



TOWN OF CANTON

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Dear Canton Residents,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the May 14 budget referendum. Your engagement is essential to maintaining a transparent and responsive budget process.

Following that vote, the Board of Finance met on May 18 and worked collaboratively to reduce the proposed FY2026–2027 budget while maintaining the core services our community depends on. As a result of the failed referendum, the Board of Finance lowered the proposed budget by \$1,305,000, bringing the proposed budget increase down from 8.4% to 5.8%.

Revised Budget at a Glance

- **Original Budget:** \$55,089,729
- **Total Reductions:** \$1,305,000
- **Revised Budget:** \$53,784,729

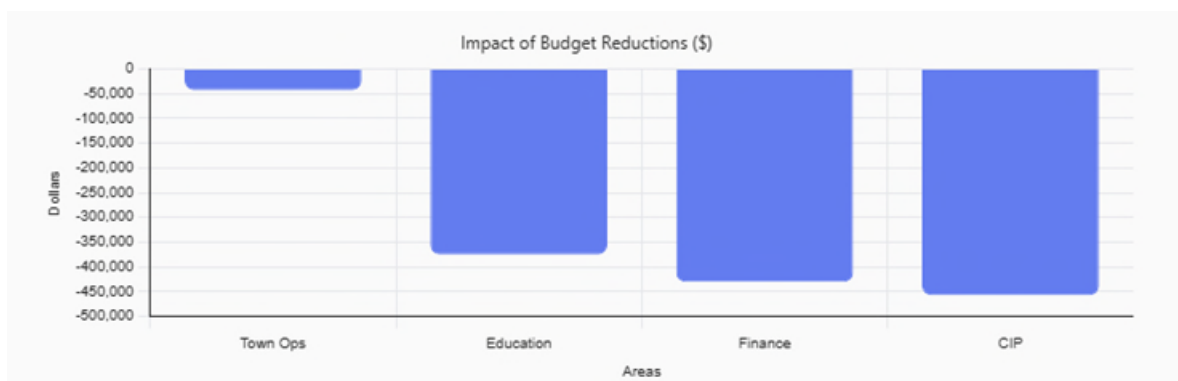
Impact to Taxpayers

- **Tax Increase:** 1.32%
- **Average Annual Increase:** \$121 (home assessed at \$275,000)
- **Mill Rate Change:** 33.94 (down from 35.11)

Note: This estimate does not include the ongoing property revaluation phase-in.

Where Reductions Were Made

The Board of Finance implemented reductions across key areas of the budget:



- **Town Operations:** -\$43,000
- **Board of Education:** -\$375,000
- **Board of Finance:** -\$430,000
- **Capital Improvements:** -\$457,000

These adjustments reflect a balanced and thoughtful approach—responding to voter feedback while preserving investments in education, public safety, and infrastructure.

Next Steps: Vote on June 2

The revised budget referendum will be held:

Tuesday, June 2

6:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Canton Community Center

We encourage all residents to participate. Your vote will determine the Town's path forward.

The revised proposal represents a meaningful reduction in spending and a lower tax impact, while continuing to support the services that define the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to Canton.