Town Council Agenda

Special Meeting

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 • 6:30 pm

Town Hall – Council Chambers • 800 Bloomfield Ave., 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

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YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/C6DTxmdP2lk?feature=share

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Council Business

Old Business

2026-51: Consider and Take Action regarding Appointment to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission (TPZ) – Alternate vacancy

2026-52: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Adoption of the Town of Bloomfield FY 2027 Budget and set the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2027

IV. Adjournment

5/5/2026

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Memorandum

To: Bloomfield Town Council

Cc: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager; India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk; Jon Colman, Director of Building & Land Use; Bryon Lestor, TPZ Chair

From: Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary

Date: May 1, 2026

Subject: Filling of Town Plan & Zoning Commission (TPZ) Alternate Vacancy

Background:

A vacancy for a Town Plan & Zoning (TPZ) Alternate became available 3/9/26. Town Charter allows for sixty days to fill this vacancy by Town Council, with a deadline to fill the vacancy by 5/8/26. The term ends 11/8/27 and disclosure is required.

The Town Charter states that when the vacating member was elected as a member of a political party, the appointment to fill the unexpired term must be a member of the same political party. Accordingly, as the vacancy was created by a Democrat, the position must be filled by a Democrat.

The Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee did not submit a nomination for this vacancy.

Please note: The appointment will not be official until the appointed candidate submits their disclosure form and is sworn-in in-person at the Town Clerk's Office.

Attachments:

- Interest Forms received, in alphabetical order:
  - Desarae Cotton
  - James Jenkins
  - Lorna McLeod
  - Tashawna Turner
- Town Charter, Chapter 2, Election of Officers

Motion:

The following motion would be in order:

Move that the Town Council appoint _____(insert name)_____ as an Alternate on the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 11/8/27.

Samantha Strader

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Lynn Weisel; Town Clerk; Brian Wolff; India M. Rodgers
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Boards & Commissions Interest Form

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First Name	Desarae
Last Name	Cotton
Email Address	
Address	651 Bloomfield Avenue
City	Bloomfield
State	Connecticut
Zip Code	06002
Phone Number	

Political Affiliation	Democrat
Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Each Board and Commission has its own meeting schedule and time commitments. Are you able to commit at least 2 hours per month to attend regular meetings? Do you have any current conflicts that would prevent you from attending monthly meetings, approximately one evening per month?	Yes I am able to commit at least 2 hours per month to attend regular meetings and meetings held in the evenings.
Many Boards and Commissions do not require any specific experience and are primarily looking for dedicated volunteers. If you have any experience, education, interest or other background information that may be relevant to the particular Board/Commission you are interested in please share it here:	As an IT Analyst for the Connecticut Judicial Branch, I specialize in analyzing complex systems and ensuring data integrity within a highly regulated environment. This professional background has sharpened my ability to interpret technical documentation and apply state-level standards to specific cases—skills that directly translate to reviewing zoning applications and site plans. Additionally, my work with the Obama Foundation Community Leadership Corps in Hartford provided me with hands-on experience in community organizing and collaborative problem-solving. I am comfortable navigating the intersection of public policy, legal frameworks, and community needs, and I am eager to apply this analytical mindset to our town's planning goals
Please share why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission:	I am interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission because I want to play an active role in shaping a sustainable and vibrant future for our community. As a young professional working in public service, I have a vested interest in how our town balances economic development with the preservation of its unique character. I believe that thoughtful zoning is the foundation of a town's health—affecting everything from housing affordability to environmental resilience. I am a dedicated volunteer looking to give back to

	the town that supports me, and I want to ensure our planning decisions are forward-thinking, inclusive, and data-driven.
Have you contacted any current members or attended any meetings on the Board/Commission that interests you?	No
Please list any other Boards/Commissions you would like to learn more about during your interview.	Bloomfield Housing Authority.
Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?	*Field not completed.*

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First Name	James
Last Name	Jenkins
Email Address	[redacted]
Address	1 Woodland Ave
City	Bloomfield
State	Connecticut
Zip Code	06002
Phone Number	[redacted]

Political Affiliation	Democrat
Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered	TPZ
Each Board and Commission has its own meeting schedule and time commitments. Are you able to commit at least 2 hours per month to attend regular meetings? Do you have any current conflicts that would prevent you from attending monthly meetings, approximately one evening per month?	Yes I can attend and No there is no conflicts to prevent me from meeting monthly
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Please share why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission:	I want to be apart of change in making this town great
Have you contacted any current members or attended any meetings on the	No

Board/Commission that interests you?	
Please list any other Boards/Commissions you would like to learn more about during your interview.	N/A
Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?	N/A

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First Name	lorna
Last Name	mcleod
Email Address	[redacted]
Address	39 Burnwood Drive
City	Bloomfield
State	CT
Zip Code	06002
Phone Number	[redacted]

Political Affiliation	Democrat
Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered	TPZ
Each Board and Commission has its own meeting schedule and time commitments. Are you able to commit at least 2 hours per month to attend regular meetings? Do you have any current conflicts that would prevent you from attending monthly meetings, approximately one evening per month?	Yes
Many Boards and Commissions do not require any specific experience and are primarily looking for dedicated volunteers. If you have any experience, education, interest or other background information that may be relevant to the particular Board/Commission you are interested in please share it here:	I have sat on the Workforce Development Board in the New Haven region for several years leading up to my retirement
Please share why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission:	My children grandchildren and I all live in Bloomfield. My children are homeowners and grandchildren participate in community activities that I would like to see kept in the areas they live in.
Have you contacted any current members or attended any meetings on the	No not yet

Board/Commission that interests you?	
Please list any other Boards/Commissions you would like to learn more about during your interview.	None
Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?	I have been watching the recent budget developments in the town as a volunteer I think budget would not be a concern.

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Samantha Strader

From: noreply@civicplus.com
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First Name	Tashawna
Last Name	Turner
Email Address	[redacted]
Address	13 kenwood circle
City	Bloomfield
State	Ct
Zip Code	06002
Phone Number	[redacted]

Political Affiliation	Democrat
Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered	Any
Each Board and Commission has its own meeting schedule and time commitments. Are you able to commit at least 2 hours per month to attend regular meetings? Do you have any current conflicts that would prevent you from attending monthly meetings, approximately one evening per month?	No
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Please share why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission:	To add value and help to community
Have you contacted any current members or attended any meetings on the	No

Board/Commission that interests you?	
Please list any other Boards/Commissions you would like to learn more about during your interview.	N/A
Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?	N/A

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CHAPTER II. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 201. - Elections.

Nomination and election of state officers, including registrars of voters, and such elective municipal officers, boards and commissions as are provided for in this charter shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and general laws of the State of Connecticut, except as hereinafter provided.

Town officers shall be elected biennially, at the regular election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in odd-numbered years.

At said municipal elections, the following town officers shall be elected:

1. Town Council: Nine (9) members of the town council, each to serve for two (2) years.
2. Board of Education: At such meeting to be held in 1967 there shall be elected four (4) members of the seven-member board of education, one for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) for terms of four (4) years. Thereafter at each biennial town election there shall be elected one member for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) members for terms of four (4) years to succeed those whose terms expire.
3. Town Plan and Zoning:
   A. At the first such municipal election occurring after the effective date of this charter amendment, four (4) members of the seven (7) member town plan and zoning commission, each to serve for four (4) years, to succeed those whose terms expire. At the next municipal election in odd-numbered years, three (3) members of the town plan and zoning commission shall be elected, each to serve for four (4) years, to succeed those whose terms expire. At each subsequent municipal election, there shall be elected the same number of members of the town plan and zoning commission as the number of current members whose terms expire that year, each to serve for four (4) years, to succeed those whose terms expire.
   B. At the first such municipal election occurring after the date of this charter amendment, one (1) alternate to the town plan and zoning commission, to serve for four (4) years to succeed the alternate whose term expires. At the next municipal election two (2) alternates to the town plan and zoning commission, each to serve for four (4) years, to succeed those alternates whose terms expire. At each such subsequent municipal election, there shall be elected the same number of alternates to the town plan and zoning commission as the number of current alternates whose terms expires that year, each to serve for four (4) years, to succeed those whose terms expire.
4. Board of Library Directors: At each biennial election there shall be elected three (3) members of the six (6) member board of library directors for terms of four (4) years to succeed those whose terms expire.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals: At each biennial town election there shall be elected five (5) members and three (3) alternate members of the zoning board of appeals for terms of two (2) years.

The terms of all the aforesaid officers shall commence on the first Monday following their election and they shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all elective town officers, boards and commissions shall have the powers and duties prescribed by law.

State Law reference— Elections generally, Gen. Stats. Title 9.

Section 202. - Minority representation.

The officers referred to in section 201 of this charter shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes relating to the nomination and election of town officers; provided, however,

a. For the office of town council, no party shall nominate and no person shall vote for more than six (6) persons;
b. For the offices of board of education, no party shall nominate and no person shall vote for more than five (5) members;
c. For the office of town plan and zoning commission in years where four (4) members are to be elected, no party shall nominate and no person vote for more than three (3) members. In years where three (3) members are to be elected, no party shall nominate and no person vote for more than two (2) members.
d. Where two (2) or more persons are to be elected to any office, other than membership on the town council, board of education or regular members of the town plan and zoning commission, if the number of officers to be elected is even, no party shall nominate and no person shall vote for more than one-half (½) of said number.
e. If the number to be elected is odd, no party shall nominate and no person shall vote for more than a bare majority of said number.

Section 203. - Vacancies.

Any vacancy in an elective town office, from whatever cause arising, shall be filled within sixty (60) days from the time of its occurrence by appointment by the town council for the unexpired portion of the term; provided, however, that if the person vacating the office was elected as a member of a political party such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the same political party.

Section 204. - Eligibility.

No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to any elective town office who is not at the time of his election a resident elector of the town. Any person ceasing to be a resident elector of the town shall thereupon automatically cease to hold elective office in the town.

Section 205. - Voting districts.

There shall continue to be the same number of voting districts as the same existed on the effective date of this charter and the number or such districts shall not be increased or diminished nor their boundaries altered except by ordinance of the town council.