



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
May 11, 2026
6:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers
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1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Adoption

1. Introduction of Main Motion

RESOLUTION #7497 by: John Santanella, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

RESOLVED, that page 14, General Fund Revenue Summary and page 18, Summary of Expenditure by Function of the Town Budget, as submitted by the Town Manager and the estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 including estimates of receipts and expenditures and recommendations of said Town of Enfield for:

Water Pollution Control (pgs. 80, 82-87);
Social Services Fund (pgs. 90-93, 95-106);
Department of Library Fund (pgs. 108, 110-119);
Insurance Fund (pgs. 122, 123-127);
Information Technology Fund (pgs. 130, 132-137);
Animal Control Fund (pgs. 140, 141-142);
Emergency Medical Services (pgs. 144, 146-149); and
Capital Improvement funds (pgs. 152-153)

be accepted and approved by the Town Council of the Town of Enfield.

Amendments to Proposed Town Budget

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Robert Cressotti to amend **Resolution #7497** to accept **AMENDMENTS #1 through #10** as provided in the packets by the Town Manager.

Councilor Zannoni believed that the Council had made shortsighted budget decisions over the last decade in an attempt to keep taxes low. It has caused teacher shortages and infrastructure in disrepair. They had also over-relied on one-time revenues for covering recurring operating expenses. The town also had budgets that didn't take into account the constrained finances of the residents of Enfield and had also raised taxes to the point that residents could not keep up. Tonight, they were voting on another budget that would determine the investment in Enfield public education. They looked to add positions back, but it would still not be to the number that existed pre-Covid. Over the last ten years, the BOE has received an annual increase of around 1.82%. That totals just 24% over that time. He had heard from students, parents and staff that the conditions of Enfield Public Schools are untenable. He stated that it would be a privilege to support the BOE's portion of the budget.

The town's budget has increased nearly 38% over the last decade, which is close to double that of the BOE. For the town to keep its contractual obligations and all positions, they would need \$1.6M. He didn't believe that the town could afford to make any cuts to personnel but said that Enfield is not in a position to add personnel either. While discussing the budget during Capital Improvement, they noted that any project they put off this year will only be a larger problem the next. They also need to remember that anything they fund this year will need to be funded again next year. Next budget year will bring a revaluation which will increase the town's deficit, and it would be unwise to add personnel at this time. He supported a 1.14mill increase which would cost taxpayers roughly \$230 on average or just under a 4% increase. That increase would fully fund what the BOE was seeking, maintain current contractual obligations, and preserve positions in every department. It would keep the town from funding new positions and increasing departmental spending. He found himself somewhere in the middle, stating that some councilors are comfortable making more investments where others were not willing to make enough. He believed they could not continue to underfund the BOE or cut funding for critical infrastructure. Also, they could not continue to raise taxes for residents in order to fund positions. He explained that other communities far more liberal than Enfield are being forced to make even deeper cuts because their community cannot afford to pay more. At state and federal levels, governments can place the tax burden on corporations rather than people. Unfortunately, municipalities can't do that and are forced to operate in a regressive tax structure which harms working-class individuals and seniors. He appreciated the work and time that went into this budget but does not believe that it is a set-up for a successful budget next year. He

would regretfully vote against the budget he worked so hard on but was proud to follow the principles which have guided his public service career. It was important that he made decisions based on the merit of an argument, that he remains independent in his thinking, and prioritizes affordability for the working class. He believed his vote tonight would do that.

Councilor Unghire said that the Council had worked hard on the budget and believed that, along with their upcoming amendments, they created one that is feasible and practical for both the town and the public schools.

Councilor Thomas agreed with the previous councilors and thanked the Town Manager for the proposed budget. Mr. Thomas said that the deliberations were hard and took a lot of time and required them to consider the taxpayers in both the proposed and amended budget scenarios. He thanked residents for the faith they have put in the Council.

Councilor Pyznar also believed that they worked hard on the budget but would not be in support of it. Ms. Pyznar believed that there were more areas that needed to be reviewed, and more discussion would take place later in the meeting when the amendments are presented. She was in agreement with Councilor Zannoni about the personnel positions, explaining that while they did not cut any, they should also not add more. She said it was a big request to replace vehicles at a cost of \$2.5M in one year. She reminded everyone that they had just forgiven the BOE \$6M, and it was her understanding that they had around \$1.5M in reserve money. She believed that they should be using the reserve money to replenish their budget.

Councilor Matthews felt it was important to add the new positions this year because she didn't believe they would be able to keep up with the commercial growth going forward otherwise. If Enfield was unable to keep up with the growth, then they would not be able to shift the tax burden from taxpayers to the corporations who should be shouldering most of the tax burden. She believed that this budget created the perfect building blocks for the Town Manager's short and long-range plan. It will create efficiencies within departments. She was thankful to the department directors for the time and effort they put in for their portions of the budget. They spent time looking at their positions, equipment and training and hoped that they would not take offense to the Council's questions. She was certain that the departments were not asking for wants, but for their needs. She thanked the Town Manager's office for putting the budget together.

Councilor Mangini said that as the longest serving Council member, she would proudly support both the BOE and the town budget. Ms. Mangini said that the current Town Council worked very hard to do the best they could with what they had, in the economic climate we

are in. She explained that should the BOE budget be touched or changed by reduction, they would lose staff, course offerings, and the value of Enfield's children's education. Enfield has phenomenal educators, and to lose any of them would be a tragedy. She thanked the Town Manager and department heads and employees. She said that this budget is only good enough for keeping what the town already has. It was important to move forward with the plan they had developed but also ensure they adhered to the plan as far as maintenance and repairs to buildings and structures. They had a plan to move the town forward into a healthy and safe environment.

Councilor Hall recognized the hard work that went into the budget and believed that all the councilors had the best interests of the town. Ms. Hall believed that they could have done better, and her caucus spent more time going through each line item to determine where they could make cuts on vehicles. They left a lot of vehicles on the budget that are being leased so that the police department would still get new vehicles. In doing so, they cut a lot of the DPW's requests for purchases. They believed the amount they left for the vehicle leasing program was sufficient and would prevent having to cut all of them from the budget.

Their caucus is presenting thirteen additional amendments for approval. They also look to cut the requests for additional personnel while maintaining current staff. Their proposal included a BOE funding reduction request. It was important to note that they were not looking to cut their budget but to reduce their requested increase. She was in attendance with the legislature when they voted on giving the school boards the ability to do carry-overs, which she supported. That amendment allows the school boards to carry over funds and not have to spend their balances down to zero to prevent them having to give the excess back. The excess can now be rolled over into the next year and used for educational purposes. The fund is not allowed to be used as a savings account. Currently, the board has a little over \$1.5M in the 2% fund, and at the end of this fiscal year in June they anticipate the addition of another \$1.1M. If you were to take what they had from last year and add to the revenue that will be left from this year, the anticipated balance would be \$1,916,000. The legislation also created a "drip fund" used for repairs to the schools. Enfield is unique because the town funds and manages the board's buildings, which is not the case for many towns in Connecticut. She believed the drip fund money should go back to the town since they are the ones who fund the repairs for the schools. The total between all those accounts is \$2.1M, and that is why they are requesting a reduction in the increase to the BOE budget.

An email from the Superintendent stated that he would like to use the funds to renovate the school administrative offices. She explained that it is not for him to decide but is for the residents to decide. Ultimately, the BOE will get to decide if they want to use the 2% to

renovate the offices or for educational needs. She would not support the budget as it is currently. The tax impact on residents would be too large. Enfield will be undergoing a revaluation next year, as many towns have already. A lot of legislators who have already gone through the revaluation have noted that their towns have seen increases of 30–40%. What is coming down the pipeline for next year is alarming, and many are not going to be ready for it. She believed it was important to cut where they could now, especially if they wanted the referendum to pass. They need to be conscientious of the mill rate that gets passed along to residents. The budget her caucus created has a .22 mill rate increase, which equals about \$2 a month. Their budget would not hurt any departments nor cut staffing, all while keeping the BOE budget whole.

Councilor Cressotti has worked on town budgets for the last ten years and stated that this year's was a difficult process. He commended the Town Manager on the preparation of the budget and thanked the department heads for realizing their department's needs in order to maintain the quality of life in Enfield. He stated he would be in support of both the town and BOE budgets. He explained that this afternoon they received an email from Superintendent Moccio explaining the reasoning for his appropriations. Mr. Moccio said that by eliminating \$1.9M, the BOE will lose eighteen certified staff members, like library staff, social workers, math teachers, leadership teachers, and tutors. It would mean larger class sizes and create similar issues to what they experienced during the past two years. Mr. Moccio has done a great job stabilizing and maintaining a school system to be proud of. He would not support any education amendments.

Enfield is facing the same changes other municipalities are facing, like rising costs, inflation, utilities, health care, safety, and contractual obligations. The proposed budget would protect core town services that residents rely on daily, and making cuts would seriously impact many town offerings. He will continue to invest in students, schools and teachers. It is important to maintain our infrastructure, equipment, facilities and a .2 or 0% increase is not conducive to running a town when contractual obligations are half a mill. While he does not like tax increases either, he understands the impact each dollar has on Enfield. He stated that whichever party is in the majority dictates how the budget will be. They try to maintain bipartisanship on certain issues. It is his goal to move the town forward without looking to see what can be cut to save money. He would prefer tiny tax increases over 0% for an extended period and then a large increase to catch up. He reiterated that he is in support of the town and BOE budgets.

Councilor Allegro explained that this was her first year on the Council and her first budget. Ms. Allegro ran for the Council because she believed in looking out for the safety and well-being of every resident and employee of Enfield. She saw many town departments are

understaffed and overworked, buildings and infrastructure that are in disrepair, vehicles and equipment that need to be replaced. She said it was their job to make sure people are safe and healthy while improving their quality of life. She came out of retirement to run for Council because she cares so deeply for the residents and employees of Enfield who provide services and work so hard. For those reasons, she will support the town and BOE budget.

Deputy Mayor Santanella extended his thanks to town staff, department heads, finance director, and the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager for the long hours they put into creating this budget and attending budget deliberations. He said that Councilor Cressotti hit all the items on his list and agreed with everything he said. He said that Enfield is in a big hole due to not taking care of the community. They set the intention of creating a budget not just this year, but for years to come, in hopes of getting back on track and setting themselves up for success. While he was originally unsure about the current Town Manager, he now has an immense respect for him and his vision for Enfield. He said that Mr. Coppler understands what it will take to get Enfield from point A to point B without breaking the bank, and he is proud of this first step. He said if anyone wanted to review the hours of budget deliberations to see how they got to this point, it was available. Residents will be able to see they are looking to increase in the smallest increments possible. He understands that residents may not like the increase that is coming, but it was the smallest amount they could do to get them moving in the right direction. He is very proud of the work they have done, and he will support the town and BOE budgets.

Mayor Cekala said that she was in support of the budget and said that no budget is perfect. Ms. Cekala understood that no one wants tax increases, but the Council has made a commitment to the town. They are not going to be able to fix everything within one year, but this budget would be set on track. They worked hard to find a balance between additional funding, staffing and equipment, and not overburdening taxpayers. They were able to identify other revenue sources which were discussed during deliberations. She hoped that those projects would be implemented in upcoming meetings.

Between what the BOE asked for and town wage contractual obligations, they were looking at a 1.38 mill increase, or roughly 4%. That did not include anything such as increases in fuel costs, electricity, and refuse disposal. They were able to get it to 1.61, which is a small increase from where the baseline was. Their goal was to fund education, which was accomplished with this budget. They also created a short-term and long-term plan for buildings and infrastructure. It also included crucial personnel who would help to maintain those buildings and infrastructure. She stressed the importance of maintaining the things they have and plan to have. This budget helps reverse years of underfunding and under-delivering. They could not expect the town to move forward with a zero or close to zero

increase. If they had made smaller increases over time, they would never have seen a 1.6 mill rate increase. Smaller increases would have allowed for maintenance and upkeep, without burdening taxpayers. She supported this budget and acknowledged all the hard work that went into creating it.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENTS #1 - #10** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire Abstain: None. ***Copies of Amendments #1 - #10 are appended to these minutes.***

Councilor Hall stated that the Republican caucus had thirteen amendments and asked whether the individual accounts needed to be read, and the Town Clerk confirmed that account names needed to be read. Councilor Zannoni asked if each amendment was going to be read separately and voted on or voted on all together. Mayor Cekala stated that they would all be read and voted on as a block.

Ms. Hall requested that they be voted on individually as some items may have additional support. Ms. Cekala stated that they would not have six affirmative votes for any of the amendments and as a matter of efficiency, they should be voted on as a block. Ms. Hall confirmed with the Town Clerk that if the amendments were presented as a group, they would be voted on as a group and individuals would not have an opportunity to vote on each amendment.

MOTION by John Santanella to suspend the rules and agree that the Council would group the next thirteen amendments and vote on them as a block, seconded by Aaron Thomas.

Councilor Santanella stated that last Thursday during budget deliberations, all thirteen items were discussed and there was no consensus in support of these amendments. He felt it was disrespectful to everyone to force a vote individually, knowing there was not enough support. Councilor Hall responded that they were being proposed as individual amendments and requested a vote on each amendment.

Mayor Cekala stated there was a motion on the floor to suspend the rules, which was seconded, and asked the Town Clerk if they should vote on the motion. The Town Clerk stated that it was her belief that since these amendments were not part of the agenda packet and not noticed in any way and are being made on the floor, they must be voted on as they are presented. Mr. Santanella asked if the Council Rules and Procedures requiring eight votes to add an item to the agenda were applicable and the Town Clerk responded that they were amendments to an item that was already properly noticed on the agenda and were not adding new items to the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Santanella and Councilor Thomas rescinded their motion and second.

AMENDMENT #11 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 77 in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce Transfer to Capital per attached schedule) and to adjust Transfers to Library for expense reductions in the Library Fund: ***Schedule is appended to these minutes.***

NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES - TRANSFERS OUT AND CONTINGENCY

	Adjustment Amount
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL	(500,000)
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY	(60,380)

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #11** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #12 by: Carol Hall, seconded: Lori Unghire to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 37 in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce Assistant Tax Collector position)

	FROM	TO
Collector of Revenue		
SALARIES	283,100	217,100
HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE	86,636	43,895
LIFE INSURANCE	604	411
SOCIAL SECURIY (FICA)	18,500	14,285
MEDICARE	4,327	3,341

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #12** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire , Zach Zannoni No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #13 by: Lori Unghire, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on pages 59 in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce 2 Custodian positions, Supplies and Machinery):

	FROM	TO
Custodial/Maintenance		
SALARIES	3,255,001	3,160,027
HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE	1,208,982	1,126,882

LIFE INSURANCE	6,270	6,036
SOCIAL SECURIY (FICA)	225,778	219,890
MEDICARE	52,809	51,433
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	-
MACHINERY	44,250	-

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #13** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #14 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 54 in accordance with the following schedule (DPW Admin - \$60,000 from Other Prof Services):

	FROM	TO
Public Works - Administration		
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	84,800	24,800

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #14** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #15 by: Carol Hall, seconded: Marie Pyznar to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 57 in accordance with the following schedules (Reduce B&G Other Purchased Services and Supplies/Materials);

	FROM	TO
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance		
OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	25,000	2,360
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	25,000	-

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #15** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #16 by: Lori Unghire, seconded: Marie Pyznar to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget_as shown on page 65 in accordance with the following schedules (Reduce Refuse Collection & Disposal - \$39,000);

FROM	TO
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Refuse Collection & Disposal

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

43,000

4,000

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #16** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #17 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 73 in accordance with the following schedules (Reduce Boards & Commissions - Prison Liaison Committee - \$500);

	FROM	TO
Boards & Commissions		
PRISON/TOWN LIASION COMMITTEE	500	-

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #17** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #18 by: Carol Hall, seconded: Marie Pyznar to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 77 in accordance with the following schedules (adjust Transfers to Library for expense reductions in the Library Fund);

	Adjustment Amount
NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES - TRANSFERS OUT AND CONTINGENCY	
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY	(60,380)

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #18** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #19 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 APPROPRIATION for the Town as shown on page 18 by DECREASING Total Schools Budget from \$83,578,112 to \$81,377,061

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #19** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #20 by: Lori Unghire, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on pages 15 and 16 in accordance with the following

schedule (Adjust revenue items):

	Adjustment Amount
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	
TAXES-REAL ESTATE	(4,157,740)
TAXES -PERSONAL PROPERTY	(394,250)
PRIOR YEAR LEVY	300,000
BUILDING & MECHANICAL	500,000
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	500,000

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #20** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

AMENDMENT #21 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Carol Hall to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget as shown on page 83 in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce WPC Signage)

	FROM	TO
NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES - TRANSFERS OUT AND CONTINGENCY		
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL	989,000	954,000

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #21** failed. Yes: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas Abstain: None.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7497** adopted as *amended*. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

2. Adopt Resolution re: Capital Improvement Plan

RESOLUTION #7498 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield hereby finds and determines that each capital project for the 2026-27 fiscal year indicated as a Series or as a specific capital expenditure in the Capital Improvement Annual Budget shall constitute a single

appropriation of funds for said Series or expenditure.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7498** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire Abstain: None.

3. Adopt Resolution re: LOCIP

RESOLUTION #7499 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield does hereby appropriate LOCIP Grant Funds in the amount of \$440,831 for the following purpose in accordance with the 2026-2027 Annual Operating and Capital Budget:

Roads 2021 Paving Projects \$440,831

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7499** adopted unanimously.

4. Adopt Resolution re: Education Block Grant

RESOLUTION #7500 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti.

RESOLVED, that the Town Schools' Budget adopted by the Town Council in the amount of \$83,578,112 included the anticipated revenue of \$28,380,144 from the Education Block (Cost Sharing) Grant and the anticipated revenue of \$1,192,946 from the Supplemental Education Aid Grant.

Deputy Mayor Santanella stated that the representatives had worked hard at the state legislature to increase state funds to cities and towns, and he felt it was unfortunate that some members of the Council looked to not just take back those funds, but to take additional funds as well. Mr. Santanella stated that budgets show where your priorities lay. Mr. Santanella stated that the Superintendent's email didn't state that they were going to use the funds to renovate the administrative offices. Part of the modernization plan is that Enfield Street School will potentially become the new central office. The Superintendent's plan is to save money in every year's budget to be able to fund those renovations without going to a referendum.

Councilor Pyznar stated that she didn't equate money with education. She has stated in the past that she is for the modernization plan. She stated the only funds they were looking at taking was the 2% reserve. The Drip Fund is to take care of buildings. In Enfield, the town takes care of the school buildings and not the Board of Education and those funds should go back to the town. Councilor Unghire stated that she supports the school modernization plan and supports education and teachers.

Councilor Hall stated that the Superintendent and Board of Education cannot decide to renovate schools; only the Council can. She further stated that the Town Council does not get to govern how the funds appropriated to the Board of Education are spent. If the Board feels renovating Enfield Street School is more important than the list of items the Superintendent has stated would need to be cut should their amendments be approved, it is the Board's decision. Ms. Hall explained that next year, the BOE will also receive an increase in the ECS Funding of approximately \$1M.

Councilor Zannoni stated that the Town Council had a conversation about how in the past the BOE used one-time COVID revenues for reoccurring expenses and everyone agreed that it was not responsible. His issue with the amendments to reduce the BOE's budget is that it is using a one-time source of revenue to fund ongoing operating expenses, which will just create a bigger hole next budget season. This is why the Superintendent said he would need to cut positions because he was not going to go down that road again.

Mayor Cekala stated that people were asking for a long-term plan, and part of that plan is the Superintendent allocating those funds to renovate buildings so the town doesn't need to go out to referendum.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7500** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Zach Zannoni No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire Abstain: None.

5. Adopt Resolution re: Setting Tax Rate

RESOLUTION #7501 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Linda Allegro.

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 33.11 mills be set on the Real Estate and Business Personal Property Grand List of October 1, 2025 for the Town of Enfield and shall be payable in two semi-annual installments - July 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 29.21 mills be set on the Motor Vehicle Grand List of October 1, 2025, and shall be paid in full on July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, however, that real estate and personal property taxes amounting to \$100.00 or less shall be paid in full on July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any motor vehicle, real estate or business personal property taxes in the amount of \$5.00 or less, shall be waived, pursuant to Connecticut State Statute §12-144c.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7501** adopted. Yes: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas No: Carol Hall, Marie Pyznar, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni Abstain: None.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: John Santanella, seconded: Aaron Thomas to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council

Budget Amendment Schedule 2026-2027

Amendments to Town Appropriations

AMENDMENT #1

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget
as shown on pages 35 (Treasury) and 41 (General Services) in accordance with the following schedule (Move Purchasing Assistant to Accountant):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
TREASURER		
SALARIES	371,619	448,366
HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE	128,524	166,481
LIFE INSURANCE	753	946
SOCIAL SECURIY (FICA)	23,373	28,132
MEDICARE	5,467	6,580
GENERAL SERVICES		
SALARIES	172,382	86,191
HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE	41,917	14,126
LIFE INSURANCE	386	193
SOCIAL SECURIY (FICA)	10,688	5,344
MEDICARE	2,500	1,250

AMENDMENT #2

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget
as shown on pages 57 (Buildings & Grounds) in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce Plumber and HVAC Tech to 6 months):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance		
SALARIES	1,739,745	1,656,545
HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE	645,474	606,217
LIFE INSURANCE	2,876	2,759
SOCIAL SECURIY (FICA)	138,131	132,973
MEDICARE	32,306	31,100

AMENDMENT #3

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget
as shown on page 20 in accordance with the following schedule (Front Desk Employees):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Town Manager		
SALARIES - PART TIME	24,000	69,822
SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	30,576	33,417
MEDICARE	7,304	7,969

AMENDMENT #4

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget
as shown on page 77 in accordance with the following schedules(Reduce Capital Transfer for LOCIP Payment - \$440,831);
Reduce EPD vehicle request by six - \$510,000; Reduce Capital Transfer - \$600,000; Reduce 1 dump truck - \$325,000) and to
adjust Transfers to Library for expense reductions in the Library Fund:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES - TRANSFERS OUT AND CONTINGENCY		
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL	4,000,000	2,124,169
TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY	2,973,406	2,972,023

Amendment to Total Town APPROPRIATION

AMENDMENT #5

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 APPROPRIATION for the Town
as shown on page 18 by DECREASING from \$84,641,230 to \$82,684,406.

Amendment to Total Town and School APPROPRIATION

AMENDMENT #6

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 APPROPRIATION for the Total Budget
as shown on page 18 by DECREASING from \$168,219,342 to \$166,262,518

Amendment to Revenue Estimates

AMENDMENT #7

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget
as shown on pages 15 and 16 in accordance with the following schedule (Adjust current year taxes and use of fund balance for new mill rate):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
GENERAL FUND REVENUE		
TAXES-REAL ESTATE	102,258,729	98,777,742
TAXES -PERSONAL PROPERTY	9,722,939	9,391,088
TAX LOSS - STATE PROPERTY	1,563,755	1,651,597
MASHANTUCHET PEQUOT INDIANS	1,224,751	1,799,939
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION AID	-	1,192,946

AMENDMENT #8

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Budget by DECREASING the Total
Revenue Appropriation as shown on pages 14 and 16 from \$168,219,342 to \$166,262,480

Amendments to the Library Department Fund

Amendment #9

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Library Department Senior Center Budget
as shown on page 114 in accordance with the following schedule (Move Café Coordinator to Part Time):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT SENIOR CENTER		
SALARIES - PART TIME	48,776	57,668
SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	20,409	20,961
MEDICARE	4,776	4,905
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	66,496	55,540

AMENDMENT #10

to amend the Manager's proposed 2026-2027 Library Department Budget
as shown on page 108 to reduce general fund support to reflect amendments to appropriations in the Library Fund:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT REVENUE SUMMARY		
LIB/LEISURE - SENIOR CENTER - GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN	377,099	375,716

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Proposed Capital Reductions
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Vehicle Being Replaced	Budget Reduction
ETV Vehicle	(46,000)
DPW/B&G 2006 Van	(60,000)
DPW/WPCF 2008 Car	(36,000)
DPW/Custodian 2008 Car	(36,000)
DPW/WPCF 2010 Hybrid SUV	(35,000)
CommunityDevelopment 2010 Car	(36,000)
Building Dept - 2013 SUV	(44,000)
DPW/B&G 2013 Van	(65,000)
DPW/Highway - 2013 Pickup	(92,000)
DPW - Field Line Painting Robot	<u>(50,000)</u>
Total Reduction	(500,000)