



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% |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 71,260,755 | \$ 72,845,238 | \$ 1,584,483 | 2.22% |
| 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% |
| Balance to be Raised by Local Taxes | \$ 55,811,473 | \$ 57,852,843 | \$ 2,041,370 | 3.66% |

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?”

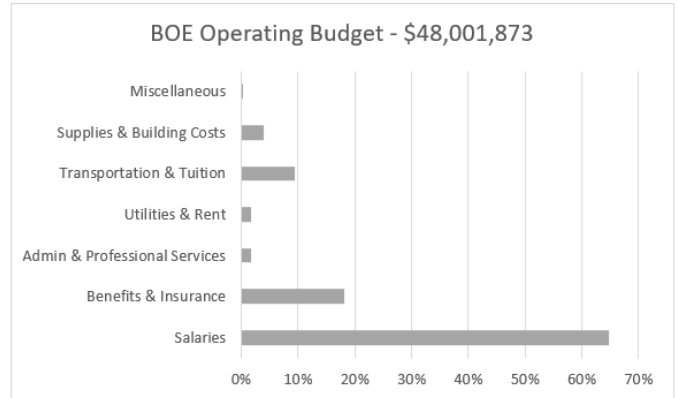
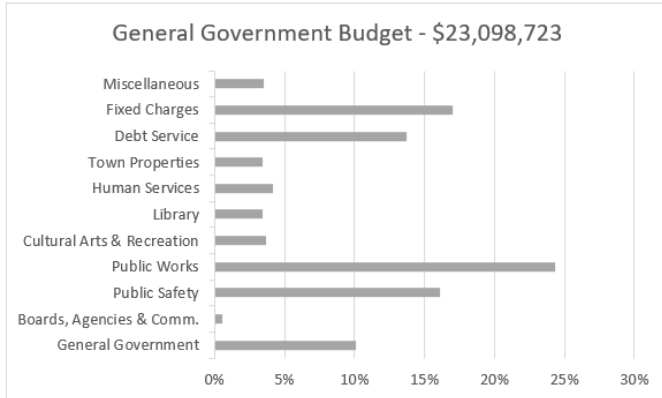
Yes/No

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!

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
- Town Salary and benefit increases - \$164,180
- Reduction in Capital Outlay projects - \$(219,925)

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 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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