

Operating Budget 2026/2027

4/28

\$66,473,269 presented at 4/28 public hearing Mill Rate 23.56

Please note that during the process of presenting budget that some boards and commissions made cuts before we got to the final amount presented to town. Such as police delaying hiring a dispatch position (\$38,000) and fire department cutting their requested increase in half (\$45,000)

5/8 meeting

\$66,258,350 was sent to the first vote Mill Rate of 23.09

The State of CT voted to supplement grants to all towns to help with tax burdens. The effect was taxes that needed to be collected in current year could be reduced.

- \$214, 929 taken out of the BOE allotment to balance out what state provided that will be paid by the town
- \$745,276 supplemental state grant added to revenue and balance in current year tax levy reduced by that amount.

6/2 Referendum #1

Yes: 487

No: 951

6/3 Board of Finance Special Meeting

\$65,286,350 was sent to second vote Mill Rate of 22.62

Total cuts of \$972,000

- Board of Education \$600,000
- Police \$100,000
- Board of Selectmen \$55,000
- Public Works \$50,000
- Employee Benefits \$100,000

- Commission on Needs of the Aging \$19,000
- Park and Recreation \$30,000
- Library \$15,000
- Registrar of Voters \$3,000

6/16 Referendum #2

Yes: 345

No: 852

6/17 Board of Finance Special Meeting

\$65,169,350 was sent to third vote Mill Rate of 22.56

Total cuts of \$117,000

- Board of Selectmen \$80,000
- Tax Department \$37,000

6/30 Referendum #3

Yes: 317

No: 788

Budget too high: 737

Budget too low: 96

7/1 Board of Finance Special Meeting

\$64,434,350 was sent to fourth vote Mill Rate of 22.21, however Board of Selectmen set the Mill rate at 22.25 so tax bills will go out at that rate

Total cuts of \$735,000

- Park and Recreation \$100,000
- Library \$235,000
- Commission on the Needs of the Aging \$100,000
- Board of Education \$200,000
- Police \$100,000

7/14 Referendum #4

Yes: 290

No: 1,167

7/20 Board of Finance Special Meeting

\$64,869,350 was sent to fifth vote. Board of Selectmen set the Mill rate at 22.25 so tax bills will go out at that rate

Total restoration of \$435,000

- Park and Recreation \$100,000 RESTORED
- Library \$235,000 RESTORED
- Commission on the Needs of the Aging \$100,000 RESTORED

7/28 Referendum #5

Yes: 615

No: 779

7/29 Board of Finance Special Meeting

\$64,269,350 was sent to sixth vote. Board of Selectmen set the Mill rate at 22.25 so tax bills have gone out at that rate

Total cuts of \$600,000

- Park and Recreation \$20,000
- Board of Selectmen/General Government \$60,000
- Public Works \$10,000
- Police \$10,000
- Board of Education \$500,000

Total cuts since original budget proposal: \$1,989,000

By Department

Board of Education: \$1,300,000 plus \$800,000 needed for Insurance for total impact of \$2,100,000

Library: \$15,000

Police: \$210,000

Board of Selectmen \$195,000

Park and Recreation: \$50,000

Commission on Needs of the Aging: \$19,000

Employee Benefits \$100,000

Public Works: \$60,000

Tax Department: \$37,000

Registrar of Voters: \$3,000

Next vote is 8/11/26. If budget passes departments will be given their approved Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budgets. If the budget fails, the Board of Finance will meet on 8/12/26 to discuss adjustments and approve to move to next referendum.