April 21, 2025.

I have asked Attorney Phelan if the April 14th Town Meeting can be combined with the already scheduled April 7th Town meeting, and the answer was "the Town must follow exactly the process it followed in 2019 when the original bond referendum questions were established".

If you have any questions on the aforementioned, I will be on hand at your next meeting to answer any questions. Thank you.

**Town of Granby, Connecticut
Adoption Timeline for Doherty Bridge
Town Meeting and Referendum**

<u>Appropriate Body</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Notes on Timing</u>	<u>Proposed Dates</u>
Board of Selectmen:	Approve resolution, set time and date for Town Meeting.		March 17, 2025 is closest meeting scheduled prior to proposed Town Meeting date leaving time for BOF Meeting thereafter.
Board of Finance:	Approve resolution.		March 24, 2025 is closest meeting scheduled prior to proposed Town Meeting date.
Town Clerk:	Issues Notice of Town Meeting and Referendum.	At least 5 days prior to Town Meeting, notice should be posted and published. (CGS §7-3 and 7-7). The day the notice is given is included in the five day count, and any Sunday or intervening holiday is included, but the day of the meeting is not included. (CGS §7-3).	Notice posted and published on or before April 9, 2025.
Town Meeting:	Discuss, consider, but not vote on, resolution.	Referendum to take place on the 7 th day following the Town meeting. (Charter §11-3(c).	Hold Town Meeting on April 14, 2025.
Referendum Date	Hold referendum.		April 21, 2025

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN
APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION OF \$13,716,000 FOR
VARIOUS BRIDGE PROJECTS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE
PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE DOHERTY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2019, the Town of Granby, Connecticut (the "Town") approved an appropriation and bond authorization for various bridge projects (the "Bridges Project") in the amount of \$13,716,000 (the "Bridges Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, and on July 28, 2021, the Town issued a total of \$4,050,000 in bonds to fund the Bridges Project (the "Bond Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, due to unexpected lower costs and grant reimbursements from the State of Connecticut (the "State"), the Town had \$2,580,000 in surplus Bond Proceeds (the "Surplus"); and

WHEREAS, the Town authorized \$1,460,000 of the Surplus for school projects leaving \$1,120,000 remaining in Surplus (the "Remaining Surplus"); and

WHEREAS, the Bridges Resolution did not contemplate or include costs related to the Doherty Road Bridge, but the Town now expects to incur costs to repair Doherty Road Bridge (the "Doherty Road Bridge Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to fund a portion of the costs of the Doherty Road Bridge Project with the Remaining Surplus and fund the balance of the costs with grant funds from the State and Town funds on hand; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Town seeks to expand the scope of the project description in the Bridges Resolution to include costs associated with the Doherty Road Bridge Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bridges Resolution is hereby amended to expand the scope of the Bridges Resolution to include costs associated with the Doherty Road Bridge Project (the "Amendment").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby recommends to the Board of Finance and to all persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town that it approve the Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Board of Finance approve the Amendment, a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on April 14, 2025, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Granby Senior Center & Youth Services Building, Community Room, 15C North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 (the "Town Meeting"), to consider the Amendment approved

by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting held on March 17, 2025, and the Board of Finance at its meeting to be held on March 24, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and the Charter of the Town hereby removes the item described above on the call of the Town Meeting to be held on April 14, 2025 for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine on April 21, 2025 by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting during the hours from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. such referendum to be held at the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 under the following heading:

Shall the Town of Granby amend the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019 to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby?

The moderator of the Town Meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Town Meeting and order such vote by voting machine in accordance with this resolution, Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town Clerk, subject to the approval of a municipal attorney, to prepare and print a concise explanatory text and other printed materials concerning the question to be submitted to the voters at referendum on April 21, 2025 specifying the intent and purpose of the Amendment in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF FINANCE
RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, the Bridges Resolution did not contemplate or include costs related to the Doherty Road Bridge, but the Town now expects to incur costs to repair Doherty Road Bridge (the "Doherty Road Bridge Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to fund a portion of the costs of the Doherty Road Bridge Project with the Remaining Surplus and fund the balance of the costs with grant funds from the State and Town funds on hand; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Town seeks to expand the scope of the project description in the Bridges Resolution to include costs associated with the Doherty Road Bridge Project.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the Board of Selectmen approved an amendment to the Bridges Resolution to expand the scope of the project description to include costs associated with the Doherty Street Bridge Project (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance wishes to approve such Amendment.

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance of the Town of Granby (the "Town") on recommendation from the Board of Selectmen, approves the Amendment and recommends to all persons qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town that the Amendment be approved.

WARNING
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM VOTE
GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

All electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Granby, Connecticut (the "Town"), are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen of the Town are convening a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Granby Senior Center & Youth Services Building, Community Room, 15C North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035. The Special Town Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on April 14, 2025 for the following purpose:

Item 1. To consider and discuss, but not vote upon, an amendment to the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019 to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby (the "Amendment").

The full text of the authorizing resolution for the Amendment is on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 15 North Granby Rd., Granby, Connecticut, for the review of any interested person.

All persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town, the Board of Selectmen have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town who are qualified to vote at town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on the following question:

Shall the Town of Granby amend the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019 to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby?

The vote will be conducted at Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035, during the hours between 8 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

Mark H. Fiorentino
First Selectman

Margaret Q. Chapple
Selectman

Frederick A. Moffa, O.D.
Selectman

Mark C. Neumann
Selectman

Kelly O. Rome
Selectman