

# Town of Canton, Connecticut

## 2025 Schedule of Town Budget Meetings

Town boards and leadership are already hard at work developing the 2025-2026 town budget for Canton. Our volunteers and staff are committed to developing a budget that meets the needs and preferences of our residents. Last spring, following our property re-valuation, it took two referenda to pass the town budget. To help the town develop a fiscal budget that will pass the first time, it is important to have our residents participate early in the process. The purpose of this flyer is to inform you about the budget meetings held during the winter and invite you to attend. Ideas and suggestions from the public are welcome as we shape our town budget. We all are residents and we all pay taxes; please be a part of the process. And then, in May, please VOTE in the budget referendum. Make sure your voice is heard.

All meetings are open to the public, and most are available virtually. All Board of Education meetings are held in the Canton Middle School Cafeteria. Minutes and recordings of the meetings are posted on the town website within a week after a meeting was held. All residents are encouraged to be informed, involved, and participate in the budget process.

Meeting/Purpose	Date	Location
Board of Finance hears presentation of the Capital Improvement Budget. Public Comment welcomed.	Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
The Superintendent presents the projected five-year Budget Forecast, including large capital to the Board of Education	Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 pm	Canton Middle School Cafeteria
The Superintendent presents FY 26 Open Choice Budget to the Board of Education – Budget Workshop	Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm	Canton Middle School Cafeteria
Board of Education Budget Workshop with Guest Legislators.	Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 pm	Canton Middle School Cafeteria
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for General Government, IT, Finance, and Public Safety	Monday, February 10, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for Public Works and Community Services	Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Superintendent of Schools presents budget to the Board of Education	Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for Community Planning and Development, Insurance, Employee Benefits, the Capital Improvement Plan, Water Pollution Control Facility, and General Fund Revenues	Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Education holds Budget Workshop	Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 pm	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Education holds Budget Workshop, possible adoption of budget	Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Education holds Budget Workshop, possible adoption of budget	Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 pm If needed	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Selectmen presents their budget to the Board of Finance; public can speak at the very start of the meeting	Monday, March 17, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Education presents their budget to the Board of Finance; public can speak at the very start of the meeting	Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Finance Budget Workshop: Board of Finance discusses the budgets presented to them, considers any correspondence sent to them, and recommends a final budget. No public input at this time – please express comments either in writing or at the Town Budget Hearing.	Monday, March 24, 6:00 pm Followed by a BOF Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Selectmen & Board of Education adjusts budget if needed	Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 pm	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Finance finalizes budget; public can speak at start of meeting	Monday, March 31, 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Town Budget Public Hearing, held by Board of Finance – this is your last opportunity to speak up and help form the budget.	Monday, April 28, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Town Budget Referendum – Voting can be in person or by absentee ballots. For information on absentee ballots, please call the Town Clerk.	Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> (Likely)	Canton Community Center

# Town of Canton, Connecticut 2025-2026 Budget Development Process

## PUBLIC INPUT

Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance are open to the public. Feedback on the budget has the most impact during the Jan to March period, while the budget is being developed. Residents can attend these meetings in person or virtually and provide feedback via email or phone at any time.

