



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 16, 2025
6:00 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers
https://youtube.com/live/U_p4toq1CZc**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini (remotely), Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau (remotely), John Santanella, Lori Unghire

Absent: Bob Hendrickson Councilor Cekala arrived at 6:25pm.

Also Present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Town Manager Christopher Bromson reviewed some of the major projects completed by the town during the last fiscal year and presented the town's portion of the budget. He explained that Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio would attend the Public Hearing on April 28, 2025 to present and answer questions on the Board of Education budget. ***A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.*** Mr. Bromson left the meeting at 6:25pm.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2025/2026 Budget

RESOLUTION #7197 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Marie Pyznar.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council shall conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the order of business of the 2025/2026 budget hearing be arranged as follows:

1. Presentation of the Town Manager's Budget;
2. The Superintendent of Schools highlights the Board of Education Budget; and
3. Comments from members of the public for the first time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each speaker be requested to register with the Town Clerk his or her name and address and that no speaker be allowed to speak more than five

minutes each successive time the speaker's name is called.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7197** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella, Lori Unghire No: None Abstain: None.

B. Resolution Appointing _____ as Town Manager of the Town of Enfield
RESOLUTION #7198 by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Lori Unghire.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 1 of the Town Charter, the Enfield Town Council does hereby appoint Matthew Coppler as Town Manager for the Town of Enfield, said appointment to take effect July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the employment agreement with Matthew Coppler as Town Manager for the Town of Enfield.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #7198** adopted. Yes: Michael Ludwick, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, Lori Unghire No: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Cynthia Mangini, John Santanella Abstain: None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Lori Unghire to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 TOWN BUDGET

Presentation to Enfield Town Council
April 16, 2025



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Year in Review Projects & Progress of FY 25

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ENFIELD HIGH & POWDER HOLLOW FIELDS



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HIGGINS PARK



Enfield's hometown boy Bill Gaines and his band "Johnny Six Gun Band" will be kicking off the Summer Concert Series at the Bandshell on June 3, 2025



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ENFIELD SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS

Under the direction of the Town Council, the Enfield Police Department stood up the School Safety Officer (SSO) Program for this academic year

- Every school has a School Resource Officer, SSO, or both
- Career experience ranges from 30 – 43 years
- Roles and responsibilities were agreed upon by town and school officials and approved by legal counsel
- SSOs were welcomed as members of school communities
- SSOs are all currently expected to return to service for next academic year



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\$4 Million in funding awarded
through DECD Brownfield Grant

33 N. River St

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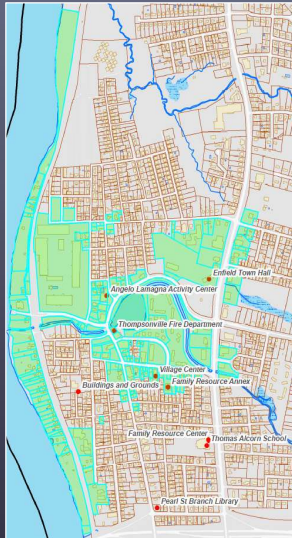


\$10 Million in funding from the
DECD Community Investment Fund
&
\$4 Million through DECD Brownfield
Grant

Enfield Market Place

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THOMPSONVILLE TIF ENHANCEMENTS



**Total currently in TIF Fund
\$1,751,800**

Small Business Seating Initiative for
5 Thompsonville locations estimated
\$74,000-\$88,000



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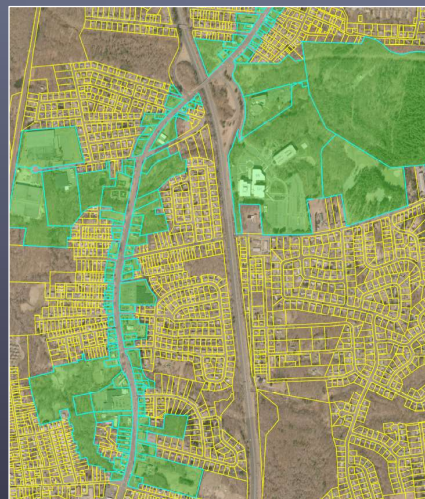
PROSPECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMERCIAL FAÇADE PROGRAM



Staff requesting reuse of funds through CT Department of Housing
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Commercial properties on Route 5 and Thompsonville
Staff currently reviewing eligibility, guidelines and application

ROUTE 5 TIF DISTRICT



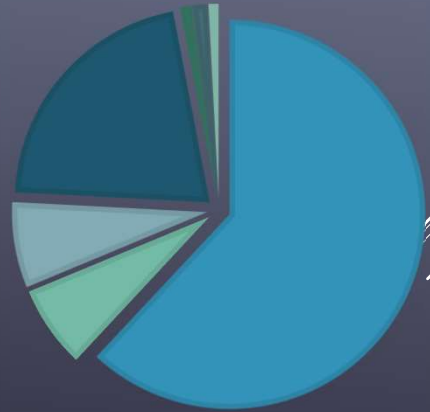
Refreshing the Gateway to Connecticut

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GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	Total	%
Property Taxes	\$98,021,478	61.94 %
Motor Vehicle	\$10,786,284	6.82 %
Other Taxes	\$11,184,969	7.07 %
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$33,476,127	21.15 %
Charges for Services	\$1,529,800	.97 %
Investments, Rental Income, and Other	\$1,980,517	1.25%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$6,000	0.00 %
Licenses and Permits	\$1,261,700	0.80 %
Total	\$158,246,875	100%

Property Taxes
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 Fines and Forfeitures
 Licenses and Permits



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STATE REVENUE

	FY26	FY25	FY24
PILOT State Owned Real Property	\$1,351,210	\$1,351,210	\$1,556,174
PILOT Colleges and Hospitals	0	0	0
Local Capital Improvement (LOCIP)	\$440,832	\$308,442	\$315,000
Town Aid Road Grant	\$511,649	\$512,596	\$529,303
Grants for Municipal Projects	\$256,875	\$256,875	\$256,875
Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Grant	\$1,224,751	\$1,224,751	\$1,224,751
Education Cost Sharing - Base Entitlement	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$28,380,000
Total	\$33,608,962	\$33,477,519	\$32,262,103

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FY 2025 TOWN & BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

	FY 2026 Proposed	FY 2025 Adopted	Amount Change	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$81,741,524	\$77,429,555	\$4,311,969	5.57%
Town	\$80,382,380	\$76,796,888	\$3,585,492	4.67%
Total Town & BOE	\$162,123,904	\$154,226,443	\$7,897,461	5.12%

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BOE IN-KIND SERVICES REPORT (FY 24)

Department	Cost
Information Systems	\$903,680
School Crossing Guards	\$138,826
Police Department	\$608,580
HR/Personnel Management	\$10,561
Financial Management	\$7,789
EMS	\$6,498
Library	\$26,069
Highway	\$63,775
Building & Grounds	\$2,478,630
Custodial Services	\$3,248,025
Financial Audit	\$50,000
CIP Projects	\$1,716,513
FY 26 Debt Service (JFK & EHS)	\$3,119,495
Total	\$15,382,332

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MILL RATE

- FY 22 mill rate: 34.23 mills
- FY 23 mill rate: 27.89 mills (- 6.34)
- FY 24 mill rate (RE,PP): 30.56 mills (+ 2.67)
- FY 24 mill rate (MV): 29.21 mills (+1.32)
- **FY 25 mill rate (RE,PP): 30.56 mills (0.00)**
- FY 25 mill rate (MV): 29.21 mills (0.00)

For a home in Enfield worth \$235,000, the property taxes would be **\$5,417**

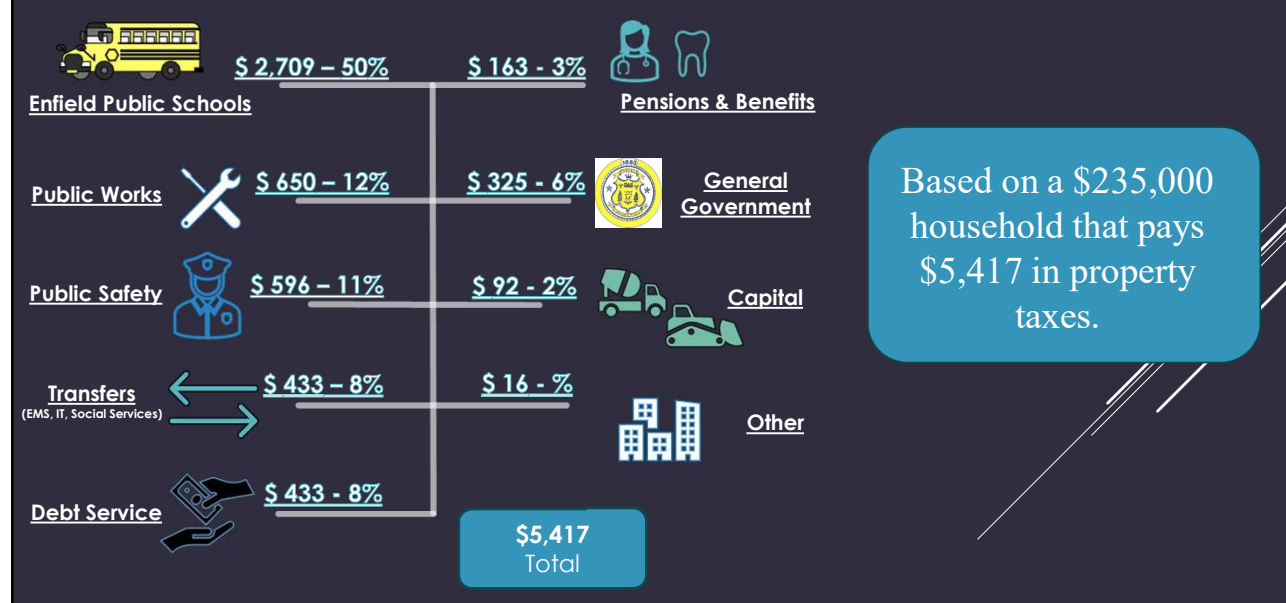
$(235,000 * 70\% \text{ Assessed value}) / 1,000 * 32.93 \text{ mills}$

- **FY 26 mill rate (RE,PP): 32.93 mills (+2.37)**
- **FY 26 mill rate (MV): 29.21 mills (0.00)**

- The 2025-26 proposed mill rate is **32.93** for every \$1,000 of taxable value. Taxable value is 70% of market value of the property as established by the Town Assessor's Office

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WHERE DO THE TAX DOLLARS GO?



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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Expenditures	FY 2026 Proposed	FY 2025 Adopted
Personnel	\$1,842,756	\$1,936,832
Other Operating (utilities, chemicals, etc.)	\$3,265,840	\$3,099,992
Capital	\$2,800,000	\$2,854,000
Debt Service	\$2,022,155	\$2,022,155
Total	\$9,930,751	\$9,912,979

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WPC RATES RECOMMENDED

	FY 2026 Town Manager Recommendation	FY 2025 Actual Adopted	FY 2024 Actual Adopted
Base Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Volumetric Usage Charges	\$7.20 / 1,000 gal	\$7.20 / 1,000 gal	\$3.60 / 1,000 gal
	\$10.78 / 1,000 gal	\$10.78 / 1,000 gal	\$5.39 / 1,000 gal

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CONTRACTUAL AND MANDATORY INCREASES

Driver	Amount
Employee Benefits (Health Ins (14%), Pension, Soc Sec, Medicare)	\$901,872
Contractual Union Increases in Wages	\$962,812
Increase due Veteran's Exemption State Changes	\$286,000
Motor Vehicle Assessment Changes	\$653,165
Added positions last FY (Asst. Town Attorney, SRO, Town Manager Increase, Police Captain)	\$496,975
Board of Education Budget Increase	\$4,311,969
Total	\$7,612,793

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

	Total Asset Value
Police Vehicles (5)	\$425,000
Portable Radios (110) Police	\$401,099
Lucas CPR Devices (2)	\$27,264
Portable Radios (22) EMS	\$80,220
Professional Engineering Services	\$75,000
Miscellaneous School Facilities	\$50,000
Memorial Boiler	\$90,000
ACM Abatement Memorial	\$75,000
Mandatory HVAC Inspection - EHS	\$100,000
Miscellaneous Town Facilities	\$75,000
Sign Making Supplies	\$66,000
Boiler Water Treatment	\$33,493
Miscellaneous Sport Field Upgrades	\$75,000

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) CONT.

	Total Asset Value
Replacement PIP rubber playground surfacing (Alcorn)	\$225,000
Gym Floor Replacement (Alcorn)	\$75,000
Eagle Academy Concrete Walks	\$132,000
Contribution to ROADS 2021	\$60,000
Townwide Road Crack Seal Program	\$65,000
Storm Sewer Pipe Re-lining	\$200,000
Pool Car (1)	\$45,000
RRM Rear Loader	\$335,916
(2) Scrubbers w/spare batteries and chargers	\$22,250
Ballpark Groomer/Renovator	\$12,000
Synthetic Turf Brush	\$6,000
Total	\$2,751,242

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

	Total Asset Value
Pump Stations Upgrades	\$ 370,000.00
Simon Rd Lift Station Replacement	\$ 750,000.00
Roads 2021 Sewer work	\$ 300,000.00
Roads 2021 Sewer work T-ville area	\$ 100,000.00
WPCF Clarifier Blade Replacement	\$ 100,000.00
Enfield Terrace Pump Rebuild	\$ 20,000.00
Muffin Monsters Grape Brook, South River, Simon, N. Maple	\$ 150,000.00
Lightning Mixer	\$ 150,000.00
6" Godwin	\$ 60,000.00
CMOM	\$ 300,000.00
Collection System in Advance	\$ 500,000.00
Water Pollution Control Total	\$ 2,800,000.00

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FUND BALANCE FY 26

Minimum fund balance requirement – 9% of the operating budget - \$15,405,521

6/30/2024 Balance	\$ 28,199,324
Planned Usage for FY26 Budget	\$(3,877,029)

Available Fund Balance	\$24,322,295
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Fund Balance Used

BOE Agreement	\$ 5,601,408
Simon Road & Enfield St	\$ 1,480,771
Ambulance & 5 Police Cruisers	\$ 750,000
Total	\$7,832,179

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BUDGET TIMELINE

Date	Event
April 16, 2025 (we are here)	Town Manager's Proposed Budget submitted to Town Council
April 21 st , 23 rd , 24 th (week of 4/28 if needed)	Town Council Conducts Budget Review Sessions
April 24, 2025	P&Z CIP Presentation
April 28, 2025	Public Hearing on Budget
May 12, 2025	Budget adopted by this date
July 1, 2025	Budget becomes effective FY 2026

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