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BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held on Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in a hybrid meeting style. The in-person meeting location was Bloomfield Town Hall – Council Chambers, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, and the virtual location was via Zoom.

Councilors present: ***In-Person:*** Mayor Harrington; Councilor(s) DeBeatham-Brown, Mahon, Merritt, Waterhouse ***via Zoom:*** Deputy Mayor Lloyd; Councilor(s) Goodwin, Cooper, & Oliver

Councilors absent: None

Also present were: ***In-Person***—Latonia Tabb, Clerk of Council; Jon Colman, Director of Building & Land Use; Darrell Hill, Director of Finance; Annatouchur Kingland, Senior Administrative Assistant; Elizabeth Lane, Director of Bloomfield Public Library; Matt Childress, Facilities Manager; Glen Garrity, Assistant Director, Public Works; India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager; Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Hearing

It was motioned by Mayor Harrington to open the meeting in person and online of the public hearing notice to solicit public input for the ***Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Applications***. A copy of the draft ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection.

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to close any statements.

Announcements and Presentations

A. Presentation

Mayor Harrington read the following proclamations (see attached) and provided each representative with the award

- Proclamation- 100th Anniversary of the Blue Hills Fire Department
- Proclamation- Pride Month
- Proclamation- National Public Works Week

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.

1. **Robert Sommons, 23 Capewell Drive,** expressed concern that additional budget cuts could result in reductions to youth and social service programs, job losses for Town employees, or decreased services for residents. He noted that the Council had already proposed a budget lower than the previous year and emphasized that further reductions would require difficult sacrifices. He concluded by urging consideration of the potential impacts of additional cuts.

2. Erin Barringer, 28 Kenmore Rd., referenced prior Town Council discussions regarding the Housing Trust Fund, including a 2024 allocation through a fourth-quarter transfer, and compared those discussions to statements made during the May 14, 2026, Finance Subcommittee meeting. The speaker questioned whether the current Town Council intends to fund future projects through fourth-quarter transfers that were not approved as part of the FY 2027 budget process and asked what safeguards are in place to ensure such transfers are used for appropriate fiscal management rather than to advance spending priorities outside the regular budget process.

Additions To The Agenda

Mayor Harrington requested a motion to add an item to the agenda concerning the budget referendum. He explained that the proposed action would direct the Town Clerk, pursuant to Section 906 of the Bloomfield Town Charter, to set a referendum with the ballot question: "*Shall the annual budget, as adopted by the Town of Bloomfield Town Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, be approved?*" Mayor Harrington noted that the referendum would be conducted at all five polling locations from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to maximize voter access and participation. Discussion followed regarding the establishment of the FY 2027 budget referendum date.

It was moved by Councilor Mahon, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to add the following agenda items:

2026-60: Consider and Take Action regarding the Bloomfield Town Charter, Section 906 (Referendum to the Budget)

2026-61: Discussion and Take Action to Set the FY2027 Budget Referendum Date

Council Business

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown and voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

- May 6, 2026
- May 4, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- April 27, 2026

Old Business

2026-54: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Revisions to Council Rules and Procedures for Virtual Attendance at Council Meetings

Mayor Harrington opened discussion on proposed revisions to the Council Rules of Procedure concerning virtual attendance at Council meetings. Councilor Mahon requested additional information and clarification regarding the proposed changes. Attorney Crumbie shared communications with Mr. Russell Blair regarding this matter, provided legal guidance and context regarding the matter. The Council discussed the need for further information before considering any revisions.

It was moved by Councilor Goodwin, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown and voted to table this agenda item for discussion.

VOTE: **AYE:** S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon, M. Oliver, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse, D. Goodwin, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: T. Cooper
Motion passes 8-0-1.

New Business

2026-57: Consider and Take Action on Budget Transfer to Replace the Fuel Management System and Associated Equipment- Gasboy Islander Plus

Matt Childress, Facilities Director, presented a proposed budget transfer to replace the Department of Public Works' aging Gasboy fuel management system, which is used for fleet fueling authorization, fuel tracking, and reporting. He explained that the existing system has reached end-of-life status, replacement parts are no longer readily available, and failure could significantly disrupt fleet operations. Mr. Childress requested authorization to transfer $25,000 from a completed LOSIP Fuel Island Canopy project account to the fleet account to fund the replacement with a newer, compatible Gasboy Islander Prime system.

There was discussion between the councilors regarding this item. Councilor Mahon called the question, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to vote on this agenda item.

It was moved by Mayor Harrington, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown and voted unanimously to move to approve the resolution to Authorization of Fund Transfer for Replacement of Fuel Management System for the Department of Public Works. (*attached*)

2026-58: Consider and Take Action on Funding for the Wintonbury Library Site Improvements

Mark Wiseman, Chair of the Library Building Committee, provided an update on the McMahon-Wintonbury Library project, noting that after construction bids exceeded budget projections in 2023, the project scope was modified, and the Public Works Department assumed a construction management role. He explained that the building renovation is substantially complete and requested authorization to utilize bond interest earnings to fund the final phase of the project, including exterior site improvements, landscaping, the children's garden, and parking lot repaving.

During discussion, Finance Director Daryl Hill reported that approximately $2 million in interest had been earned on project bond proceeds, subject to federal arbitrage restrictions, with an estimated $750,000 to $800,000 potentially available for eligible project costs. Council members discussed the permissible uses of the interest earnings and whether sufficient funds would remain available for other authorized capital projects.

It was moved by Councilor Mahon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to call the question.

It was moved by Councilor Mahon, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, and voted unanimously to move to approve the resolution for funding for the Wintonbury Library Site Improvements. *(attached)*

2026-59: Consider and Take Action on the Town Center Community Investment Fund (CIF)

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously for Mayor Harrington to read the Department of Economic and Community Development, State of Connecticut, Certified Resolution of the Governing Body.

I, Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk, *certify that below is a true and correct copy of resolution duly adopted by the Town of Bloomfield at a meeting of its Bloomfield Town Council, duly convened on May 26th be* rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever, and is at present in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, pursuant to CGS Section 32-285A, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects, and ***WHEREAS***, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bloomfield make an application to the state for an amount not to exceed $15 million in order to undertake the Town Center, Bloomfield-centered, and Strong Development, and to execute and Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Bloomfield Town Council that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by CGS Section 32-285A, that the filing of an application for state financial assistance by the Town of Bloomfield in an amount not to exceed $15 million is hereby approved, and that Alvin D. Schwab, Jr, Town Manager, is directed to execute and file such application with the state… with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, and to provide such additional information to execute such other documents as may be required to execute an assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut for state financial assistance if such an agreement is offered to execute any amendments, decisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the town of Bloomfield.

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to move to approve the Certified Resolution for the Town Center Community Investment (CIF) Grant Application – Round 9.

2026-60: Consider and Take Action regarding the Bloomfield Town Charter, Section 906 (Referendum to the Budget)

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Merritt to place this motion on the floor for discussion. Mayor Harrington read the question **"the annual budget as adopted by the Town of Bloomfield Town Council for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, be approved?"** Councilor DeBeatham-Brown discussed setting the referendum language to spell out the amount, adding the Board of Education (BOE), Town Council and Town Manager budget numbers. There was discussion among the Town Councilors regarding this item.

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Mahon to make a friendly amendment to edit the original language of ***"SHALL THE ANNUAL BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, BE APPROVED?"*** by adding the adopted FY27 budget numbers (BOE, Town Council, Town Manager). There was discussion among the Town Councilors regarding the friendly amendment.

It was moved by Councilor Goodwin, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown to call the question on the friendly amendment.

VOTE: AYE: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon, D. Goodwin

NAY: T. Cooper, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

ABSTAIN: M. Oliver

Motion failed 3-5-1.

Councilor Merritt motioned to call the question, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd to approve and vote on the original ballot question language as set forth and presented.

VOTE: AYE: T. Cooper, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse

NAY: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon, M. Oliver, D. Goodwin, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed 3-6-0.

Additional discussion was had regarding the language used for the question. Councilor Mahon read the language of the question to include the amount. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Mahon to make a motion to add the total amount of $118,443,032 to the ballot question, to the original language and to direct the Town Clerk, per the Bloomfield Town Charter, Section 906 to set a referendum with the following ballot question:

"SHALL THE ANNUAL BUDGET of $118,445,032, AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 2027, BE APPROVED?

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

NAY: T. Cooper

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes 8-1-0.

2026-61: Discussion and Take Action to Set the FY2026 Budget

It was moved by Councilor Mahon, seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown and voted to establish the referendum date for Tuesday June 9, 2026.

VOTE: AYE: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon, M. Oliver

NAY: T. Cooper, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse, D. Goodwin, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed 3-6-0.

There was discussion regarding the best date due to the Board of Education involvement of school events and staff, testing of voting machines, and school testing conflicts. It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd to call the question.

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

NAY: S. Mahon

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes 8-1-0.

Further discussion was had. It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse to select the referendum date for Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.at all five polling locations.

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

NAY: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes 7-2-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilor Mahon, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss pending claims and litigation. It was moved by Councilor Waterhouse seconded by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown and voted unanimously to exit executive session at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 10:46 p.m.

Proclamation

100th Anniversary of the Blue Hills Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Blue Hills Volunteer Fire Department was organized on December 6, 1925, and formally incorporated in 1926 to serve the growing public safety needs of residents in the Blue Hills section of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the department's first Fire Chief was Mr. George Frank Trombley, with Mr. Harry Goodwin serving as Assistant Chief, and the first District meeting was held on February 11, 1926, at Gordy's Market; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication of volunteers, community fundraising efforts, and strong local leadership, the department grew from an all-volunteer organization into a combination department staffed by both volunteer and career firefighters serving approximately 12,000 residents in the eastern portion of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chief Willie Jones, who has dedicated more than forty years of service to the District, the department continues to provide fire protection, emergency response, fire safety education, community outreach, inspections, and code enforcement with professionalism and pride; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Hills Fire Department has earned the respect and gratitude of the Bloomfield community through a century of courage, commitment, and distinguished public service; and
WHEREAS, in 2026, the Blue Hills Fire Department proudly celebrates its 100th Anniversary, marking one hundred years of dedicated service to the Town of Bloomfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate the Blue Hills Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary and extend sincere appreciation to all past and present firefighters, commissioners, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their outstanding service and dedication to the community.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 26th Day of May 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

Proclamation

Pride Month

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield affirms the rights of every resident to equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all people—regardless of age, gender identity or expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical ability—deserve to be treated with dignity and respect based on their intrinsic value as human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield recognizes that a diverse population contributes to a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people continue to face unique systemic challenges and backlash threatening their safety and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, inclusive education remains a vital tool in safeguarding the rights of students to learn and thrive in environments free from censorship or fear; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut serves as a safe haven for those seeking gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare, and the Town of Bloomfield stands in solidarity with all individuals asserting their right to bodily autonomy and medically necessary care; and

WHEREAS, June is nationally recognized as Pride Month, commemorating the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan—widely regarded as the catalyst for the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield will raise the Progress Pride Flag in front of Town Hall during June to symbolize our unwavering commitment to inclusion, respect, and the active protection of all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Anthony C. Harrington, on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of Bloomfield, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the Town of Bloomfield. I call upon our community to celebrate our diversity and to work together to dismantle prejudice and systemic bias wherever they exist.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 26th Day of May 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

Proclamation

National Public Works Week

WHEREAS, public works professionals provide essential infrastructure, facilities, and services that are vital to maintaining sustainable and resilient communities and safeguarding the public health, quality of life, and well-being of the residents of Bloomfield; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of the Bloomfield Public Works Department work diligently each day to maintain and improve the Town's roads, public buildings, water systems, parks, sanitation services, and other critical public infrastructure that support the daily lives of our residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, these important services could not be provided without the commitment, expertise, and professionalism of public works employees, engineers, managers, and staff who ensure the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the Town's infrastructure and public services; and,

WHEREAS, it is important for the citizens, civic leaders, and youth of Bloomfield to recognize and understand the essential role that public works professionals play in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association, recognizing the substantial contributions public works professionals make to communities across the nation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17–23, 2026, as National Public Works Week in the Town of Bloomfield and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and thanking the members of the Bloomfield Public Works Department for their dedication, service, and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 26th Day of May 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

TO: Town Councilors

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

DATE: May 21, 2026

RE: FY 2026-57: BUDGET TRANSFER TO REPLACE THE FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT – GASBOY ISLANDER PLUS

Please review the attached memorandum dated May 15, 2026, from Facilities Manager Matthew Childress regarding the replacement of the Fuel Management System and Associated Equipment – Gasboy Islander Plus.

The current Gasboy Islander Plus system has surpassed end-of-life status and is increasingly experiencing age-related component failures.

Gasboy has strongly recommended a proactive replacement of the existing Islander Plus system with the current Islander PRIME Fuel Management System prior to any catastrophic failure of the existing equipment.

Public Works previously included the funding request for this project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget; however, the requested funding was not approved during the budget process. As a result, the Department is requesting this transfer to address the immediate operational concerns associated with the existing end-of-life system and to proactively avoid a potential failure that could significantly impact Town fueling operations.

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

Move to approve the attached resolution:

RESOLUTION

RE: Authorization of Fund Transfer for Replacement of Fuel Management System – Department of Public Works

Account: LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield successfully completed the Fuel Island Canopy Project in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), funded through LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Fuel Island Canopy Project, a balance of $49,879.48 remains available within LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield Department of Public Works (DPW) currently relies on a Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System to manage and authorize fuel dispensing operations for the Town's fleet vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the existing Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System has reached end-of-life status and is at increasing risk of failure, as replacement parts and manufacturer service support are no longer available; and

WHEREAS, failure of the Gasboy Islander Plus system would disrupt automated fuel usage tracking and fueling authorization for the Town's fleet, impacting daily municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, Gasboy has formally recommended proactive replacement of the existing Islander Plus system with the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System before equipment failure occurs; and

WHEREAS, the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System is fully backward compatible with the Town's existing fuel dispensing equipment and Gasboy FOB key system, thereby minimizing additional infrastructure and transition costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield is a member of Sourcewell (Member ID #73833) and is eligible to procure the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System through Gasboy Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR, which provides pre-negotiated pricing and a streamlined, competitively awarded procurement process; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding is available within LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to support this capital replacement project without requiring additional appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby authorizes the transfer of $25,000.00 from LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231 for the purpose of replacing the Department of Public Works' end-of-life Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System with the updated Gasboy Islander PRIME Fuel Management System and any associated equipment necessary for installation and operation.

Procurement shall be conducted through Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR in accordance with the Town's purchasing policies and applicable state statutes.

Background Memorandum

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager
From: Matthew Childress, Facilities Manager
Date: 5/15/2026
Subject: Budget Transfer – Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System Replacement

Background

The purpose of this agenda item is to request a budget transfer to support the replacement of the Town of Bloomfield Department of Public Works' existing Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System and associated equipment. The existing system is currently utilized for fleet fueling authorization, fuel management, and automatic fuel usage reporting for Town vehicles and equipment.

The current Gasboy Islander Plus system has surpassed end-of-life status and is increasingly experiencing age-related component failures. According to Gasboy, replacement parts for the existing Plus systems are no longer readily available, making future repairs difficult or impossible. In the event of a system failure, the current lead time for manufacturing and delivery of a replacement unit is approximately six weeks. During such time, the Town could experience disruption to automatic fuel authorization, fuel tracking, and reporting operations for the Town fleet.

Gasboy has strongly recommended a proactive replacement of the existing Islander Plus system with the current Islander PRIME Fuel Management System prior to any catastrophic failure of the existing equipment. The proposed Islander PRIME system is compatible with the Town's existing fuel dispensing equipment and Gasboy FOB devices currently in operation, minimizing the need for additional infrastructure replacement costs.

Public Works previously included the funding request for this project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget; however, the requested funding was not approved during the budget process. As a result, the Department is requesting this transfer in order to address the immediate operational concerns associated with the existing end-of-life system and to proactively avoid a potential failure that could significantly impact Town fueling operations.

The Town of Bloomfield is also an active Sourcewell member (Member ID #73833) and is eligible to utilize Gasboy Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR, which provides pre-negotiated pricing and streamlined procurement for the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System.

Analysis

Approval of this budget transfer will allow the Town to proactively replace the existing end-of-life Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System before a major system failure occurs. Replacement of the system will help ensure continuity of fueling operations, fuel authorization, and automatic fuel usage reporting for Town vehicles and equipment.

Additionally, replacing the system proactively will help the Town avoid extended downtime associated with equipment failure and manufacturing lead times, while utilizing existing compatible fueling infrastructure and FOB devices to minimize additional project costs.

Financial Impact

This resolution authorizes the transfer of $25,000.00 from LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231, which currently maintains a remaining balance of $49,879.48 following completion of the Fuel Island Canopy Project, to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231 for the replacement of the Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System and associated equipment.

This requested action reallocates existing capital project funding and does not require any new appropriation of funds.

Legal Considerations

If approved, the Town will proceed with procurement of the Gasboy Islander PRIME Fuel Management System utilizing Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR in accordance with applicable Town purchasing policies and procedures. Any associated agreements or procurement documents will be reviewed as required.

Alternatives

Alternatives include: (1) not approving the transfer and continuing operation of the existing end-of-life Gasboy Islander Plus system; (2) delaying replacement until system failure occurs, potentially resulting in operational disruptions; or (3) identifying an alternative funding source within the Capital budget.

Attachments

Proposed Resolution

Recommendations

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Town Council approve this Resolution authorizing the transfer of $25,000.00 from LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231 in order to proceed with the proactive replacement of the Town's Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System with the updated Islander PRIME Fuel Management System and associated equipment.

RESOLUTION

RE: Authorization of Fund Transfer for Replacement of Fuel Management System – Department of Public Works

Account: LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield successfully completed the Fuel Island Canopy Project in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), funded through LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Fuel Island Canopy Project, a balance of $49,879.48 remains available within LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield Department of Public Works (DPW) currently relies on a Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System to manage and authorize fuel dispensing operations for the Town's fleet vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the existing Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System has reached end-of-life status and is at increasing risk of failure, as replacement parts and manufacturer service support are no longer available; and

WHEREAS, failure of the Gasboy Islander Plus system would disrupt automated fuel usage tracking and fueling authorization for the Town's fleet, impacting daily municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, Gasboy has formally recommended proactive replacement of the existing Islander Plus system with the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System before equipment failure occurs; and

WHEREAS, the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System is fully backward compatible with the Town's existing fuel dispensing equipment and Gasboy FOB key system, thereby minimizing additional infrastructure and transition costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield is a member of Sourcewell (Member ID #73833) and is eligible to procure the Islander PRIME Fuel Management System through Gasboy Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR, which provides pre-negotiated pricing and a streamlined, competitively awarded procurement process; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding is available within LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to support this capital replacement project without requiring additional appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby authorizes the transfer of **$25,000.00** from LOCIP Account No. 15151900-52231 to Fleet Account No. 04011500-52231 for the purpose of replacing the Department of Public Works' end-of-life Gasboy Islander Plus Fuel Management System with the updated Gasboy Islander PRIME Fuel Management System and any associated equipment necessary for installation and operation.

Procurement shall be conducted through Sourcewell Contract #081524-GVR in accordance with the Town's purchasing policies and applicable state statutes.

TO: Town Councilors

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

DATE: May 21, 2026

RE: FY 2026-58: FUNDING FOR WINTONBURY LIBRARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Please review the attached memorandum dated May 18, 2026, from Assistant Director of Public Works Glen Garrity, which provides the Town Council with detailed information regarding the remaining scope of the overall Library improvement program and the related funding request.

The McMahon Wintonbury Library interior renovations have been completed, and improvements to the Prosser Library are substantially complete. The remaining scope of the overall library improvement program consists of exterior renovations at the McMahon Wintonbury Library, including construction of a Children's Garden, associated site work, and parking lot improvements.

The original estimate for the combined Prosser and Wintonbury Library Improvements was understated, and earlier phases of the project were reduced in scope to remain within the limits of the original library bond authorization. An additional $700,000 is required to fully fund the Wintonbury Library exterior improvements.

Sufficient funding is available from interest earnings generated from the Library Bond proceeds and may be appropriate for this purpose without increasing the original bond authorization.

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

Move to approve the attached resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the interior renovations at McMahon Wintonbury Library have been completed and the improvements to Prosser Library have been substantially completed; and

Whereas, the remaining scope of work to be completed is the exterior renovations for the McMahon Wintonbury Library consists of the Children's Garden, site work, and parking lot improvements; and

Whereas, at the request of the Bloomfield Library Committee, Public Bid No. 1165 was duly solicited in accordance with the Town of Bloomfield's purchasing requirements for the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Whereas, the Vendor Selection Panel reviewed the bids received and recommends award of the contract to Mather Corporation of Bloomfield, Connecticut, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting all bid requirements; and

Whereas, the original estimate for the Prosser and Wintonbury Library improvements was understated, and the project scope was previously reduced to accommodate budget constraints associated with the overall library improvement program; and

Whereas, an additional $700,000 is required to fully fund the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Whereas, funding for the additional $700,000 is available from interest earnings generated from the Library Bond proceeds; and

Resolved, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to $700,000 from Library Bond interest earnings to fund the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Town Council approves a budget amendment to appropriate said interest earnings accordingly.

Adopted by the Library Building Committee

April 22, 2026

Background Memorandum

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager
From: Glen Garrity, Assistant Director of Public Works
Date: 5/18/2026
Subject: Funding for Wintonbury Library Site Improvements at the request of the Bloomfield Library Committee

Background

The interior renovations at the McMahon Wintonbury Library have been completed, and improvements to the Prosser Library are substantially complete. The remaining scope of the overall library improvement program consists of exterior renovations at the McMahon Wintonbury Library, including construction of a Children's Garden, associated site work, and parking lot improvements.

At the request of the Bloomfield Library Building Committee, Public Bid No. 1165 was advertised and solicited in accordance with the Town of Bloomfield purchasing requirements for the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project. Bids were received and evaluated by the Vendor Selection Panel.

Analysis

The Vendor Selection Panel reviewed the bids received and has recommended award of the construction contract to Mather Corporation of Bloomfield, Connecticut, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting all bid requirements.

The original estimate for the combined Prosser and Wintonbury Library improvements was understated, and earlier phases of the project were reduced in scope to remain within the limits of the original library bond authorization. An additional $700,000 is required to fully fund the Wintonbury Library exterior improvements.

Sufficient funding is available from interest earnings generated from the Library Bond proceeds and may be appropriated for this purpose without increasing the original bond authorization.

Financial Impact

This resolution authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of up to $700,000 from Library Bond interest earnings to fully fund the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project. No new bonding or additional tax impact is required.

Legal Considerations

Bid solicitation and vendor selection were conducted in accordance with Town purchasing requirements. Contract documents will be reviewed by the Town Attorney prior to execution.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to defer or further reduce the scope of the proposed site improvements, which would delay completion of the overall library improvement project and limit the intended public benefits of the project.

Attachments

Resolution

Recommendations

The Public Works Department recommends that the Town Council approve the resolution authorizing the appropriation of Library Bond interest earnings so the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project can proceed without further delay.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the interior renovations at McMahon Wintonbury Library have been completed and the improvements to Prosser Library have been substantially completed; and

Whereas, the remaining scope of work to be completed is the exterior renovations for the McMahon Wintonbury Library consists of the Children's Garden, site work, and parking lot improvements; and

Whereas, at the request of the Bloomfield Library Committee, Public Bid No. 1165 was duly solicited in accordance with the Town of Bloomfield purchasing requirements for the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Whereas, the Vendor Selection Panel reviewed the bids received and recommends award of the contract to Mather Corporation of Bloomfield, Connecticut, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting all bid requirements; and

Whereas, the original estimate for the Prosser and Wintonbury Library improvements was understated, and the project scope was previously reduced to accommodate budget constraints associated with the overall library improvement program; and

Whereas, an additional $700,000 is required to fully fund the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Whereas, funding for the additional $700,000 is available from interest earnings generated from the Library Bond proceeds; and

Resolved, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to $700,000 from Library Bond interest earnings to fund the McMahon Wintonbury Library Children's Garden, Site and Parking Improvements Project; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Council approves a budget amendment to appropriate said interest earnings accordingly.

Adopted by the Library Building Committee

April 22, 2026

TO: Town Councilors

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

DATE: May 21, 2026

RE: FY 2026-59: TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (CIF) GRANT ROUND 9

Please review the attached memorandum dated May 19, 2026, from the Director of Building and Land Use, Jon Colman with detailed information regarding the Town Center Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant, Round 9.

The Town's CIF capital grant application for CIF Round 8 was not approved by the CIF Board. The Town was advised to submit a revised capital grant application for CIF Round 9. The approval of this Resolution will enable the Town to submit the revised application for CIF Round 9.

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

Move to approve the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body (attached).

TOWN OF
BLOOMFIELD
CONNECTICUT

BUILDING & LAND USE

MEMORADUM

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr, Town Manager

From: Jon Colman, Director of Building & Land Use

Date: May 19, 2026

Subject: Town Center CIF Grant Round 9

Background

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain the Town Council's approval of the required **Certified Resolution of the Governing Body** to approve and authorize the Town Manager to execute and file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED) for a Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant, Round 9, for the Town Center Bloomfield Centered and Strong Development.

Analysis

The Town's CIF capital grant application for CIF Round 8 was not approved by the CIF Board. The Town was advised to submit a revised capital grant application for CIF Round 9. The approval of this Resolution will enable the Town to submit the revised application for CIF Round 9.

Financial Impact

The preparation of the Round 9 CIF Grant Application will not cost more than $7,500.00 for consultant services.

Legal Considerations

If the grant application is approved, a formal agreement will need to be carried out between the Town and DECD.

Alternatives

One alternative is to not submit a revised CIF application for the Town Center in CIF Round 9.

Attachments

Proposed Certified Resolution of the Governing Body.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the **Certified Resolution of the Governing Body.**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
(AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

I, Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk, certify that below is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by
(Name of Official) (Title of Official)

Town of Bloomfield at a meeting of its Bloomfield Town Council duly convened on May 26, 2026 and which has not
(Name of the Applicant) (Governing Body) (Meeting Date)

been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

(Date) (Signature and Title of Official)

SEAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 32- 285a the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community
(State Statutory Reference)
Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS,** it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bloomfield make an application to the State for an amount not to exceed
(Applicant)
$ 15,000,000 in order to undertake the Town Center Bloomfield Centered and Strong Development and to execute an
(Name and Phase of Project)
Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Bloomfield Town Council
(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by
C.G.S. Sec. 32-285a
(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by
Town of Bloomfield
(Applicant)
in an amount not to exceed $ 15,000,000 is hereby approved and that Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager
(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of

Town of Bloomfield
(Name of Applicant)