

Revenue	Actual 2025	Budgeted 2026	Estimated 2026	Proposed 2027
Intergovernmental				
ECS	1,765,187.00	1,668,240.00	1,764,576.00	1,764,574.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	93,975.00	41,200.00	35,000.00	41,200.00
Regional Water Authority	272,741.00	279,065.00	279,139.00	279,065.00
Pilot Grants	54,546.00	58,844.00	35,298.00	53,298.00
Town Aid Road	209,355.00	209,355.00	278,781.20	278,781.00
LOCIP	0.00	68,550.00	0.00	0.00
MRSF Motor Vehicle	429,092.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	44,381.00	77,720.00	90,470.76	87,100.00
	<u>2,869,277.00</u>	<u>2,402,974.00</u>	<u>2,483,264.96</u>	<u>2,504,018.00</u>
Departmental				
Permits & Fees	140,033.00	124,750.00	119,150.00	128,200.00
Park & Recreation	223,425.00	471,600.00	325,487.43	393,914.00
Veterans Park	39,832.00	35,000.00	33,552.30	35,000.00
Senior/Social Service	9,602.00	8,500.00	8,750.00	13,250.00
Town Clerk	20,099.00	18,000.00	18,500.00	18,000.00
	<u>432,991.00</u>	<u>657,850.00</u>	<u>505,439.73</u>	<u>588,364.00</u>
Other Revenues				
Investment Interest	409,907.00	310,000.00	335,000.00	345,000.00
Conyenance	85,424.00	90,000.00	87,500.00	91,000.00
Ordinance Copies	8,338.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Miscellaneous	153,446.00	151,300.00	169,758.32	156,660.00
Non current Tax Revenue	463,960.00	375,000.00	371,250.00	382,500.00
	<u>1,121,075.00</u>	<u>934,800.00</u>	<u>972,008.32</u>	<u>983,660.00</u>
Total Non Tax Revenue	4,423,343.00	3,995,624.00	3,960,713.01	4,076,042.00
Balance from Taxes prior to subsidies		23,250,877.00	22,425,282.99	23,972,348.00
General Fund Subsidy		600,000.00	600,000.00	400,000.00
Balance to be collected from Taxes		22,650,877.00		23,572,348.00

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, AT 7p.m.



**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET HEARING
NOTICE & WARNING**

Town of Bethany
April 22, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Bethany Town Hall, 40 Peck Road, Bethany, Connecticut

BUDGET HEARING:

On Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Bethany Town Hall Gym, the Bethany Board of Finance will present its recommended budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Catherine Erickson
Chairman, Board of Finance
TOWN OF BETHANY ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING



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40 Peck Road
Bethany, CT 06524
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Dear Neighbor,

The Town's Annual Budget Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 PM** in the **Town Hall Gym**.

This hearing provides residents with the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed budget in advance of the **Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026**. The purpose of the hearing is to allow you to ask questions and offer input to the Board of Finance before a final budget proposal is prepared for the May vote. We welcome your comments and recommendations, including suggestions for specific line-item increases or decreases.

In addition to reviewing the audited results for **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025** and the expected results for **FY2026**, we will also present:

- FY2027 departmental and Board of Selectmen budget requests
- The Board of Finance recommended expenditure budget
- Budgetary options for consideration

This budget is not yet final. At the hearing, we will consider resident funding requests for FY2027, including adjustments to individual line items and the deferral or acceleration of capital projects. We appreciate your review of the full budget and encourage constructive feedback.

Following the hearing, the Board of Finance will meet to consider public input and prepare its final budget recommendation for presentation at the Annual Town Meeting.

This document includes departmental summaries. Detailed line-item information is available on the Town website for download, or in hard copy at the Town Clerk's Office prior to the meeting and at the door on the evening of the hearing.

Please note that this Budget Hearing is the only opportunity for residents to recommend both increases and decreases to town budget. Once the budget moves to the Annual Town Meeting, line items may only be decreased. Therefore, any requests to add funding or increase specific line items must be raised at this Budget Hearing for them to be considered.

The proposed expenditure budget for the coming fiscal year totals \$28,048,390, representing an overall increase of 3.02%, or \$820,965. The primary driver of this increase is education. Funding for the Bethany Community School increased by 4.7% (\$385,388), and the Town's share of the Amity Regional School District budget increased by 3.3%, reflecting a larger increase in Bethany's proportion of enrolled students compared to Orange and Woodbridge.

Combined, education accounts for \$684,386, or more than 83% of the total budget increase. Outside of education, the remaining increase is largely attributable to higher employee benefit costs, restructuring within the First Selectman's Office, and an increase in the budget for legal representation for the Town.

On the revenue side, growth was minimal, with no significant increase in either the Grand List or State funding. In order to limit the overall budget increase, the Board of Finance worked diligently to identify areas for reduction and deferral. This included postponing certain capital investments, such as the replacement of a Public Works backhoe, and choosing not to fund a capital sinking fund this year. A sinking fund is typically used as a "rainy day" reserve or to systematically plan for expensive capital projects over time. These actions allowed the Board to limit the overall increase while continuing to maintain essential services. The Board recognizes that deferred capital needs will require future consideration and is actively evaluating how best to balance current affordability with long-term financial planning. We appreciate your participation in the Budget Hearing.

Sincerely,

Catherine Erickson, Chairman, Board of Finance

TOWN OF BETHANY									
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027									
CONSOLIDATED OPERATING BUDGET (\$)									
TOTALS	26,240,342	27,227,425	19,237,989	26,621,419	29,119,107	29,267,833	28,048,390	3.02%	820,965
DEPT NAME	FY 2024-2025 ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	FY 2025-2026 BUDGET	FY 2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL	FY 2025-2026 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	FY 2026-2027 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2026-2027 FIRST SEL BUDGET	FY 2026-2027 BOF BUDGET	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE
Selectman	218,251	249,897	167,091	258,897	337,547	338,047	318,047	27.27%	68,150
Board of Finance	144,629	212,400	39,000	57,700	209,900	209,900	209,900	-1.18%	(2,500)
Finance	249,839	262,600	176,605	254,591	265,517	273,350	269,350	2.57%	6,750
Town Treasurer	2,649	2,700	1,200	2,400	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.00%	-
Assessor	100,678	115,703	65,687	115,703	115,703	112,303	112,303	-2.94%	(3,400)
Bd of Assess Appeals	1,019	600	147	600	600	600	600	0.00%	-
Tax Collector	123,917	153,408	102,058	153,008	155,409	154,315	151,315	-1.36%	(2,093)
Town Clerk	185,103	182,652	123,690	188,010	196,179	190,875	188,475	3.19%	5,823
Land Use	217,848	230,020	129,241	193,150	-	214,200	214,000	-6.96%	(16,020)
Town Counsel	70,020	67,200	75,251	112,800	107,000	107,000	107,000	59.23%	39,800
Registrar of Voters	78,693	66,348	41,566	58,200	69,640	70,250	70,250	5.88%	3,902
Memberships	8,336	8,336	8,336	8,336	8,336	8,336	8,336	0.00%	-
Town Hall IT	80,081	102,850	84,723	102,850	133,800	133,800	133,800	30.09%	30,950
Town Hall	182,368	209,750	110,896	173,350	200,100	194,600	194,100	-7.46%	(15,650)
Misc Boards	5,631	6,000	1,067	5,350	5,750	5,750	5,750	-4.17%	(250)
BOE Fuel	118,938	116,815	68,158	115,400	109,500	109,500	109,500	-6.26%	(7,315)
General Insurance	158,279	179,315	123,823	168,316	183,200	183,200	183,200	2.17%	3,885
Employee Benefits	1,189,176	1,423,000	796,503	1,262,300	1,564,800	1,564,800	1,524,000	7.10%	101,000
Gen. Government	3,135,456	3,589,594	2,115,041	3,230,961	3,665,681	3,873,526	3,802,626	5.93%	213,032
Police	252,672	258,600	95,120	253,350	270,356	262,856	259,056	0.18%	456
Fire	488,738	491,625	455,878	481,131	485,377	485,377	485,377	-1.27%	(6,248)
Fire Marshal	59,550	58,661	40,633	59,748	59,637	53,900	53,900	-8.12%	(4,761)
Emergency Mang.	29,070	33,800	19,894	33,551	35,600	33,300	33,300	-1.48%	(500)
Animal Control	61,001	61,890	58,890	61,890	61,890	61,890	63,250	2.20%	1,360
Public Safety	891,030	904,576	670,416	889,670	912,860	897,323	894,883	-1.07%	(9,693)
Agencies	75,021	76,326	54,443	75,972	77,074	77,074	77,074	0.98%	748
Public Health	75,021	76,326	54,443	75,972	77,074	77,074	77,074	0.98%	748
Human Services	153,590	153,925	89,704	149,797	159,930	156,425	151,275	-1.72%	(2,650)
Community Services	361,573	377,910	368,643	373,834	376,870	376,870	383,870	1.58%	5,960
Park & Recreation	342,068	561,900	264,676	455,750	560,772	557,472	553,872	-1.43%	(8,028)
Veterans Park	60,327	71,200	32,255	67,500	67,500	65,500	65,500	-8.01%	(5,700)
Community Act.	917,558	1,164,935	755,277	1,046,881	1,165,072	1,156,267	1,154,517	-0.89%	(10,418)
Solid Waste	626,063	694,470	415,305	687,990	698,093	698,093	698,093	0.52%	3,623
PW-Garage	1,883,895	1,834,041	1,020,409	1,785,015	1,807,352	1,772,575	1,772,575	-3.35%	(61,466)
Public Works	2,509,959	2,528,511	1,435,713	2,473,005	2,505,445	2,470,668	2,470,668	-2.29%	(57,843)
Total Operating	7,529,024	8,263,942	5,030,891	7,716,488	8,326,132	8,474,858	8,399,768	1.64%	135,826
Capital	712,284	620,000	620,000	620,000	1,231,000	1,231,000	750,000	20.97%	130,000
Land Acquisition	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	-100.00%	(100,000)
Debt	1,088,181	1,058,772	979,809	1,057,822	1,029,525	1,029,525	1,029,525	-2.76%	(29,247)
Total Reserves & Debt	1,900,465	1,778,772	1,599,809	1,777,822	2,360,525	2,360,525	1,779,525	0.04%	753
Total Municipal	9,429,490	10,042,714	6,630,700	9,494,310	10,686,657	10,835,383	10,179,293	1.36%	136,579
Bethany BOE	7,833,743	8,207,602	5,240,136	8,150,000	8,986,726	8,986,726	8,592,990	4.70%	385,388
Amity Region	8,977,109	8,977,109	7,367,153	8,977,109	9,445,724	9,445,724	9,276,107	3.33%	298,998
Total Education	16,810,852	17,184,711	12,607,289	17,127,109	18,432,450	18,432,450	17,869,097	3.98%	684,386
Total	26,240,342	27,227,425	19,237,989	26,621,419	29,119,107	29,267,833	28,048,390	3.02%	820,965