



## Board of Finance Budget in Brief

### Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

#### Board of Education Operating Budget:

- \$48,001,873
- 2.75% increase
- \$1,286,713 increase

#### Town Operating Budget:

- \$23,098,723
- 2.29% increase
- \$517,695 increase

#### Mill Rate Impact:

Current Mill Rate: 36.00  
Current Motor Vehicle Mill Rate: 32.46

Proposed Mill Rate: 37.50  
Proposed Motor Vehicle Mill Rate: 32.46

#### Average Assessed House (AAH) Impact:

Current AAH Real  
Estate Taxes: \$7,067

Proposed AAH Real  
Estate Taxes: \$7,361

Increase of \$294; change of 4.16%

### Dear Ellington Residents:

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025 you will have the opportunity to vote on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Budget. The information presented here is intended to help you make an informed choice. Voting will take place at the **Ellington Senior Center at 40 Maple Street, Ellington, CT from 6 am – 8 pm**. Thank you for participating in this important process!

#### BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Ellington's budget is being impacted by increasing expenditures and decreasing Grand List motor vehicle values and other income. Spending is increasing by \$1,584,483 (or 2.22%) while non-tax revenue is decreasing by \$(277,033) and use of unassigned fund balance by \$(179,854) from last year's budget. This includes an increase of \$350,913 in the State reimbursement of motor vehicle tax difference for the lower mill rate cap, an increase in investment income of \$150,000, offset by a decrease in Ambulance Fee Program income of \$(475,000), and various increases and decreases in other revenues.

Town of Ellington General Fund Budget	FY24-25	FY25-26	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education Operating Budget	\$ 46,715,160	\$ 48,001,873	\$ 1,286,713	2.75%
Town Operating Budget	19,426,237	19,933,681	507,444	2.61%
Capital Improvements	1,964,567	1,744,642	(219,925)	-11.19%
Debt Service	3,154,791	3,165,042	10,251	0.32%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 71,260,755</b>	<b>\$ 72,845,238</b>	<b>\$ 1,584,483</b>	<b>2.22%</b>
Anticipated Non-Tax Revenue	14,857,199	14,580,166	(277,033)	-1.86%
Use of Fund Balance	592,083	412,229	(179,854)	-30.38%
<b>Balance to be Raised by Local Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 55,811,473</b>	<b>\$ 57,852,843</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,370</b>	<b>3.66%</b>

The result is an estimated mill rate of 37.50 mills from the current mill rate 36.0 or an increase of 1.50 mills or 4.17%. The motor vehicle mill rate will remain at 32.46.

**Note: Mill rate is estimated until the final rate is set by the Board of Finance following the referendum.**

#### REFERENDUM QUESTION:

"Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total for the fiscal year 2025-2026, \$72,845,238?"

Yes/No

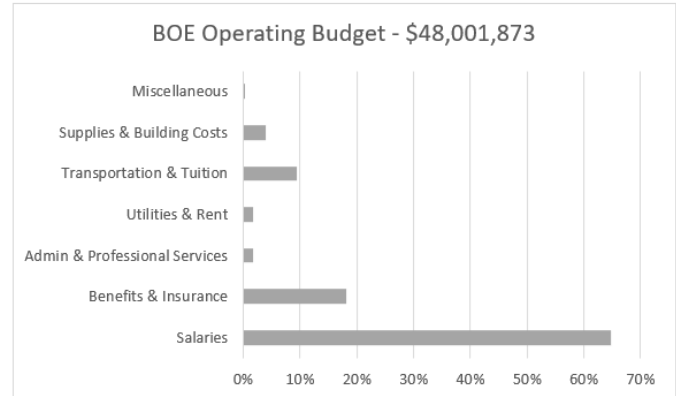
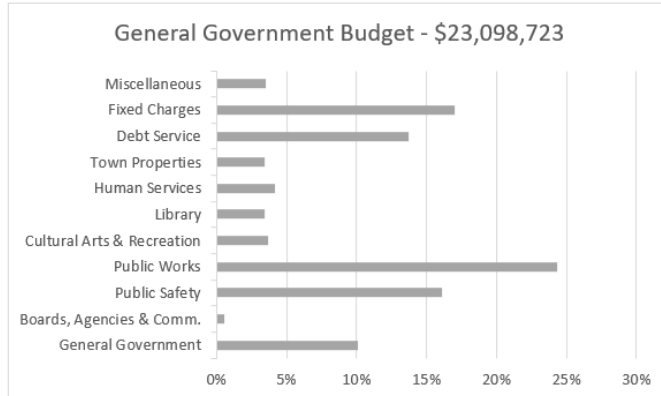
#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 27, 2025 from 6 am – 8 pm at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street, Ellington, CT.

**Ellington is your town so don't forget to vote!**

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## BUDGET PROPOSALS:



Year-by-Year Budget Data	FY25-26	FY24-25	FY23-24	FY22-23	FY21-22	5 Yr. Avg.
Board of Education Operating Budget	2.75%	3.62%	4.83%	3.41%	2.39%	3.40%
Town Operating Budget	2.29%	5.04%	2.64%	5.13%	-7.28%	1.56%

### Budget Drivers:

- Ambulance and Public Safety Initiatives - \$303,080
- BOE Salary and benefit increases - \$1,265,114
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- Reduction in Capital Outlay projects - \$(219,925)

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To calculate your own estimated tax, please go to: <https://www.ellington-ct.gov/departments-and-services/assessor/data-maps> to obtain your home's assessed value. Your home's assessed value times .0375 will equal next year's estimated tax.



### Questions or concerns

Reach out to Ellington's Finance Officer, Tiffany Pignataro, CPA, at [tpignataro@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:tpignataro@ellington-ct.gov) or (860) 870-3115.

For more detailed information, please visit Ellington's website: <https://www.ellington-ct.gov/government/budget-process> and/or subscribe to Ellington's Notification System.



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