



TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2025

TO: The Granby Board of Finance

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 Finance should approve the attached resolution at your March 24, 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 FINANCE
RESOLUTION**

**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 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.

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.