



TOWN OF CANTON

FOUR MARKET STREET
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COLLINSVILLE, CONNECTICUT 06022-0168

Dear Canton Residents,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the May 14th and June 2nd budget referendums. Your engagement is essential to maintaining a transparent and responsive budget process.

Following the last vote, the Board of Finance met on June 8th and worked collaboratively to reduce the proposed FY2026–2027 budget again while maintaining the core services our community depends on. As a result of the failed referendums, the Board of Finance lowered the proposed budget by an additional \$950,000, bringing the proposed budget increase down from 5.84% to **3.97%**.

Revised Budget at a Glance

- **Original Proposed FY27 Budget:** \$55,089,729
- **First round of reductions:** \$1,305,000
- **Second Round of Reductions:** \$950,000
- **Revised Proposed FY27 Budget:** \$52,834,729

Impact to Taxpayers

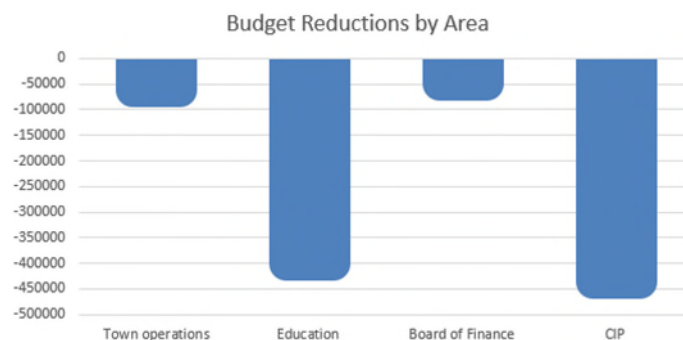
- **Mill Rate Decrease:** **-.89%**
- **Average Annual decrease:** **-\$82.29** (home assessed at \$275,000)
- **New Proposed Mill Rate:** **33.20** (down **.30** mills from last year)

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

*****in order to view your exact tax impact, use the tax calculator at townofcantonct.org

Where Reductions Were Made (June 8th reductions)

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



- **Town Operations:** -\$62,605
- **Board of Education:** -\$400,000
- **Board of Finance:** -\$50,000
- **Capital Improvements:** -\$437,395

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

Budget Area	Original FY27 Proposed	Total Reductions	Revised FY27 Proposed
Town Operating	\$ 13,725,341	\$ (105,605)	\$ 13,619,736
Board of Education	37,017,715	(775,000)	36,242,715
Board of Finance	2,446,673	(480,000)	1,966,673
CIP	1,900,000	(894,395)	1,005,605
Total	\$ 55,089,729	\$ (2,255,000)	\$ 52,834,729

- The new proposed budget amount of \$52,834,729 is a 3.97% increase over the prior years approved budget of \$50,816,923.
- Estimated Revenue Surplus (Deficit) at end of current fiscal year: (\$269,464)

Next Steps: Vote on June 23

The revised budget referendum will be held:

Tuesday, June 23

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.



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

To: Brian Miller, Chair of the Canton Board of Finance

From: Mark J. Penney, CAO

Re: Board of Selectmen Budget Reduction

Date: June 17, 2026

Dear Mr. Miller,

The following table summarizes additional reductions to the Board of Selectmen Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget in the total amount of \$500,000 as approved by the Board of Selectmen at last night's Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. This reduction meets the Board of Finance's requested reduction approved at the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance on June 11, 2026. As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Board of Selectmen Proposed Operating Budget			
Department and Line Item	Proposed Budget	Proposed Reduction Amount	Proposed Budget After Reduction
CAO			
Overtime	\$3,000	(\$1,500)	\$1,500
Equipment Purchase	\$400	(\$400)	\$0
Elections			
Mileage	\$100	(\$100)	\$0
IT			
Hardware	\$3,640	(\$500)	\$3,140
Software	\$31,740	(\$500)	\$31,240
Mileage	\$100	(\$100)	\$0
Town Clerk			
Mileage	\$100	(\$100)	\$0
Advertising	\$2,060	(\$500)	\$1,560
Contingency Fund			
Contingency Fund	\$75,000	(\$15,000)	\$60,000
Fire Services			
Officer Stipends	\$37,443	(\$1,500)	\$35,943
Part Time Hourly	\$147,290	(\$2,000)	\$145,290

Library			
Publications	\$72,000	(\$5,000)	\$67,000
Park and Recreation			
Maintenance/Cleaning	\$10,000	(\$1,000)	\$9,000
Part Time Seasonal	\$80,000	(\$4,737)	\$74,263
Public Works			
Parks-Field Maintenance	\$18,500	(\$2,000)	\$16,500
Police			
Admin-Uniforms	\$6,100	(\$500)	\$5,600
Postage	\$400	(\$100)	\$300
Training	\$4,653	(\$150)	\$4,503
ACO-Pound Supplies	\$2,000	(\$500)	\$1,500
Patrol-Overtime	\$100,000	(\$10,000)	\$90,000
Building Official			
Mileage	\$100	(\$100)	\$0
Town Planner			
Marketing	\$1,000	(\$500)	\$500
Small Capital Projects			
Fire/EMS Radio Replacement	\$10,000	(\$10,000)	\$0
Police - Video Redaction Software	\$3,318	(\$3,318)	\$0
Community Service			
Youth Service Bureau	\$5,000	(\$2,500)	\$2,500
	Total Operating	(\$62,605)	

Capital Improvement Projects Budget			
Department and Project	Proposed Budget	Proposed Reduction Amount	Proposed Budget After Reduction
Public Works Road Maintenance and Construction	\$500,000	(\$40,000)	\$460,000
Public Works Fleet Replacement Program	\$75,000	(\$25,000)	\$50,000
Land Use Matching Grants	\$70,000	(\$3,000)	\$67,000
EMS Ambulance Replacement Program	\$50,000	(\$25,000)	\$25,000
Fire Apparatus Replacement Program	\$100,000	(\$50,000)	\$50,000
Fire/EMS Hose and Ladder Replacement	\$15,000	(\$5,000)	\$10,000
Land Use ADA	\$46,650	(\$7,000)	\$39,650
Police Department Boiler	\$50,000	(\$50,000)	\$0
BOE Turf and Track	\$74,000	(\$48,395)	\$25,605
BOE Fitness Room	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$0

BOE School Wide Public Address System	\$80,000	(\$80,000)	\$0
BOE Emergency Boiler Replacement	\$153,000	(\$103,000)	\$50,000
	Total CIP	(\$437,395)	
	Grand Total	(\$500,000.00)	



CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Date: June 16, 2026
To: Brian Miller, Chair of Canton Board of Education
From: Canton Board of Education
Re: Additional Budget Reductions

This memorandum summarizes the budget reduction requests made by the Board of Finance regarding the FY2026–2027 Budget of the Canton Board of Education.

At the Board of Finance Budget Workshop held on March 23, 2026, the Board of Finance requested a \$200,000 reduction to the FY2026–2027 budget. Chart One reflects the reductions implemented in response to that request. Subsequently, following the failed referendum on May 14, 2026, the Board of Finance requested an additional reduction of \$375,000 on May 18, 2026. Chart Two reflects the additional reductions presented for the Board of Education’s consideration and approval.

Following the failure of the second Town Referendum on June 2, 2026, the Board of Finance requested a further reduction of \$400,000. Chart Three reflects the proposed reductions presented in response to this third request. These final reductions were approved by the Finance Committee at their meeting on June 11, 2026. The Canton Board of Education provided final approval of these reductions at their meeting on June 16, 2026, bringing the total BOE budget reduction to \$975,000.

CHART ONE

Initial Reduction by Board of Finance - \$200,000 on March 23, 2026

Description	Reduction Amount
Transportation: Reduction of 2 bus routes, effecting all schools.	(\$90,000)
Reduction of Certified and Non-Certified staff - to be determined at a later date. (through attrition where possible)	(\$110,000)
Total	(\$200,000)

CHART TWO

Additional Reductions by the Board of Finance - \$375,000 on May 18, 2026

Description	Reduction Amount
Technology Hardware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Lab Computers (CHS) Pause District LCD Installation Pause District Staff Laptop 7th Grade Chromebooks (CMS) 	(\$155,000)
Technology Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switch 	(\$38,500)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERATE Reimbursement • Telecommunications Audit 	
Educational Software	(\$17,500)
Staff Professional Development	(\$20,000)
Small Capital	(\$92,000)
2.0 FTE Staff Members (Not Certified Teachers)	(\$52,000)
Total	(\$375,000)
Total Reductions	(\$575,000)

CHART THREE

Additional Reductions by the Board of Finance - \$400,000 on June 8, 2026

Description	Reduction Amount
1.0 Language Arts Consultant CBPS	\$ (72,500.00)
.4 Health Education CBPS	\$ (22,000.00)
Summer Academy Reduction	\$ (10,000.00)
Technology Staff Reduction	\$ (50,000.00)
Educational Software	\$ (20,000.00)
CHS Athletics	\$ (30,000.00)
Canton Academy	\$ (13,000.00)
Reduction of Administrative/Central Office Staff	\$ (25,000.00)
CIS Spanish .6 FTE	\$ (32,000.00)
Administrator/Teacher PD & Central Office PD	\$ (27,500.00)
Elimination of Clubs and Activities across the District	\$ (11,000.00)
CHS/CMS delay asbestos removal	\$ (20,000.00)
Tech Ed Hallway Tiling	\$ (20,000.00)
Football Reduction	\$ (5,000.00)
CPAT Revenue	\$ (10,000.00)
Pre-school Revenue	\$ (20,000.00)
District Program Development/Curriculum writing	\$ (12,000.00)
Total Reductions	(\$400,000)
Total Overall Reductions	<u>(\$975,000)</u>