Town Council 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, March 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_MdttICXmTsSQJ4CvwR0eZg

YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/tKzGGhGZCkk?feature=share

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Announcements and Presentations

A. Announcement:
- Appointment of Sub-registrar Michael Weinstein of Weinstein Mortuary made in Accordance with CGS 7-65

B. Presentations:
- Bloomfield Warhawks
- Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month
- Black History Presentation
- Goman+York - Updates on Town Plans

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
- February 2, 2026 - Special Meeting
- February 9, 2026 - Special Meeting

B. Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds
- February 2026
- March 2026

New Business

2026-41: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Schedule – FY2027 Budget Meetings

2026-42: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution (Town Council Initiative – Trades Program/Robotics Program) with MakerspaceCT Program Fund Transfer

2026-43: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution for the Town of Bloomfield's Membership in the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA)

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. Shawn Bolden v. Town of Bloomfield (Workers Compensation matter)
ii. Cornish, O'Rane v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
iii. Los Cabos II Equity LLC v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
iv. Kirton, Rickford v. Wong, Danielle, Et Al
v. Doe, Jane v. Town of Bloomfield, Et Al
vi. Two Brothers Auto v. Zoning Board of Appeals
vii. Town of Bloomfield v. Dunn, Marie
viii. Rickford Kirton FOIC – Hearing date is pending
ix. Wendy Taylor FOIC – Hearing date is pending
x. James McGovern FOIC – Hearing date is pending

XI. Adjournment

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month is nationally recognized each February as a time to honor the history, achievements, and enduring contributions of Black Americans whose leadership, innovation, faith, and resilience have shaped our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield joins communities across the country in recognizing this observance and affirming its importance within our own civic life; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield is enriched by generations of Black residents whose leadership and presence have influenced the town's civic, educational, cultural, and economic development, and whose work continues to build opportunity and belonging for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges and celebrates the contributions of local Black leaders, educators, public servants, business owners, artists, and faith institutions whose commitment to service, advocacy, and community care sustains the vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Black history includes confronting inequities that persist and recommitting ourselves to advancing fairness, dignity, and access for all residents through inclusive and equitable governance; and

WHEREAS, this observance provides an opportunity for residents, schools, organizations, and institutions to engage in education, dialogue, and celebration that deepen understanding and strengthen civic unity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Bloomfield Town Council recognizes February 2026 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH within the Town of Bloomfield and encourages all residents to participate in activities that honor the legacy, contributions, and ongoing impact of Black Americans in our community and throughout the nation.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 9th Day of March 2026

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cindy Lloyd, Councilor Michael J. Oliver,
Councilor Todd Cooper, Councilor Darrell Goodwin,
Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown, Councilor Joseph P. Merritt,
Councilor Shamar Mahon and Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes
    - February 2, 2026 – Special Meeting
    - February 9, 2026 - Special Meeting
B. Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds
    - February 2026
    - March 2026

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 Monday February 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. on a **Zoom ONLY** webinar virtual platform. The in-person location was Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

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

Councilors absent: None

Others present *via Zoom:* Latonia Tabb, Clerk of Council; 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 Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney, Crumbie Law Group, LLC.

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

2026-39: Discussion and Possible Action regarding Initiating the Charter Revision Process

The Council discussed initiating the Charter Revision process, noting that the Town has engaged in charter review for approximately the past year and a half and received extensive feedback from residents and staff. Mayor Harrington clarified that the prior vote to place a charter revision question on the November 2025 ballot was a procedural step to preserve the option to revise the Charter and did not obligate the Town to proceed as drafted. With additional insight from newly tenured staff, the Town seeks to revisit the Charter comprehensively to ensure it reflects current operations and community priorities, requiring a two-thirds Council vote to initiate the formal review process. There was discussion regarding the charter review process, call the question, and motion.

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd to move the Bloomfield Town Council, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-187 through 7-191, and the Bloomfield Town Charter, hereby Initiate the Charter Review process. (need a 2/3 vote to

approve).

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

NAY: S. Mahon, J. Merritt

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes 6-2-0

2026-40: Discussion and Possible Action regarding establishing the Charter Revision Commission and Appointing its members

Councilors had discussion regarding this item. Mayor Harrington read the resolution initiating a formal review and possible amendment of the Bloomfield Town Charter in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes and the Town Charter. The resolution established a five-member Bloomfield Charter Revision Commission, appointing Joseph Suggs Jr., Elvin Turner, Bradley Klein, Erica Coleman, and Dwight Bolton, all of whom must be Town electors and meet statutory and charter eligibility requirements, and who will serve without compensation. The Commission is authorized to organize its internal procedures, keep detailed records, consider recommendations from the Town Council, provide progress reports at regular Council meetings, and draft proposed charter amendments. The Council directed the Commission to review specified Charter sections, while not limiting the scope of review, and required submission of a draft report to the Town Clerk no later than May 11, 2026.

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted to approve the Appointments of the Charter Revision Commission and Set the Charge.

VOTE: **AYE:** T. Cooper, M. Oliver, J. Merritt, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

NAY: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon

ABSTAIN: D. Goodwin

Motion passes 5-2-1

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Cooper and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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 Monday February 9, 2026, at 7:00 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: Mayor Anthony Harrington; Deputy Mayor Cindi Lloyd; Todd Cooper; Darrell Goodwin; Joseph Merritt; Suzette DeBeatham-Brown; Elizabeth Waterhouse; Michael Oliver; ***via Zoom;*** Shamar Mahon.

Councilors absent: None

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation: Proclamation America 250

Mayor Anthony C. Harrington presented a proclamation recognizing the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, and highlighting Bloomfield's historical contributions to the nation and state. The proclamation acknowledged the work of the America 250 Commission and Connecticut's semiquincentennial, with executive order 22-02, efforts to promote inclusive civic, cultural, and educational commemorations. It formally declared the Town of Bloomfield's commitment to participate in and support activities leading up to the anniversary.

Mayor Harrington welcomed attendees and viewers to the special Town Council meeting, noting that all agenda items were properly posted in accordance with state law. He outlined the Council's role in setting policy, approving budgets and appointments, and receiving reports, while emphasizing that management responsibilities rest with the Town Manager. He also reviewed meeting procedures, including public comment protocols, decorum expectations, and the need to maintain order to ensure accurate recording of proceedings.

Councilor Goodwin requested to place on the record that the Town Council had received a small gift from a resident, consisting of items from her farm. He noted that, under Connecticut law, council members may only accept gifts valued under $25 and stated his understanding that the items received (farm eggs and garlic cloves) complied with this requirement.

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.

The Clerk of Council opened the floor for citizens' statements and petitions. Residents expressed concerns about various town issues during the council meeting.

1. **Bill Adamson, 400 Seabury Drive,** expressed presenting a petition signed by over 70 Seabury residents requesting the Town accelerate pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements to improve connectivity to the Town Center. He asked the Town to pursue funding, close existing infrastructure gaps, and advance implementation of the complete streets master plan, emphasizing safety, accessibility, and community health benefits.

2. **Robert Dickinson, 400 Seabury Drive Apt. 4160,** stated that he has stopped riding on roads due to safety concerns and believes many residents avoid walking or bicycling because of the lack of sidewalks and bike paths. He cited a Connecticut Department of Transportation survey indicating that 80% of residents feel unsafe walking or biking on state roads and urged the Town to expand pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on busy roadways.
3. **Robert Berman, 8 Hiraman Lane,** commented on the Town's Public Works Department for its effective response to a recent snowstorm, noting that Bloomfield's roads, intersections, and pedestrian crossing areas were cleared more thoroughly than those in surrounding communities. He also raised concerns regarding the absence of a charter revision referendum on the ballot and questioned the timeliness and accuracy of certain financial reporting, specifically citing state grant funds he stated had not yet appeared in the Town's records.

4. **Laura Pallandre, 6 Nutmeg Lane,** thanked the Town for its support in helping relaunch the Bloomfield Farmers Market, noting its growth and positive impact on community connection. She highlighted that grant funding has enabled the market to provide weekly food subsidies to residents while supporting local farms and improving access to fresh, locally sourced food. She also emphasized the market's role in strengthening local food security and encouraging healthy eating.

5. **Peter Russell, 6 Loeffler Road,** spoke in support of the Bloomfield Farmers Market, noting its importance in providing fresh, nutritious food and fostering community connections. He encouraged the Town to consider providing financial support, stating that municipal funding would help sustain the market and attract additional private resources. He also expressed appreciation for the Town Council's public service and community participation efforts.

6. **Catherine Harger, 26 Guernsey Road,** spoke about the personal importance of the Bloomfield Farmers Market to her family, noting that it has helped them connect with neighbors and discover new foods. She expressed support for the market's continuation and encouraged ongoing support from the Town Council.

7. Brenda Watson, 13 Warbler Circle, expressed support for efforts to improve road safety, referencing recent regional discussions on traffic calming and pedestrian protection. She also urged continued financial support for local farmers and the farmers market to promote access to fresh, local food and long-term sustainability. Additionally, she encouraged the Town Council to advance strategies that expand clean and renewable energy use in residential and commercial buildings.

8. Diana Martinez, 693 Bloomfield Ave., (online) spoke in support of the Bloomfield Farmers' Market and encouraged the Town Council to consider providing ongoing infrastructure and funding support similar to other municipalities. She noted that reductions in SNAP eligibility are increasing food access challenges for families, seniors, and children, and emphasized that the market serves as an important community resource while also supporting local agriculture.

9. Erin Barringer, 28 Kenmore Road, (online) raised questions regarding the process for filling a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, including whether proper public notice was provided and whether party affiliation requirements outlined in the Town Charter were followed. She also expressed concern about proceeding with a nomination while broader standard operating procedures for boards and commissions remain under review. Additionally, she urged transparency in executive sessions and requested that any council members with potential conflicts of interest recuse themselves when appropriate.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Governance, Policy & Economic Development- Mayor Anthony C. Harrington

Mayor Harrington reported that the draft Boards and Commissions SOP has been open for public input, with over a dozen responses received, and noted that the item will be revisited at the February 23rd Town Council meeting. He also provided an update on business development, highlighting increased economic activity compared to the previous year and ongoing projects, with multiple developers engaging in the planning department.

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

Deputy Mayor Lloyd reported that the 2024 audit has been submitted to CLA and is nearing completion, with results to be reviewed by the Council and then submitted to the state. She noted that budget guidelines for 2026-27 have been issued to departments, the grand list has been finalized, and monthly reports for October through December have been submitted. She also provided an update on the ongoing 2025 audit and budget preparation, with further details to be presented at the February 16th Finance Subcommittee meeting.

C. Public Health, Safety & Environment- Councilor Todd E. Cooper

Councilor Cooper provided an update from the January 14th Public Health and Safety meeting, reporting that Bloomfield Police Department crime is down 32% from 2024, with ongoing enforcement on several roadways and current staffing levels noted. He also highlighted that both Blue Hills and Center Fire Districts completed the year with active calls and up-to-date training, and that the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance has a new uniformed officer overseeing operations with efforts underway to increase volunteer numbers. Additionally, he noted that the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District continues to provide vaccinations, including for H1N1 and pediatric requirements, and offers services such as radon testing for residents.

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

Councilor Oliver reported that 330 Park served as a location for discussions about heating centers during recent cold days and noted that residents can donate personal items at this site.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Approval of Minutes**
   - January 28, 2026

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**
   - **Shelby Maybin (D), 5 Pheasant Lane - ZBA Regular Member Vacancy**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Cooper, and voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Town Councilors and Mr. Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager, discussed the review process for street recommendations related to traffic calming, noting that decisions are based on multiple factors, including road conditions, public input, and police reports. Councilors DeBeatham-Brown, Mahon, and Goodwin emphasized the need for a formal appeals process or additional recourse for residents who disagree with preliminary recommendations, suggesting it occur before final Town Council approval. Deputy Mayor Lloyd and Mr. Schwapp, Jr. noted that residents already have opportunities to provide input and communicate with staff, and that policy standardization efforts are underway to clarify and improve these procedures.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, to adopt the revised Oversized Vehicle Traffic Sections 19-65 through 19-73 of the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances.

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

NAY: S. Mahon

ABSTAIN: S. DeBeatham-Brown

Motion passes 7-1-1

REPORT FROM TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Alvin D. Schwapp Jr., Town Manager, reported that the Finance team is completing follow-up work with auditors, with the final audit expected to be submitted to the state by the end of the month. He noted that fiscal year 2027 budget development is underway, departments have submitted budgets, and the 2025 grand list was filed ahead of schedule to support budget planning. Additionally, he highlighted recent community engagement through library programs, progress in managing FOIA requests with legal support, an upcoming collaborative meeting with State Representative Bobby Gibson, and a centennial celebration by the Center and Blue Hills Fire Districts requiring unbudgeted town support.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Harrington reported on several recent town activities, including the graduation of nine employees from the 12-week Emerging Leadership Development Program across multiple departments. He highlighted a January 29th community vigil at Bloomfield First Congregational Church addressing state-sponsored violence, affirming the town's commitment to inclusivity, protection of residents' rights, and educational outreach regarding immigration enforcement. Additionally, the Mayor noted participation in business promotion events, first-time homebuyer programs, and the Bloomfield Junior Warhawks' 5-year Anniversary Banquet celebrating local youth achievements.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Todd Cooper commended the Bloomfield West Hartford Health District for its ongoing public health initiatives, including vaccinations and radon testing, and encouraged residents to utilize these resources. He also recognized the Bloomfield Junior Warhawks' recent celebration of youth achievements and praised the town's warming centers, urging residents to check on neighbors in extreme cold. Finally, he thanked the public for their participation in the Council's decision-making process and invited residents to the upcoming Public Safety meeting on February 11th.

Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown highlighted the importance of community during Black History Month, quoting the African proverb: *"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go*

far, go together." She reflected on the recent vigil led by Pastor Sean and emphasized that building community requires collective effort, accountability, and open dialogue. She thanked residents for attending in person or online, noting the importance of receiving information firsthand, and encouraged everyone to *"go far together."*

Councilor Shamar Mahon emphasized the importance of resident engagement and thoughtful communication in local governance. He encouraged colleagues to view questions from residents as opportunities for dialogue rather than contention, highlighting that providing clear answers strengthens community trust. He also expressed support for further iterations of the traffic calming proposal to allow for increased resident input, reinforcing Bloomfield's commitment to an engaged and responsive democracy.

Councilor Michael Oliver expressed appreciation for the Department of Public Works for their excellent work and acknowledged the dedication of staff. He also recognized the Bloomfield Junior Warhawks, noting the impressive participation of young children at their recent celebration. Additionally, he highlighted the upcoming Education Workforce Development meeting, scheduled for February 10th at 6:00 p.m., which will include a robotics program, and encouraged community attendance in person or via Zoom.

Councilor Joseph Merritt reflected on his long tenure with the Town Council, noting he has been involved since the town's 200th celebration. He highlighted his work as Chair of the Trails Committee, emphasizing ongoing efforts to advance the East Coast Greenway through Bloomfield, including federally funded sidewalks and bike paths to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. Councilor Merritt also addressed financial staffing challenges, noting delays in audits due to understaffing and urging the Town Council to approve hiring an accountant to resolve the issue.

Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse expressed appreciation for residents attending the meeting and acknowledged efforts on the SOPs, supporting the addition of an appeals process. She also highlighted the Bloomfield Farmers Market, noting it operates Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 3.30 Park and welcomes all, including those participating in a barter system to work on the farm for food. Councilor Waterhouse encouraged residents to visit the market and stay safe and warm.

Councilor Darrell Goodwin condemned a racist and dehumanizing image of former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama that circulated on social media, emphasizing that such behavior is contrary to Bloomfield's values of dignity, respect, and accountability. He encouraged both local leaders and residents to actively speak against harmful actions by national leaders and highlighted the importance of using collective voice against injustice. Councilor Goodwin also expressed appreciation for the Bloomfield Farmers Market, noting it as a welcoming space that engages the community, including his grandmother, and encouraged continued support for its growth.

Deputy Mayor Cindi Lloyd thanked her colleagues for their remarks and highlighted the importance of continuing support for the Bloomfield Farmers Market as a resource to address

food insecurity. She reaffirmed the town's commitment to being welcoming and inclusive, praised the interim senior accountant for supporting completion of the 2025 audit, and acknowledged the outstanding contributions of Coach Ty Outlaw, noting his leadership in achieving multiple championships with the Bloomfield Warhawks.

Mayor Anthony Harrington commended Coach Ty Outlaw for 16 years of dedicated service to Bloomfield, emphasizing the value of sports in teaching young people responsibility and skill development. He expressed hope of finding a successor who can continue this positive impact and thanked attendees for their participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Harrington, second by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. Item – Pending Claims and Litigation. It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to end executive session at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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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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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., *Town Manager*
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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: **March 2026 Tax Refunds**

Date: March 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 are the reasons for the refunds above $1,000.00:

- Houssam Ahmed Amer is due to duplicate payment.
- Marlene Hayes is due to duplicate payment.
- Robin and John McCarthy is due to duplicate payment.
- Simone Morin is due to duplicate payment.

March 2026 Tax Refunds

Customer Name	List Number	Amount Refunded
Amer, Houssam Ahmed	2024-01-0000297	$4926.61
Brown, Richard M	2024-01-0001068	366.33
Dixon, Joseph	2024-03-0054446	90.86
Mayes, Marlene	2024-01-0000975	2724.02
Mercedes Benz Financial Services	2024-03-0053845	164.80
McCarthy, Robin and John	2024-01-0004923	2585.29
Meyerson, Lori	2024-01-0005116	150.19
Moore, Kerri	2024-04-0083144	92.77
Morin, Simone	2024-01-0002691	3905.61
		$15,006.48

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager ADS

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: FY2026-41: ADOPTION OF BUDGET SCHEDULE – FISCAL YEAR 2027 MEETINGS

For planning and review purposes, attached is the proposed schedule for our annual budget meetings. We have made every effort to avoid conflicts with religious observances as well as federal holidays.

Please review the proposed schedule. If you wish to adopt it, the following motion would be in order:

> *Move that the attached schedule for the FY 2027 budget meetings be approved.*

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
Bloomfield Town Council

All meetings below will be held in a *hybrid* format. In-person meetings will be held in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Remote attendees can join the meeting via the *Zoom* meeting platform for the purpose of discussion of the Town Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

There will be an agenda posted on the Town's website for each budget meeting with the Zoom meeting links available for registration.

You can submit budget questions and inquiries to the following e-mail address:
Budget2027@bloomfieldct.gov

In accordance with Section 3 of the Town Council's Rules of Procedure, the Bloomfield Town Council will hold special meetings for the purpose of discussing the Town Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget on the following days:

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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Schedule
Bloomfield Town Council

Monday, March 23, 2026	6:30 p.m.	FY 2027 Budget Overview by Town Manager; Revenue, Expenditures, Fixed Charges, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services; Senior Services; Social & Youth Services; Library Services
Tuesday, March 24, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Public Safety; Public Works, Building & Land Use, General Government/Administration; Boards and Agencies
Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Board of Education; Capital Improvements
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing, Council Deliberation/Action (Part I)
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Council Deliberation/Action (Part II, if necessary)
Monday, April 20, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Budget Forum (*following Finance Committee*)
Monday, May 4, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Annual Town Meeting (TBD)

We encourage residents to review the FY2027 budget schedule and participate in upcoming meetings. Your engagement is essential to a collaborative and transparent budget process that helps to ensure that the Town's budget decisions reflect service needs and community priorities.

TO: Town Councilors

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

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: FY2026-42: TOWN COUNCIL INITIATIVE – TRADES PROGRAM/ROBOTICS PROGRAM WITH MAKERSPACECT PROGRAM FUND TRANSFER

The Education, Workforce, Youth Development & Community Services Committee recommended that this item be placed on the March 9, 2026, Town Council meeting agenda.

Please review the attached memo and supporting documents regarding Trades Program fund Transfer to McEIVR, Inc. dba Makerspace CT.

The memo is asking the Town Council to reallocate $5,000 from the $182,000 transferred to Fund 23 (Revolving Fund) for the Trades Program during FY2025 4th Quarter Transfers to McEIVR, Inc. dba MakerspaceCT to fund a portion of the expense, along with the Board of Education, to provide structured instruction and hands-on learning experiences in robotics, including mechanical design, programming, electronics and problem solving. The $5,000 is unencumbered and available for the Town Council to reallocate.

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

Move to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the Bloomfield Board of Education's contractual arrangement with MakerspaceCT to provide structured instruction and hands-on learning experiences in robotics, including mechanical design, programming, electronics and problem solving:

The following amount is free from encumbrance in the Revolving Fund:

Fund		Amount
23	Trades Program	$5,000

The above amount is to be transferred to the following project in the Revolving Fund:

Fund		Amount
23	MakerspaceCT	$5,000

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council

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

Copy: Sharron L. Tai-Williams, Deputy Town Manager

Re: **Town Council Initiative: Trades Program funds transfer to McEIVR, Inc. dba MakerspaceCT**

Date: March 4, 2026

It is the desire of the Town Council to reallocate $5,000 from the $182,000 transferred to Fund 23 (Revolving Fund) for the Trades Program during FY2025 4th Quarter Transfers to McEIVR, Inc. dba MakerspaceCT to fund a portion of the expense, along with the Board of Education, to provide structured instruction and hands-on learning experiences in robotics, including mechanical design, programming, electronics and problem solving. The $5,000 is unencumbered and available for the Town Council to reallocate.

The following amount is free from encumbrance in the Revolving Fund:

Fund		Amount
23	Trades Program	$5,000

The above amount is to be transferred to the following project in the Revolving Fund:

Fund		Amount
23	MakerspaceCT	$5,000

A Council resolution authorizing this transfer is attached.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the Bloomfield Board of Education's contractual arrangement with MakerspaceCT to provide structured instruction and hands-on learning experiences in robotics, including mechanical design, programming, electronics and problem solving:

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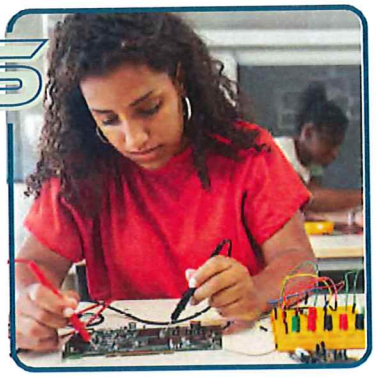
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Expect teamwork, problem solving, fast pivots, and real engineering skills. This is not just about building a robot. It is about building something that wins.

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TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager ads

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: FY2026-43: TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CMDA)

Please review the attached memo and supporting documentation from Director of Building and Land Use, Jon Colman.

The memo provides information regarding the Town of Bloomfield's potential membership in the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) and to request consideration to present a resolution to the authorizing the Town to join the Authority.

The Connecticut Municipal Development Authority was created pursuant to CGS Section 8-169ii to assist municipalities with economic development initiatives, particularly those focused on transit-oriented development, housing creation, redevelopment of underutilized properties, and the revitalization of downtown areas.

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Membership in CMDA would allow the Town of Bloomfield to access technical assistance, financing opportunities, and development support services that can assist in advancing local redevelopment and housing initiatives. The attached resolution outlines the Town Council's consideration of joining CMDA and authorizing the Town Manager to enter into future agreements with the Authority to support economic development activities within Bloomfield.

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

> Move to adopt the attached resolution regarding the "Town of Bloomfield Joining the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) as a Member Municipality.

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MEMORADUM

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

From: Jon Colman, Director

Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: Consideration of Joining the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) as a Member Municipality

Background

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information regarding the Town of Bloomfield's potential membership in the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) and to request consideration to present a resolution to the Town Council authorizing the Town to join the Authority.

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Analysis

Joining CMDA would provide the Town with additional tools to advance economic development, housing growth, and redevelopment initiatives. The Authority is specifically authorized to assist municipalities with activities such as:

- Stimulating economic and transit-oriented development within designated development districts
- Encouraging residential housing development
- Supporting redevelopment of vacant or underutilized properties

- Managing development projects through contractual agreements
- Engaging community stakeholders in redevelopment initiatives
- Providing financial support and technical assistance for housing growth zones

Through membership in the Authority, the Town may request CMDA assistance to help plan, finance, or implement redevelopment initiatives within designated development districts in Bloomfield. CMDA can assist with projects including:

- Transit-oriented development initiatives
- Development of new housing units through construction or rehabilitation
- Redevelopment of vacant or blighted properties
- Economic development projects intended to stimulate investment and economic activity

The resolution under consideration would authorize the Town to join the Authority and empower the Town Manager to negotiate and execute future agreements with CMDA to establish development districts and pursue redevelopment opportunities consistent with the Town's economic development goals.

Financial Impact

At this time, joining CMDA does not require the Town to commit to specific capital expenditures. Membership primarily provides access to development tools, technical expertise, and financing opportunities that may support future projects.

Any financial commitments related to specific redevelopment projects or development district initiatives would require separate approvals by the Town Council at a later date.

Legal Considerations

Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-169ll permits municipalities to join the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority through adoption of a certified resolution by the municipality's legislative body following a public hearing or opportunity for public comment.

The attached resolution complies with these statutory requirements and authorizes the Town Manager to enter into memoranda of agreement or other related agreements with CMDA to facilitate development and redevelopment initiatives within Bloomfield.

Recommendation

Staff recommend referral of the attached resolution to the Town Council for consideration and approval to allow the Town of Bloomfield to join the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority as a member municipality. Membership in CMDA would provide the Town with additional resources and development tools to support economic growth, housing development, and redevelopment initiatives within the community.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTION REGARDING JOINING THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (the "Authority"), a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut has been established pursuant to section 8-169ii of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "General Statutes"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function, including for the purposes set forth in section 8-169jj of the General Statutes to: (1) Stimulate economic and transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the General Statutes, within Connecticut Municipal Development Authority development districts; (2) encourage residential housing development within development districts; (3) manage facilities through contractual agreement or other legal instrument; (4) stimulate new investment within development districts and provide support for the creation of vibrant, multidimensional downtowns; (5) upon request of the legislative body of a member municipality, or the legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, work with such municipality or municipalities to assist in development and redevelopment efforts to stimulate the economy of such municipality or municipalities; (6) upon request of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and with the approval of the chief executive officer of a member municipality, or the chief executive officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, enter into an agreement to facilitate development or redevelopment within such development district; (7) encourage development and redevelopment of property within development districts; (8) engage residents of member municipalities, or municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, and other stakeholders in development and redevelopment efforts; (9) market and develop development districts as vibrant and multidimensional; and (10) provide financial support and technical assistance to municipalities to develop housing growth zones; and

WHEREAS, under the General Statutes, the types of projects for which Authority assistance is authorized includes the following: (A) the design and construction of transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the General Statutes; (B) the creation of housing units through rehabilitation or new construction; (C) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings; and (D) development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 8-169*ll* of the General Statutes, a municipality may, by certified resolution of the legislative body of the municipality, or by the board of selectmen in a municipality where the legislative body is the town meeting, opt to join the Authority as a member municipality, provided such municipality holds a public hearing or otherwise provides for public comment prior to any vote on such certified resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield [(the "TOWN")] held such a public hearing or otherwise provided for public comment on March 9, 2026, pursuant to the Notice and/or meeting agenda attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has found that joining the Authority as a member municipality would support the Town's efforts to stimulate economic development and foster the purposes outlined in Section 8-169jj within Bloomfield and accordingly desires to join the Authority as a member municipality; and

WHEREAS; the Town Council desires to further authorize the Town Manager to enter into a memorandum of agreement or other similar agreements with the Authority to create one or more development districts within Bloomfield to advance the purposes contained in Section 8-169jj.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby approves the Town of Bloomfield joining the Authority as a member municipality.

Section 2. The Town Manager is authorized to take or cause to be taken such actions, including, but not limited to, the negotiation and execution of any memorandum of agreement on behalf of the Town with the Authority and any other agreements, instruments and documents, that such official deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to implement the terms of any such memorandum of agreement and consummate the intention of this and the resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

Connecticut Municipal Development Authority

Process

CMDA helps municipalities in Connecticut grow and thrive, focusing on achieving vibrant downtowns and mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods around train and bus rapid transit stations.

Who can join CMDA?

All Connecticut towns and cities, with the exception of Hartford and East Hartford, can join CMDA if they have a train station (existing or planned), bus rapid transit station (existing or planned) or downtown area. Downtown is defined in CMDA's governing statute, 8-169hh.

Phase 1: Getting Started

Initial Contact: Local officials, municipal staff, or property owners or developers approach CMDA for an introductory meeting to better understand how the process works and if it might be a good fit for their community. The best way to reach CMDA is to email info@wearecmda.org.

Community Introduction: CMDA may be invited to present to the local legislative body or one of its committees or a municipal commission to explain CMDA's mission and how it can help communities achieve their development goals.

Public Comment: Community members can ask questions, have concerns addressed, and learn more about the process.

Official Membership: Once they have heard from community members, the local legislative body votes to join CMDA as a member municipality.

Phase 2: Planning

Identifying Focus Areas: CMDA meets with local officials to identify specific areas of their town or city near a transit station or in a downtown where they may want CMDA's technical or financial support.

Zoning Review: CMDA reviews the municipality's current zoning regulations in the identified focus areas to determine if existing zoning can be approved as a Housing Growth Zone, which is an area designated for increased housing development in mixed-use and walkable neighborhoods.

Technical Assistance: During this phase, the municipality may request technical assistance from CMDA to better understand development potential, community impacts, regulatory best practices or other areas of inquiry that will help local stakeholders craft a vision for the focus area's future.

Zoning Recommendations (if needed): If current zoning doesn't qualify, CMDA suggests changes.

Local Zoning Decision: The local Zoning Commission reviews and decides whether or not to adopt zoning changes in accordance with CMDA's recommendations (if offered).

Housing Growth Zone Approval: CMDA approves the existing or updated zone(s) as Housing Growth Zones, defining the geography that could be included in a Development District.

Development District Creation: The municipality's Chief Executive Officer enters into an agreement with CMDA that establishes the Development District(s).

Phase 3: Project Implementation

Project Applications: Municipalities or developers can now apply for funding for specific projects located within the Development District(s). CMDA can fund transit-oriented development, housing, demolition or rehabilitation of vacant buildings, or development or redevelopment. Private projects must be in compliance with local regulations to be eligible for CMDA support.

Funded Projects: Projects approved by CMDA's board go to the State Bond Commission for final approval. CMDA then finalizes funding agreements with the municipality or developer.

State Permitting and Coordination: CMDA may help municipalities or their projects navigate the state permitting process and may work with state agencies to streamline regulatory approvals within Development Districts.

Connecticut Municipal Development Authority

FAQs

Who We Are

The Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) is a quasi-public state organization that works with willing towns and cities to increase housing production. Led by Executive Director David Kooris, our mission is to help build vibrant communities in Connecticut with more housing in walkable downtowns and near transit hubs, contributing to a healthier economy across the state.

We created this resource because we believe transparent information leads to better community decisions. CMDA only succeeds when towns achieve their own goals—that's why every aspect of our process prioritizes local control and community input.

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Question #1: "Can CMDA force zoning changes and override our development decisions?"

ANSWER: Towns retain complete zoning authority. The process is as follows:

- CMDA reviews local zoning and provides recommendations if if necessary to achieve housing growth.
- Local zoning commission reviews CMDA recommendations and decides whether they want to approve changes.
- If towns don't want to change zoning, they simply don't participate.

Question #2: "Does CMDA eliminate community voice and public comment?"

ANSWER: Community members can ask questions and raise concerns. Public participation is built into every phase:

- Phase 1: Mandatory public comment before any membership vote.
- Phase 2: Local zoning commission holds standard public processes on any zoning changes.
- Phase 3: Normal municipal approval processes for all projects.
- Community members can ask questions and raise concerns throughout.

Question #3: "Once you join CMDA, are you stuck with whatever they want to build?"

ANSWER: Towns control all development decisions.

- Towns identify specific focus areas where they want support.
- Towns decide what types of development fit their community.
- Towns and developers apply for funding—CMDA doesn't impose projects.
- Local officials maintain final approval authority over development districts.

Question #4: "If you join CMDA, are you locked into a program you can't control or leave?"

ANSWER: Towns can exit at multiple decision points. They can:

- Vote "no" on initial membership after the public comment.
- Decline to make zoning changes if current rules don't qualify.
- Choose not to create development districts.
- Decide not to apply for funding for specific projects.
- Participation is voluntary at every single step.

Question #5: "Will CMDA rush development and ignore local planning processes?"

ANSWER: CMDA works within existing local processes:

- Municipal officials actively participate in creating development districts.
- Local zoning commissions retain their standard review authority.
- There is a 90-day review period for project applications ensures thorough evaluation.
- The State Bond Commission provides additional oversight for final approval.

Question #6: "Is state government forcing development on unwilling communities?"

ANSWER: CMDA only works with willing partners:

- Towns approach CMDA or invite them to present.
- Local legislative bodies vote on whether to join after public input.
- 161 of 169 Connecticut towns qualify—but participation is entirely voluntary.
- 26 towns have already opted in, and even more have begun the public process.

The Bottom Line

CMDA is a collaborative resource that helps towns achieve their own goals. No outside mandates, no loss of local control—just partnership, technical expertise, and funding opportunities for willing communities.

Questions? The process starts with a simple conversation. Contact CMDA at info@wearecmda.org.