



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
November 10, 2025
6:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers
<https://youtube.com/live/5jLZbbm2mOs>**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Sheila Bailey - Town Clerk

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PRESENTATION OF COLORS - Enfield Police Department

The audience rose for the Presentation of Colors by the Enfield Police Explorers.

3. PRAYER - Sister Patricia Marie Iagrosso, Felician Sisters

A prayer was made by Sister Patricia Marie of the Felician Sisters.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Enfield Police Explorers

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. STAR SPANGLED BANNER - Sung by: Maya Matthews

The Star-Spangled Banner was performed by Maya Matthews.

6. OATH OF OFFICE - Sheila Bailey - Town Clerk

- Constables

Do you solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as constables for the Town of Enfield to the best of your abilities, so help you God or upon penalty of perjury? Affirmed by the following officers: Marshall Elemen, Rebecca Green, Bekah Halpin, Ken Kaufman, Alex Sferrazza, Mary Ann Turner, John Unghire.

- Town Council

Do you solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, that you will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, as well as the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Enfield, and faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as members of the Enfield Town Council to the best of your abilities so help you God or upon penalty of perjury? Affirmed by the following officers: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni. The Town Clerk stated that Councilor Carol Hall, who was attending remotely, received her oath of office in person at the Enfield Town Clerk's office on November 6, 2025.

7. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall (remotely), Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni

Absent: None

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

NOMINATION #7325 Councilor Maya Matthews stated that it was her pleasure to nominate Councilor Gina Cekala as Mayor of the Town of Enfield. She has known Ms. Cekala for over ten years and stated that she is tough, passionate, and will not back down from doing what is right. Mr. Cekala will listen and get work done. Ms. Matthews further stated that this had been a historic election for the Town of Enfield. Women came out to vote in record numbers resulting in a female majority in both the Town Council and the Board of Education. Ms. Matthews stated that Gina Cekala has earned this seat, and she felt confident that Ms. Cekala will lead with fairness and integrity.

Councilor John Santanella seconded the nomination and stated that Gina Cekala's dedication and commitment to the Enfield Community have never wavered. She asks the tough questions and holds the Council to a higher standard. Mr. Santanella stated that Ms. Cekala leads with purpose. She listens carefully, acts decisively, and never loses sight of the people she serves. Enfield needs strong and passionate leadership.

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Zach Zannoni to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION # 7325** adopted and Gina Cekala was appointed Mayor of the Town of Enfield. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Mayor Gina Cekala thanked Councilors Matthews and Santanella for their nomination. She thanked her children for the sacrifices they have made over the past ten years as well as her friends and family. She thanked the leadership of the Democratic Town Committee, and most of all, thanked the voters of the Town of Enfield. Ms. Cekala stated that she has learned a lot from working with previous mayors such as Scott Kaupin, Mike Ludwick, Bob Cressotti, and Ken Nelson, as well as many of her fellow colleagues.

Ms. Ceklaa stated that she will strive to be fair but firm, collaborative, considerate, and effective. She stated that she would renew her support for funding education and

infrastructure. She hopes the Council will join her this term in not letting politics get in the way of progress.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION #7326 by: Aaron Thomas, seconded: Linda Allegro.

Mayor Cekala stated that she has had the pleasure of serving with John Santanella over the past four years on the Town Council. She said that Mr. Santanella is intelligent, passionate, and has worked tirelessly for Enfield. She said that Mr. Santanella is a powerful advocate for Enfield's schools, children, teachers, seniors, and taxpayers. Mr. Santanella has advocated for a short-term and long-term financial plan for the town. He not only works hard for the Town of Enfield on the Council, but also at the state level.

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Maya Matthews to close nominations. Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **NOMINATION #7326** adopted and Councilor John Santanella was appointed Deputy Mayor. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

Deputy Mayor John Santanella thanked his family for their support and thanked his colleagues on the Council for entrusting him with the responsibilities of Deputy Mayor. He also expressed his gratitude to all the residents of District Two for their trust in him. Mr. Santanella reiterated that in this position on the Council and at the state, his job is to work for Enfield.

Mr. Santanella wanted to address what happened at the meeting held on May 20, 2024 and stated that it was unnecessary and cruel. Enfield's children should not have to plead for the resources they need to receive an education.

10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Unghire thanked her family and the residents of Enfield for their support. She congratulated her fellow Councilors and stated that she looked forward to serving with them.

Councilor Pyznar congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and thanked her family for their support. She thanked the Republican Town Committee and all the campaign workers for their help and thanked the residents for supporting her once again. She loves the Town of Enfield and looks forward to working with the new team and accomplishing great things

together.

Councilor Hall congratulated all the Councilors and stated that she looked forward to serving in her fourteenth year on the Enfield Town Council. She thanked all the people who ran for office for their willingness to serve the Town of Enfield and for all the families' support.

Zach Zannoni thanked everyone who voted during Tuesday's election and stated that it was the largest turnout in recent history. He thanked his grandparents for their support, kindness, and generosity of spirit. Every person needs someone in their life they can live up to, and his grandparents are his inspiration. Mr. Zannoni thanked the voters for electing him as the youngest Council member to ever serve on the Council. Mr. Zannoni stated that he had Bob Cressotti as a teacher in middle school. He thanked Bob Cressotti for his patience and unwavering faith in people. Serving with Bob Cressotti is one of the honors of his life.

Councilor Thomas thanked his family for their support as well as the people of Enfield who supported him. Mr. Thomas's family have deep roots in Enfield, and he is honored to serve Enfield and looks forward to getting to work.

Councilor Matthews thanked the residents of District 4 for their trust in her and promised she would be collaborative and listen. She thanked her family and friends for their support and stated that she was born and raised in Enfield and can't wait to get to work.

Councilor Allegro stated that she is honored to be able to serve the community she loves. She thanked her family, friends, and the voters of District 1 for their support. She expressed her appreciation for her campaign team and Democratic leadership and for "Team Nonnas." She started off advocating for her children and now will work hard to advocate for Enfield's children.

Councilor Mangini stated that she is the longest serving member of this Council. She congratulated Mayor Cekala and John Santanella and all the elected Councilors. She thanked her family, friends, and the voters of district 3, but especially her grandchildren, Vinnie and Carrie, who have been by her side all the way. She promised to always do what is right for the residents of Enfield.

Councilor Cressotti stated that seeing the younger candidates step up to serve has been exciting and has given him hope for Enfield's future. He said that he had the privilege of being Mayor of Enfield, and he will always be proud of that. Mr. Cressotti stated that he has been involved in athletics his entire life, and he's always stressed that in order to be successful, you have to be a good listener, teacher, and learn to put others before yourself.

He has done that in the past, and he will continue to do so. Mr. Cressotti thanked his family and the voters and stated that he was humbled by their support.

11. RESOLUTION TO SET MEETING DATES

A. Resolution Regarding Town Council Regular Meetings

RESOLUTION #7327 by: John Santanella, seconded: Cynthia Mangini.

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, Chapter III, Section 4 provides in pertinent part that: "At the first meeting of Council following the Town Election, the Town Council shall fix the time and place of its regular meeting, which shall not be less than once each month..."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first regular meeting of the 2025-2027 Council be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, thereafter, the Council shall meet in the regular session on the first and third Monday of each month, excepting the month of November, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, or at any place as the Council may designate. In the month of November, the Council shall meet on the Monday immediately following Election Day and the third Monday of the month. When Monday is a holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following day at the same hour unless otherwise provided for by motion. The day, time and place of the meeting may be changed by a majority vote.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7327** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS) TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor appointed Robert Cressotti, Maya Matthews, and Marie Pyznar to serve on the Policy and Procedure Subcommittee.

13. AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL - Sung by: Maya Matthews

America the Beautiful was performed by Councilor Maya Matthews.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council