

Town of Canton, Connecticut

2024 Schedule of Town Budget Meetings

The 2024-2025 budget is likely to be fiscally challenging, with most town expenses dictated by fixed costs which have, naturally, increased. Ideas and suggestions from the public are welcome as we shape our town budget. We all are residents and we all pay taxes; please be a part of the process. And then, in May, please VOTE in the budget referendum. Make sure your voice is heard.

All meetings are open to the public, and most are available virtually. Minutes and recordings of the meetings are posted on the town website within a week after a meeting was held. All residents are encouraged to be informed, involved, and participate in the budget process.

Meeting/Purpose	Date	Location
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for General Government, IT, Finance, and Public Safety	Monday, February 12, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for Public Works and Community Services	Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Superintendent of Schools presents budget to the Board of Education	Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop: Canton CAO presents budgets for Community Planning and Development, Insurance, Employee Benefits, the Capital Improvement Plan, Water Pollution Control Facility, and General Fund Revenues	Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Education holds Budget Workshop	Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Education holds Budget Workshop, possible adoption of budget	Thursday, February 29, 7:00 pm Continued on Tuesday, March 5 if needed	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Selectmen presents their budget to the Board of Finance; public can speak at the very start of the meeting	Monday, March 18, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Education presents their budget to the Board of Finance; public can speak at the very start of the meeting	Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Finance Budget Workshop: BoF discusses the budgets presented to them, considers any correspondence sent to them, and recommends a final budget. No public input at this time – please express comments either in writing or at the Town Budget Hearing.	Monday, March 25 and, if needed, continued to Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Board of Education adjusts budget if needed	Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm	Canton High School Media Center
Board of Finance finalizes budget; public can speak at start of meeting	Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm	Canton Community Center
Town Budget Public Hearing, held by Board of Finance – this is your last opportunity to speak up and help form the budget.	Tuesday, April 23 (note: moved from original date of April 22)	Canton Community Center
Town Budget Referendum – Voting can be in person or by absentee ballots. For information on absentee ballots, please call the Town Clerk.	Early May (date not yet set at time of publication)	TBD

Town of Canton, Connecticut 2024-2025 Budget Development Process

PUBLIC INPUT

Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance are open to the public. Feedback on the budget has the most impact during the Feb to Apr period, while the budget is being developed. Residents can attend these meetings in person or virtually and provide feedback via email or phone at any time.

