TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CT FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and RTM

*See Revisions at End of Document

Board of Selectmen

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - Board of Selectmen – Budget Hearing #1

10:00 am – Via Zoom & In-Person in 1st floor conference room, Indp. Hall, 725 Old Post Rd.

First Selectman's Budget Presentation

Budget Hearings – Town-Side

- 2073 Catalyst (formerly RYASAP)
- 2130 Pequot Library
- 2150 Lifebridge Community Services
- 2170 Discovery Museum
- 2210 Audubon Society
- 2230 Greater Bridgeport Transit
- 2250 Fairfield Museum and History Center
- 2350 Mosaic Senior Life Adult Day
- 2370 Sullivan McKinley Elder Housing
- 2430 Kennedy Collective
- 2450 Mill River Wetland Committee
- 2470 Pilot House
- 2480 Center for Family Justice
- 2492 Operation Hope
- 3050 Tax Assessor
- 4030 Police
- 4050 Animal Control
- 123 Fairfield County Regional Dispatch
- 5070 Engineering
- 4070 Street Lights
- 5011 DPW Administrative
- 5030 DPW Operations
- 7080 Parks
- 6070 Solid Waste and Recycling
- 130 Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

Public Comment

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 - Board of Selectmen – Budget Hearing #2

10:00 am – Via Zoom & In-Person in 1st floor conference room, Indp. Hall, 725 Old Post Rd.

Budget Hearings – Town-Side

- 1270 Legal Services
- 1030 Town Clerk
- 6010 Health
- 4010 Fire
- 4090 Hydrant and Water Services
- 4110 Emergency Management
- 126 Regional Fire Training Center
- 1010 First Selectman's Office
- 5080 Capital Projects and Operations
- 1110 Plan and Zoning
- 1090 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 1230 Conservation
- 1250 Shellfish
- 1350 Community and Economic Development
- 7010/7011 Library Main and Woods
- 7030 Penfield Pavilion Complex
- 7050 Recreation
- 7070 Waterfront
- 7090 Marina
- 7113 H. Smith Richardson Golf Course
- 7111 Carl J. Dickman Golf Course
- 3010 Finance
- 3130 BOF
- 1290 Miscellaneous Contingency
- 10030 Debt Service
- 2010 Contingency
- 1330 Human Resources
- 3150 Unemployment Compensation
- 1310 Retiree Benefits
- 1320 Active Employee Benefits

Public Comment

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 - Board of Selectmen – Budget Hearing #3

10:00 am – Via Zoom & In-Person in 1st floor conference room, Indp. Hall, 725 Old Post Rd.

Budget Hearings – BOE-Side

- 2531 Private School Bus Transportation
- 11030 Health and Welfare Services
- 8010 Board of Education

Budget Hearings – Town-Side

- 5050 Building
- 3030 Purchasing
- 1050 Administrative Services
- 6050 Human and Social Services
- 3090 Tax Collector
- 3110 Information Technology
- 1070 Registrars of Voters

Public Comment

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 - Board of Selectmen – Continued Budget Review, If Needed; Follow-Up, If <u>Needed</u>; Deliberative Session and Vote* <u>NEW LOCATION</u> (*There is no public comment during the deliberative session and vote).

10:00 am – Via Zoom *& In-Person in Room 102, Fairfield Regional Fire School, 205 Richard White Way (formerly One Rod Hwy). Entrance is across from Veterans Park on Reef Road. (*Location was changed from Indp. Hall to Fire School).

- Department Follow-up, if needed
- Budget Deliberative Session and Vote (No Public Comment)

Board of Finance

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 – Board of Finance Budget Hearing #1

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Room 295 A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Summary Budget Presentation by First Selectmen

Discussion on the Following Budgets: *Public comment, 3 minutes per comment*

> Administrative & General 1010 First Selectman's Office

1030	Town Clerk
1230	Conservation
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<u>Finance</u>	
3090	Tax Collector
3110	Information Technology
<u>Health and W</u>	<u>elfare</u>
6010	Health
Finance	
3010	Finance (Expense Only)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 - Board of Finance - Budget Hearing #2

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ Classroom 111, Fire Training School, 205 Richard White Way

Discussion on the Following Budgets: **Public comment, 3 minutes per comment**

<u>Finance</u> 3050	Assessor Credits to Taxpayers (N ot in departmental budget; on summary schedule for Mill Rate)	
<u>Retiree</u>		
1310	OPEB	
1310	Pension	
Administrative & General		
1320	Active Employee Benefits (Health and Life)	
1330	Human Resources	
	Insurance and Claims	
	Fundation Consider	

Executive Session

Discuss strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with HR Director Cathleen Simpson, Benefits Manager Megan Brant, Attorney Nicole Dwyer, COO David Becker, CFO Tom Harris, First Selectman Bill Gerber and Carlton Lindgren, Aon VP, Health & Benefits pertaining to ISF and Health Insurance.

- Workers Comp
- Heart & hypertension

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 - Board of Finance- Budget Hearing #3

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Discussion on the Following Budgets: *Public comment, 3 minutes per comment*

Public Safety	
4030	Police
4050	Animal Control
4150	Emergency Communications

Culture and Recreation

7010	Library – Main
7011	Library – Woods

Public Safety

4010	Fire
4090	Hydrant and Water

Finance

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3150	Unemployment Compensation
3010	Finance – (Revenue Only)
10030	Debt Service
2020	Fund Balance

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 - Board of Finance - Budget Hearing #4

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Discussion on the Following Budgets:

Public comment, 3 minutes per comment

Capital Projects

5080	Capital Projects and Operations
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Public Works

- Fublic Works5050Building6070Solid Waste and Recycling5011Public Works Administration5030Public Works Operations5070Engineering4070Street Lighting
- 13013010 WPCA

Culture and Recreation

7030 Penfield Pavilion Complex

- 7050 Parks and Recreation
- 7070 Waterfront
- 7080 Parks

7090	Marina
7111	Carl Dickman Golf Course
7113	H. Smith Richardson Golf Course
6050	Human and Social Services

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 - Board of Finance Budget Hearing #5

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Discussion on the Following Budgets: *Public comment, 3 minutes per comment*

Board of Education

8010	Board of Education
11030	Health and Welfare Services
2531	Private School Bus Transportation

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 - Board of Finance Budget Hearing #6

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ Classroom 111, Fire Training School, 205 Richard White Way

Discussion on the Following Budgets: *Public comment, 3 minutes per comment*

- <u>Administrative & General</u>
 1330 Human Resources
 Operations
- 1270 Legal
- General Liability discussion (Internal Services Fund, Insurance and Claims (Executive session regarding pending claims and litigation).
- Contingency (Executive session regarding strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining).
- Board of Finance Follow-Up w/departments

<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 - Board of Finance –Budget Comment Session For the Public (this is in</u> addition to attending other meetings in person or via Zoom or writing to the BOF by clicking "Contact the Board" on the homepage of the BOF webpage which can be accessed by going to the Town website, <u>www.fairfieldct.org</u>).

9:30 am – Fairfield WARDE High School Auditorium, 755 Melville Avenue *LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM LUDLOWE TO WARDE*

Board of Finance – Public Budget Comment Session (FWHS)

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 - Board of Finance – Budget Make-Up Day (if needed)

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ Classroom 102, Fire Training School, 205 Richard White Way

Make-Up-Day (if needed)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 – Board of Finance – Budget Deliberative Session and Vote 7:30 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Budget deliberative session and vote (no public comment will be received during the meeting)

Representative Town Meeting

Monday, APRIL 7, 2025 - Representative Town Meeting (RTM) - Budget Hearing #1

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

First Selectman Budget Presentation

Budget Hearings Schedule:

<u>Non-Profits</u>

- 2370 Sullivan-McKinney Elder Housing
- 2073 Catalyst CT (formerly RYASAP)
- 2150 Lifebridge (formerly FFld Counseling Services)
- 2170 Discovery Museum
- 2210 CT Audubon
- 2210 Greater Bpt Transit
- 2350 Mozaic Senior Life (formerly Grasmere on Park)
- 2430 The Kennedy Collective (formerly The Kennedy Center)
- 2450 Mill River Wetland Committee
- 2470 Pilot House
- 2480 The Center for Family Justice
- 2492 Operation Hope
- 2250 Fairfield Museum and History Center
- 2130 Pequot Library

Town Departments

- 1230 Conservation
- 1350 Community and Economic Development
- 4010 Fire
- 123 FFld County Regional Dispatch Center
- 7080 Parks (Parks was moved back to DPW)
- 7050 Recreation
- 7070 Waterfront
- 7030 Penfield Pavilion Complex
- 7113 H. Smith Richardson Golf Course
- 130 WPCA

Wednesday, APRIL 9, 2025 - Representative Town Meeting (RTM) - Budget Hearing #2

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Budget Hearings Schedule:

Town Departments

1270 Legal5050 Building1110 Plan and Zoning6010 Health

Board of Education

8010	Board of Education
11030	Health and Welfare Services
2531	Private School Bus Transportation

Thursday, APRIL 10, 2025 - Representative Town Meeting (RTM) - Budget Hearing #3

7:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Budget Hearings Schedule:

Town Departments

- 6050 Human and Social Services
- 6070 Solid Waste
- 5011 DPW Administration
- 5070 Engineering
- 4070 Street Lights
- 4030 Police
- 3090 Tax Collector
- 3050 Tax Assessor
- 3010 Finance
- 1330 Human Resources
- 1010 First Selectman's Office
- 1050 Administrative Services
- 1030 Town Clerk

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 - Representative Town Meeting (RTM) - Annual Budget Vote Meeting 8:00 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Board of Finance – Setting of the Mill Rate

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 - Board of Finance Regular Meeting – Mill Rate Setting

7:30 pm – Via Zoom & In-Person @ BOE Conference Rm. 295A/B, 501 Kings Hwy. E.

Revisions:

- BOF Budget Hearings Public Comment is 3 minutes (not 2 minutes) per comment. (updated 02/26/25)
- Removed "Carry-over from any Budgets not reviewed week of February 24, 2025" from 03/03/25 BOS agenda since all budgets were covered week of 02/24/25. (updated 03/02/25)
- Changed location of 03/29/25 BOF Public Budget Comment Session from FLHS to FFld WARDE High School auditorium (updated 03/02/25)
- Changed location of 03/03/25 BOS Budget Follow-Up, Deliberative Budget Session and Vote to Fairfield Fire Regional School.
- On 03/10/25, an Executive Session was added to the 03/11/25 BOF agenda.
- On 03/10/25, the RTM confirmed that the BOE proposed budget will be on its 04/09/25 agenda.
- Due to time constraints the following Finance budgets were moved from the BOF 03/11/25 agenda to the 03/13/25 agenda:

<u>Finance</u>

- 3150 Unemployment Compensation
- 3010 Finance (Revenue Only)
- 10030 Debt Service
- 2020 Fund Balance
- Due to time constraints, HR Operations that was on the 03/11/25 BOF agenda will be moved to another BOF Budget Hearing Date TBD.
- HR Operations was moved from the 03/11/25 BOF budget hearing agenda to the 03/25/25 BOF budget hearing agenda.
- Changed FLHS to FWHS for the Saturday, March 29, 2025 Public Budget Comment Session
- The 03/25/25 BOF Budget Hearing #6 agenda was revised to add back HR/Operations and change the order of some of the items.
- On 03/25/25, a detailed RTM Budget Hearing Schedule Was Added for 04/07/25 and 04/09/25-04/10/25.