Town Council Special Meeting Agenda

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor
Cindi A. Lloyd, Deputy Mayor
Darrell Goodwin
Elizabeth A. Waterhouse
Joseph P. Merritt
Michael J. Oliver
Shamar A. Mahon
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown
Todd E. Cooper

Monday, February 9, 2026, 7:00 pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers • 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Town of Bloomfield will be a hybrid meeting. This means that you can attend in person, by using the Zoom link below or viewing the meeting via YouTube

https://bloomfieldct.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2SKdbzt6S0WeR3E0Z1rOqA

YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/U3-1WMC3hR8?feature=share

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Announcements and Presentations

A. Presentation: Proclamation America 250

IV. Citizens' Statements and Petitions

Statements by members of the public may be oral or written and shall start with the speaker's name and address and shall continue for no longer than three (3) minutes, unless permitted by the Mayor or councilor presiding.

V. Report from Council Subcommittees

A. Governance, Policy & Economic Development – Mayor Anthony Harrington

B. Finance, Budget, Audit & Bonding – Deputy Mayor Cindi Lloyd

C. Public Health, Safety & Environment – Councilor Todd Cooper

D. Education, Workforce, Youth Development & Community Services -Councilor Michael Oliver

VI. Council Business

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes
- January 28, 2026 - Special Meeting

B. Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds

C. Consider and Take Action Regarding the Appointment of a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Regular Member Vacancy

Old Business

2026-32: Consider and Take Action Regarding Proposed Revisions of Oversized Vehicle Traffic Ordinance, Sections 19-65 through 19-73 of the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances

VII. Report from the Town Manager

VIII. Report from the Mayor

IX. Council Comments

X. Executive Session

(Per Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) ruling, Executive Session matters must be itemized on public agendas)

A. Update on Pending Claims and Litigations

i. Cornish, O'Rane v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
ii. Los Cabos II Equity LLC v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
iii. Kirton, Rickford v. Wong, Danielle, Et Al
iv. Taylor, Wendy v. Town of Bloomfield
v. Doe, Jane v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
vi. Dunn, Marie v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
vii. Kirton, Rickford – FOIC Hearing
viii. Taylor, Wendy – FOIC Hearing

XI. Adjournment

AMERICA 250 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield, CT, founded in 1835 has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of our nation and our state for more than 190 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the United States Congress established by Joint Resolution the America 250 Commission to encourage observance of the 250 years of our nation's existence; and

WHEREAS, the Governor established Connecticut's Semiquincentennial Commission with Executive Order 22-02, and the Commission has determined its mission and purpose is to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive celebration, commemoration, and observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence through civic, cultural, and historical education events and programming; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will enhance tourism, economic development, history and civic education, historic preservation, and outdoor recreation within the state; and

WHEREAS, America 250 | CT will engage Connecticut residents in all 169 municipalities through local 250th committees and affiliate organizations through its culmination in 2028; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities, builds pride, and forges bonds between Connecticut residents as we work together toward the goal of equality and recognition of the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Bloomfield engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield thus encourages its citizens to create and participate in programs that will commemorate the history of our town, our state, and our nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Anthony C. Harrington, do hereby proclaim that the Town of Bloomfield will fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and through July 4, 2026.

I urge all community members to take advantage of the resources available from the America 250 Commission, the Connecticut Semiquincentennial Commission, and the town of Bloomfield to observe the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by coordinating commemorative events, planning historical activities, providing opportunities for public discourse, creating new scholarship around Connecticut's complete history, creating new educational opportunities, and by seeking opportunities for historic preservation. The Town of Bloomfield pledges to uplift, support, and generate commemorative opportunities.

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

PROCLAIMED/ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2026

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes
    - January 28, 2026 – Special Meeting
B. Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds
C. Consider and Take Action Regarding the Appointment of a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Regular Member Vacancy

Minutes not yet approved.
Approval and any edits to be made in succeeding minutes.

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the above reference held on Wednesday January 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid meeting format via Zoom webinar virtual platform. The in-person location was Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Councilors present: Mayor Anthony Harrington; Deputy Mayor Cindi Lloyd; Todd Cooper; Darrell Goodwin; Joseph Merritt; Shamar Mahon; Suzette DeBeatham-Brown; Elizabeth Waterhouse; ***via Zoom:*** Michael Oliver

Councilors absent: None

Others present*: In-Person:* India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; Alvin D. Schwapp Jr., Town Manager; Sharron Howe, Deputy Town Manager; Warren Plummer, Director of IT; Annatouchur Kingland, Senior Administrative ***via Zoom:*** Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney, Crumbie Law Group, LLC.

Absent: Latonia Tabb, Clerk of Council

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

2026-37: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Town Council Rules of Procedures

Councilors had a brief discussion regarding this item. It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Cooper, and voted unanimously to accept the change in the Council Rules of Procedure, Council meeting, from once a month to bi-weekly.

2026-38: Consider and Take Action Regarding the 2026-2027 Proposed Town Council Meeting Schedule

Councilors had a brief discussion regarding this item. It was moved by Councilor Oliver,

seconded by Councilor Cooper, and voted unanimously, to Consider and Take Action Regarding the 2026-2027 Proposed Town Council Meeting Schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

2026-39: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointments and Change to the Charter Revision Commission

Councilors had a in-depth discussion regarding this item. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Cooper to move to approve the Charter Revision Commission and set the charge.

VOTE: **AYE:** A. Harrington, C. Lloyd, T. Cooper, S. DeBeatham-Brown, D. Goodwin J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse, M. Oliver

NAY: S. Mahon

ABSTAINED: None

Motion passes 8-1-0

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

TOWN OF
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., *Town Manager*
Sharron L. Howe, *Deputy Town Manager*

From: Ashley A. DeJesus, CCMC, CCMO, *Tax Collector*

Through: Darrell V. Hill, *Director of Finance*

Copy: Donna J. Stewart, *Deputy Director of Finance / Controller*
Teresa A. Blesso, CCMC, CCMO, *Deputy Tax Collector*

Re: **February 2026 Tax Refunds**

Date: February 3, 2026

The attached requests for property tax refunds are submitted for your review and approval in accordance with Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Shown below is the reason for the refund above $1,000.00:

- Financial Services Vehicle Trust is due to vehicles being sold.

February 2026 Tax Refunds

Customer Name	List Number	Amount Refunded
Ari Fleet LT LTD	2024-03-0050640	$761.84
CCAP	2024-03-0052882	201.15
Elliott, Kyra	2021-03-0068968	269.43
Financial Services Vehicle Trust	2024-03-0055340	636.87
Financial Services Vehicle Trust	2023-03-0055463	666.40
Honda Lease Trust	2024-03-0058106	691.40
Howard, Samantha	2024-04-0081638	314.99
Lembrick, Malik	2024-03-0060065	80.95
Madu, John	2023-03-0060834	161.17
McWhite, Annell	2024-03-0061384	29.24
Nissan Infiniti LT LLC	2024-03-0062615	160.55
Parra-Rodrigues, Maria A	2024-04-0080283	71.41
Shepard, Ruthmae	2024-03-0065826	29.31
Smalling, Cecilia	2018-03-0066171	262.78
Smalling, Cecilia	2020-03-0065371	196.81
Smalling, Cecilia	2021-03-0065581	309.67
VW Credit	2024-03-0067887	140.78
		$4,984.75

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Memorandum

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager

From: Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk

Date: February 2, 2026

Subject: Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation

Background:

The Town Clerk's Office has received notice of the recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee (D) for Shelby Maybin to fill the Democratic regular member vacancy due to the vacancy of of Shirley P Williams. This is an elected position and a Democratic seat. The term ends 11/08/2027 and disclosure is required.

The vacancy became available 12/13/2025. Town Charter allows for sixty days to fill this vacancy by Town Council, with a deadline to fill the vacancy by 02/13/26.

Please note: should the Town Council move forward at their 02/09/2026 meeting with the appointment of Shirley P Williams, the appointment will not be official until Ms. Maybin comes to be sworn-in in-person at the Town Clerk's Office and submits her disclosure form.

Attachments:

- Email Notification of Nomination of Shelby Maybin for Town Council vacancy

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr. Town Manager

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: FY2026-32: PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE OVERSIZED VEHICLE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, SECTIONS 19-65 THROUGH 19-73 OF THE BLOOMFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES

At the January 12, 2026, Special Town Council meeting, this item was presented and discussed. The Council's rules were suspended with the intention of voting on the item; however, no formal vote was taken, and the matter remained unresolved. Accordingly, the item is being placed back on the agenda for formal action.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion will be in order:

> *Move to adopt the revised Oversized Vehicle Traffic Ordinance, Sections 19-65 through 19-73 of the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances.*

To: Town Council

From: Crumbie Law Group

Date: November 14, 2025

RE: Revision of Oversized Vehicle Traffic Ordinance, Secs. 19-65 through 19-73

Following the passing of the Oversized Vehicle Traffic Ordinance, located in Chapter 19 – Traffic, at sections 19-65 through 19-73, the Town and Town Attorneys office received several requests for clarification on the process for adding additional roads to the ordinance. For the sake of clarity, we recommend revising the ordinance as follows:

Sec. 19-66 – Authority.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 7-148, the Town of Bloomfield traffic authority shall have the ~~power~~ authority to recommend ~~to~~ restricting the use of Town-owned streets by oversized vehicles. *Upon recommendation from the traffic authority, Town Council shall vote to approve or reject such recommendation.*

Explanation: This clarifies the intent of the ordinance, which was for the traffic authority to handle requests and assessments of roads and conditions and make a determination of whether a particular road should be restricted to oversized vehicle traffic. It also clarifies that the Town Council has oversight and authority to approve or reject such determination. This does not require a public hearing for each determination.

Sec. 19-71. – Restrictions on certain streets.

The Department of Public Safety shall maintain a current list, available for public inspection, of each road within the Town of Bloomfield on which the operation of oversized vehicle is restricted. ~~No person shall operate any oversized vehicle on the following roads located in the Town of Bloomfield:~~

~~1. Burr Road~~

Explanation: This streamlines the process for updating the public list. A publicly available list is more efficient and more quickly updated and further clarifies the initial intent that a public hearing is not required to add roads to the list.

REVISED

Chapter 19 – Traffic

ARTICLE VI. Oversized Vehicle Traffic

Sec. 19-65. – Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this article.

Oversized vehicle shall mean any motor vehicle having a gross weight of 14,000 pounds or greater, and includes the combined weight of a motor vehicle designed and used for the purpose of drawing a trailer or semitrailer and the attached trailer or semitrailer. The following vehicles are excluded from the foregoing definition: public safety vehicles; educational vehicles, municipal and municipal purpose vehicles; state and state purpose vehicles; federal and federal purpose vehicles.

Emergency shall mean a natural disaster, including a flood, fire, hurricane, or tornado, as well as major traffic accidents.

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Sec. 19-67. – Considerations for decision.

The traffic authority shall consider all relevant facts and circumstances prior to making its decision on whether to limit oversized vehicle traffic on any street, which may include the following:

(a) Width, and horizontal and vertical alignment of the street.
(b) Composition of roadbed and pavement as they relate to the ability of the street to withstand oversized vehicles.
(c) Availability of alternative routes for oversized vehicle traffic other than the street being considered.
(d) Land use on the street in question.
(e) Sightlines at places where traffic enters and exits the street.
(f) Any relevant traffic report and its supporting testimony.
(g) Public comments, evidence, and testimony from a public hearing.
(h) Reports from other agencies, departments and commissions including but not limited to those of the town, if any.
(i) Such other standards as are recognized and accepted by professional traffic engineers.

Sec. 19-68. – Limitations to be obeyed, signs to be posted, penalty.

(a) Whenever the traffic authority has limited oversized vehicle traffic on a street and has posted signs on such street advising of such limitation, no person shall operate an oversized vehicle, unless exempt herein.

(b) Signs posted to advise of such limitation shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(c) Any person who operates an oversized vehicle on a street in violation of any posted limitation of oversized vehicle traffic shall be deemed to have violated this article and shall be fined not more than two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) for each offense.

(d) Nothing herein shall preclude the Town from pursuing any and all other civil remedies available under state law at the violator's expense for the purpose of collection or for pursuing any other remedy at law or in equity, including injunctive relief and process for contempt.

Secs. 19-69. – Delivery of goods and services.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the use of any such restricted street or portion thereof by such oversized vehicle having a destination on such street for purposes of the delivery of goods or services to such destination.

Secs. 19-70. – Emergencies.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the use of any street or portion of street on a temporary basis in a declared emergency. The traffic authority shall have the power to act in an emergency, as defined herein, to reroute traffic on any of the streets restricted herein on a temporary basis, not to exceed 48 hours. In the event of a town-declared emergency, the traffic authority shall have the power to reroute traffic on any of the streets restricted herein on a temporary basis until such time as said emergency is determined by the Town to be over.

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19-73. - Reserved.

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