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BUDGET EDITION FY26 BUDGET INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Town Hall Offices, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Will be Closed Monday, May 26th in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday

No trash pickup on Monday the 26th. All pick up dates will be delayed one day.

Mark Your Calendars!

Amity Budget Referendum Vote: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 Polls Open 6:00a.m. – 8:00p.m. Bethany Town Hall

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2025 – 7p.m. Bethany Town Hall Gym

Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 26th 10:00a.m.

From the First Selectman's Desk April/May Highlights and Updates

Dear Bethany Residents,

Welcome Spring, finally? It's a good thing we enjoy the four seasons in New England, because we certainly had our fair share of fluctuating weather patterns during March and April.



Amity Road update – I have been notified by the State that the paving project will begin with milling around June 1st and paving to follow around June11th, of course weather may have an impact on these start dates. If you travel that portion of Amity Road (north of Judd Hill Road to the Town line at Naugatuck), plan accordingly. You may have noticed that catch basins were already in the process of being replaced.

We started April with a Public Hearing to present the proposed FY25-26 Town Budget, on Thursday, April 3rd. The hearing was in-person in the Bethany Town Hall gym. Board of Finance Chair, Sharon Huxley gave a very thorough PowerPoint presentation to highlight the financial results of the 2024FY, present estimates/results for the 2025FY, and present the draft budget for the 2026FY recommended by the Board of Finance. Finance Chair Huxley, Department Heads, and our Finance Director, Leslie Bacigalupi, were there to field any questions on the various aspects of the budget. The Hearing was an opportunity for the public to share their input and request increases or decreases in line items. A few residents asked questions and communicated their thoughts. Economic factors at the federal, state and local levels also create challenges in bringing forward a fiscally sound budget while trying to maintain the needed services of the Town. The final version of the budget will go to the Town for a vote at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7p.m. in the Bethany Town Hall gym. Applicable notices are mailed to residents with all necessary information.

The Board of Finance met on Tuesday, April 8th for their regular monthly meeting to review and discuss input

from residents that was shared at the Public Hearing the week before. The final proposed Board of Finance Budget for FY26 is enclosed in this month's Bulletin.

The Bethany Lions Club held their 39th Goods & Services Auction virtually from March 26th – April 4th. Many donated goods and services were available for bidding. The funds netted from the Lions Club auction will help with college scholarships for Bethany students. They will award their scholarships in May. Thanks to all the donors and bidders who contributed to make this event a success!

The Bethany Athletic Association held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Bethany Town Hall on Saturday, April 19th as Mother Nature caused it to be postponed from the 12th. This is always a well-attended and fun event for toddlers to students in Grade 6. The smiles on the faces of the kids and parents alike are priceless. This is always a wonderful community event. Thank you, BAA! As this Bulletin was getting ready to go to print, the Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th at Veteran's Memorial Park. The event is open to children up to 15 years old. There are prizes for the biggest catches too.

April 19th was a busy day in Bethany. It was Bethany Rid Litter Day. Residents sign up individually, as a family or in small groups to enjoy the fresh air and help *Continued on pg.2*

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Submit stories. events, calendar dates, press releases, inquiries, advertisements, etc. to Dey Patterson at BethanyBulletin@bethany-ct.com
Please hand deliver or mail all advertisements' payments and make checks payable to the Town Clerk's office located at 40 Peck Road, Bethany, CT 06524.

Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.

First Selectman's Desk

make Bethany beautiful by picking up trash along the roadside throughout town. Thank you to all who participated, John Pellicano for organizing the event and our Public Works crew for assisting.

National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually during the third week of April, and this year it was observed from April 20th to 26th. National Volunteer Week is a chance to recognize volunteers for the impact they have in their town in keeping the community safe, helping to keep organizations running, and providing services that might not otherwise exist without volunteers. Let's recognize and celebrate every volunteer and each contribution they're making to strengthen community spirit and well-being in Bethany. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2025 is Connecting Communities. Thank you to all our volunteers for giving so generously of your time and talents. You truly make a difference in our community.

As you know it's that time of year again for the Town of Bethany First Selectman's Youth Award. This award is open to any Bethany youth, 18 and under, who is in school, and who, either individually, or as part of a group, has demonstrated positive actions to improve Bethany or assist Bethany residents.

I am extremely happy to announce this year's recipient of the Town of Bethany First Selectman's Youth Award: Shane Johnson. Shane is a Senior at Amity Regional High School, the son of Tracey and Don Johnson. He was nominated by school staff: Jennifer Demattia and Jaime Guthrie. They described Shane as someone who is an exemplar of growth and change. Shane is not afraid of a challenge as he is taking AP Psych, AP Calculus, AP English and UCONN Spanish during his senior year.

Shane is a life-long Bethany resident who has been involved with the Boys Scouts all the way through Eagle Scouts. He received the Boy Scout of America World Conservation Award, and his Eagle Scout project was the priming, painting and replacing of rotten sections of boards at the horse-riding ring. Shane has also volunteered at such events as the Mounted Cowboy Shoot, the annual community food drive, the annual Earth Day Rid Litter event, and the Lions Club Annual Shred-It event. Shane has also lent a hand to his fellow scouts with their service projects.

Shane should take great pride in his service as he exhibits great dedication and commitment to our community. Congratulations to Shane on this recognition. We wish you all the best and continued success as you head off to Northeastern in Boston.

The Bethany Memorial Day Parade is a long-time tradition in town, stretching back to the first parade in 1958. This year's parade will be held on Monday, May 26th at 10:00a.m. Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day" and started in the 1860's following the Civil War. Bethany's practice of annual recognition services began during World War II. The Town erected an Honor Roll of those serving overseas and held observances every year at the Old Town Hall on Amity Road. In the 1960's, the Bethany Lions Club took over organization of the annual event, a task they still perform to this day.

If you have a group or organization that is interested in marching in the Parade, please reach out to Janet Brunwin

at 203-393-0598.

Always a good reminder: since the warmer weather is finally here, we find more people out and about on the roads, whether walking, biking or riding horses. Both drivers and pedestrians need to be aware of each other. Walkers, bike/horse riders should move over to single file and make way for the vehicle(s) to pass. Drivers should slow down and pass with caution.

Remember bike/horse riders always go with the traffic. Walkers should be going against the traffic so that you can easily see oncoming vehicles. We want everyone to be safe!

If you are out walking your dog, whether it is on our roads, down at the lake at Veterans Park, or up at the old airport property, PLEASE be diligent in cleaning up after your pet. We have had multiple complaints regarding this issue. We need everyone to be respectful of public areas. Thank you.

Reminder: the Bethany Lions Club is holding its Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th, followed by a Memorial Day Service in front of the Bethany Town Hall. Mark your calendars: On Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 29, 30, and 31) the Bethany Athletic Association's Carnival will be held. The Firemen's Parade will be Friday, May 30th. Thank you to these organizations for their commitment to the Town of Bethany.

REMINDER:

Town Hall Offices, Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Departments will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. See you at the Parade and the Carnival

No trash pickup on Monday the 26th. All pick up dates will be delayed one day.

I wish everyone good health and a happy





Mark Your Calendars
Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025 – 7p.m.
Bethany Town Hall – Gym

Hard copies of the full budget will also be available in the Town Clerk's Office or accessible on the Town website: www.bethany-ct.com

Thank you to the participants of Bethany Rid Litter Day 2025!





The Streets of Bethany look great after all your efforts. It is really wonderful to see the individuals, groups, families, public works crew, BVFD that were involved in the Rid Litter Day event.

A special thanks to the Bethany Lions club for again supporting Rid Litter Day.

A lot of hands really worked hard together to beautify the town. Luckily we were blessed with such a wonderfully beautiful day. Quite inspiring!

> Kind regards John Pellicano Bethany Rid Litter Day 2025

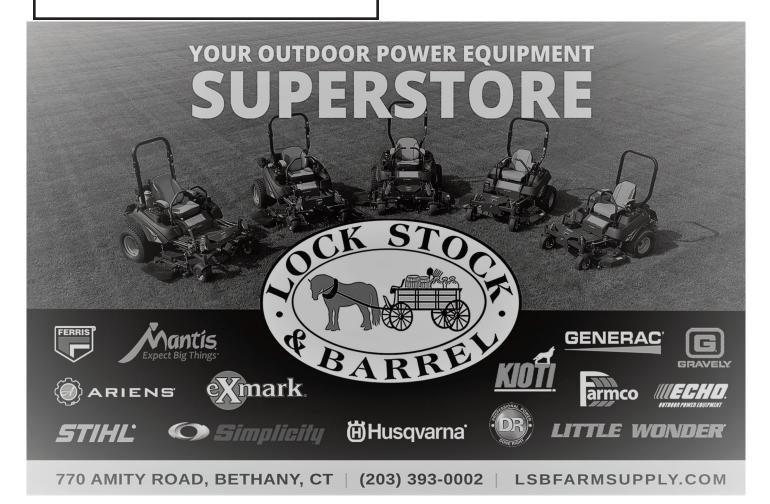
Volunteers Wanted for Local America 250 Committee

Next year the country will observe the 250th Anniversary of the United States (1776-2026) and the Town of Bethany is forming a local committee to help commemorate the event. This group will work on setting up events in town leading up to July 4, 2026, to celebrate Bethany's role in the overall history of America. The Town is seeking volunteers from community organizations and residents to help with this effort. If you are interested, please email townclerk@bethany-ct.com or call 203-393-2100 x1104.

Bethany Businesses

Advertise your business in our Service Directory. Our 2-year listing and paid advertisements are circulated to every household in town.

Email BRTCdirectory@gmail.com or visit Bethany Republican Town Committee Facebook page for more information.



From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Dear Bethany Community,

What a vibrant and exciting few weeks we've had here at Bethany Community School! As we returned from April break, our students, staff, and families jumped right back into the energy of spring with joy, creativity, and connection—and we're just getting started.



Let's start with a huge shoutout to everyone who participated in our 2nd Annual PTO Fun Run on April 10th! The day was nothing short of amazing. Our track was buzzing with cheers, laughter, and colorful school spirit as students, staff, and families ran side by side in support of our school. Thanks to your incredible generosity and enthusiasm, we raised over \$12,000 to support the upcoming Spring Fling. And yes—it's official—Mr. Reed-Swale will be getting slimed, much to the delight of our students! We're so grateful to our PTO for making this event such a highlight of the year.

Just the next day, on April 11th, we had the privilege of hosting staff from the Connecticut Sun right here in our gym. Students got the chance to run drills, learn new basketball skills, and play alongside professionals who brought not just athletic expertise but tons of energy and inspiration. The excitement is building for BCS Night with the CT Sun on May 18th, complete with a special meet and greet opportunity. If you haven't already purchased tickets, check out our school website for details!

Now that we're into May, our final stretch of the school year is underway. The last eight weeks are always full of growth and celebration—and yes, a little testing too. Students in grades 3 through 6 will soon begin the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts and Math, with our 5th graders also participating in the Next Generation Science Assessment. We're proud of their hard work and encourage families to help students come to school rested and ready.

Looking ahead, we have some wonderful events coming up that showcase the talent and creativity of our students—and we hope to see you there!

On Monday, May 20th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, join us for our annual Night of the Arts, a celebration of student artwork and creativity that fills the halls with beauty and imagination.

Then, mark your calendars for the BCS Drama Club's performance of Moana, Jr. on Friday, May 30th at 6:00 PM and again on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00 PM. These performances promise music, magic, and unforgettable student talent. Tickets for the play are available through the school office.

As families begin to make summer plans, please note that the last official day of school is scheduled for Friday, June 13th.

As always, I'm just a phone call or email away. Your questions, ideas, and feedback are so important to us as we continue working together to make BCS a place where every child thrives.

In partnership, Kai Byrd Superintendent

LAND USE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONS PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The commissions certify and require, when deemed appropriate, that a site plan be filed to aid in determining conformity of a proposed building, structure, or use within the town's regulations, and to approve, modify, or deny such a site plan. The commissions also regulate and restrict proposed locations and variances; hears, considers, and decides upon special applications and special exceptions permits when deemed necessary.

Call the Land Use Department at **(203) 393-2100 ext. 1115** or email to the *Land Use Administrator & Zoning Enforcement Officer* at **LFrazer@bethany-ct.com** if you need any further assistance and details on applications' procedures and processes.

Note: Prior to initiating any Land Use or Building Department permitting application process with the Town, we advise you to consult with the Quinnipiac Valley Health District at (203) 248-6671 in the event that their approval would also be required.

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

If you are thinking about doing any site work involving grading, filling, cutting and/or stumping of trees or bushy vegetation that is within 150 feet of a designated wetland area, i.e., land consisting of wetland soils, a river, stream, brook, lake, pond, marsh, swamp, bog, or any other body of water, natural or artificial, vernal, or intermittent, you may need to obtain an Inland Wetlands Permit prior to having that work done. The permitting process takes a minimum of two months.

Please plan ahead and call for more information on the permitting process application at (203) 393-2100 ext. 1115 or email: LFrazer@bethany-ct.com

Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Bethany Economic Development Commission

Springtime Business Social Hour

Thursday, May 15th @6:30PMHosted by Clover Nook Farm
50 Fairwood Road

Open to Bethany business owners as well as anyone interested in fowarding Bethany's economic growth and development.

Light Refreshments provided.

We will be talking about new business in Town, the newly formed Amity Chamber of Commerce, and, as always, looking to connect with and hear from our local business community.

Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

May 2025

"We are born of love; love is our mother." —Rumi

Happy Mother's Day - May 11th Happy Memorial Day - May 26th No Senior Bus Service on Monday, May 26th

SENIOR LUNCH!

Senior Lunch is held every *Wednesday at Noon* at *Bethany Town Hall*. Reservations must be made by the Wednesday prior at 203-393-2100 x1124.

\$9.00 per person.

(Please pay in exact cash when you arrive.)

MAY ENTREES:

May 7th: Stuffed Shells Marinara

May 15th: (THURSDAY AT 11:00 AM at LAKE-VIEW LODGE)

Amity Middle School Concert

Tomato Alphabet Soup and Chicken Salad Wrap

May 21st: AQUATIC BIRDS PRESENTATION

Flounder Florentine

May 28th: NO LUNCH SERVED

CANASTA CLUB

Come join the fun as we learn how to play Canasta! No experience necessary FREE EVENT.

May Dates: May 13th & May 27th 11A.M. Bethany Senior Center

Please call ahead to reserve your seat at the card table: 203-393-2100 x1124

SAVE THE DATE! SENIOR SUMMER PARTY

Wednesday, June 25th NOON-2:00 PM Lakeview Lodge

Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut- Potato Salad- Cole Slaw-Baked Beans and the return of Make Your Own Sundaes aboard the

ICE CREAM EMERGENCY truck!

LIMITED SEATING RSVP by June 11th 203-393-2100 x1124

\$10.00 Pay in exact cash at the door

FREE FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL

"LITTLE WOMEN" FRIDAY, MAY 9th 11:00 A.M. Bethany Senior Center

Don't miss this heartwarming classic of a mother and her daughters navigating life, love, and loss during the Civil War. This is the 1994 version starring Oscar winner Susan Sarandon, along with Winona Ryder, Claire Danes, Eric Stoltz and Christian Bale.

NEXT FILM: FRIDAY, June 13th at 11:00 AM "FIELD of DREAMS"

Starring Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones

JUNE SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

MONDAY, June 9th 11 A.M. Bethany Senior Center

PAPER MOSAICS

We'll be creating beautiful artwork utilizing paper and our creativity!

Reserve a seat by June 2nd: 203-393-2100 x1124

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR BETHANY RESIDENTS

Christ Church Bethany and Woodbridge is offering Bethany Residents contactless, front door delivery of nonperishable goods.

Contact Christ Church at 203-393-3399

Leave your name and phone number

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF SENIOR EVENTS BY E-MAIL?

Please e-mail rglowa@bethany-ct.com or erichard@bethany-ct.com to be added to our monthly activity e-mail list.

BETHANY LAND TRUST



Great Give 2025: Help Preserve Precious Forest Land

The Bethany Land Trust is participating in the Great Give® 2025, a community-wide giving event benefiting Greater New Haven's nonprof-

its. It runs over two days from Wednesday, May 7th at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8th.

3 to 1 Match: A generous anonymous supporter of the Land Trust has pledged to add three dollars for every dollar donated through the Great Give® 2025 up to \$15,000. **So every dollar raised will have three times the impact!**

Why your Support Matters: In 2024, monies raised during the Great Give helped the Land Trust purchase the Hidden Brook Preserve off Russell Road, 36 acres of a mix of woodland and rocky outcrops encircling a rich woody marsh, which protects songbirds, wildflowers, and other wildlife. A hiking trail, constructed as an Eagle Scout project, connects with trails in an adjacent open space parcel.

This year, the Land Trust plans to use Great Give donations towards the purchase of a large tract of forest that abuts one of our established preserves. If sufficient funds are raised, the Land Trust will be able to: Protect critical habitat within a wildlife corridor, safeguard the land from potential development and degradation, protect a boisterous stream flowing through a rocky gorge, connect with hiking trails in another Land Trust preserve, and provide a sanctuary for future generations to explore and enjoy

How You Can Help: Your dollars will be crucial in the effort to preserve this forest land. Help the Land Trust purchase this tract of forest by using this QR code or by accessing the Land Trust's Great Give® page here: https://www.thegreatgive.org/organizations/bethany-land-trust-inc.

Thank you for your support and belief in our mission. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our environment and leave a legacy of conservation for future generations.

2025 Monthly Hikes May Birding Hike: Sunday May 4th, 8-10 AM

Join us with your binoculars and spotting scopes for a morning walk in Mendell's Folly with guide, Christin Arnini, as we welcome back species returning from migration. We will meet at the roadside parking area at the Van Epps Preserve at 390 Beacon Road (Route 42) in Bethany at 8 AM. Offroad parking is also available. All are welcome but space for the hike will be limited to 10 registered participants. Please leave your pets at home and inclement weather will cancel.

To register: contact Bob Harrison by Friday, May 2nd via cell at 203-506-5888 or bjh51box@gmail.com

Bob Harrison Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

BETHANY LIONS UPDATE

Thank you to our community for supporting our 39th Online Goods and Services Auction and our 4th Annual Egg My Yard. Also, a quick reminder that with our new environmental service program - Recycle Plastic for Trex Benches, that **styrofoam** and **packing peanuts are not recyclable.**

RECYCLE PLASTIC FOR TREX BENCHES BETHANY LIONS NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

ACCEPTED PLASTIC ITEMS TO RECYCLE
ALL PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN, DRY AND
FREE OF ANY FOOD RESIDUE (NOT ALLOWED LISTED BELOW)

PRODUCE BAGS	NEWSPAPER SLEEVES
STORE BAGS, GROCERY BAGS	DRY CLEANING BAGS
ICE BAGS	BUBBLE WRAP
CEREAL BOX LINERS	PALLET WRAP
CASE OVERWRAP	STRETCH FILM
BREAD BAGS	PLASTIC E-COMMERCE MAILERS

How it Works

- · Recycle your household bags and wraps.
- Starting in early April 2025, bring your plastic film and bags to the Bethany Recycling Center.
- Place in the designated collection area to accept plastic bags and film not normally accepted for recycling.
- The accumulated plastic will be exchanged for Trex donated benches to be installed at Bethany public areas.
- All bags/films must be clean and dry.
- <u>Not Allowed</u>: Frozen food, pet food, chip, net/mesh veg., pre-washed salad, floral wrap bags and candy wrappers.

Flea market opens May 3rd and our Documents Shred & Electronics Recycling plus our Spring food drive is on May 10th. Want to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th? Contact: Lion Janet at (203) 231-3694 or brunwin@sbcglobal.net. Catch all our up-to-date news and flyers on our Facebook page: @Bethanyctlions - "Like" our page!



Parks and Recreation Commission

Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

Referendum Success: The P&R Commission extends heartfelt gratitude to the community for its overwhelming support in the recent referendum. The vote to enable the P&R Department to operate a before/after school care extended day program passed decisively, 314 to 160. This outcome reflects the community's trust in our mission to provide safe, enriching programs for Bethany's youth. Your voices have paved the way for expanded childcare options, and we are committed to honoring that trust through diligent oversight and high-quality services.

Welcome, Director Nicolle Vigneron: Nicolle Vigneron officially joined the department on April 7th (and what a wonderful day to join our community!) and is already making strides. She is collaborating with the Commission to finalize updated policies and procedures for summer camp, prioritizing safety, transparency, and operational excellence. Nicolle's leadership marks a new chapter for Parks & Rec, and we're excited to see her vision take shape.

Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancy

Looking to volunteer? If you are interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission, please see the information below:

Park & Recreation Commission Vacancy – to fill the remainder of a 2-yr term (7/1/2024-6/30/2026) Interested resident needs to be a registered voter from either of the following parties: Democratic, Independent or Unaffiliated

Please send a letter of interest in serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission, indicating your party affiliation and any special expertise, experience or training you may have that will be helpful to the Commission to: townofbethany@bethany-ct.com

Deadline to respond: Friday, May 16, 2025. Thank you in your interest in serving Bethany.

INFORMATION REGARDING WEEKLY TRASH PICK-UP

You can sign up for text alerts – text BETHANY to 203-334-1660 to be added to their holiday and weather-related schedule change Alert System.

You can also sign up to receive email notifications on their website: https://residentialwastesystems.com If you need to email RWS, put BETHANY in the subject line.

Their email address is: info@residentialwastesystems.com.

NOTE: ALL CUSTOMERS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR TRASH OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICK UP DAY (EVEN IF IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY OR WEATHER-RELATED). STORING/SECURING YOUR TRASH IN PROPER BINS OR PAILS COULD HELP AVOID YOUR TRASH FROM BEING RUMMAGED THROUGH BY ANIMALS.





Sustainable Bethany

No. 53. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Healthy anxiety: In prehistoric times, it kept us alert and alive and had us "collect" against hard times. We are the ancestors of anxious people; they lived to have children!

Today, anxiety hasn't changed, our circumstances have! H.G. Wells wrote, "Humanity choked amidst it's products, and all its energy went in increasing its disorder, like a blind stricken thing that struggles and sinks in a morass." He saw we can't turn off the inherited anxiety to collect. Deluge advertising, tracking algorithms, and anxiety provoking media all conspire to create "passive powerlessness." It's insidious conditioning to "collect" things and influencers thoughts through phones. This manmade anxiety is overwhelming. Don't despair, it's healthy.

Anxiety's saying, "stop what you are doing, come home to the face in the mirror." Balancing ideas following.

- 1. Turn phone(s) off for several hours/day. It's addictive and not a living source for emotional wellbeing.
- 2. Join clubs-societies, meet for coffee, visit libraries, museums, read, write, go outdoors, have dinner with friends, pursue hobbies; but above all, be with other people.

Soon your anxiety will poor a cup of tea, find a comfy chair, and relax. Feelings of being "torn by stress and fatigue" will disappear, wholeness and higher energy will return. The truth for each of us, is that the quality of decisions we make and the actions we do, "matters."

Book: Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed To Reverse Global Warming'. Ed. Paul Hawken.

Drawdown references 100 fully explained solutions ranked by potential to reduce carbon. Drawdown challenges obvious solutions e.g., wind, solar, electric cars. Rather, we need a multitude of solutions to lower greenhouse gases. The book divides into broad categories: Energy, Food, Land use, and Transportation. Some effective solutions in reducing CO2 are refrigeration management, wind turbines, reducing food waste, shifting to plant-based diets. One surprising, extremely effective solution is educating girls, as the amount of education is inversely correlated with the number of children they have.

Drawdown: available at Clark Memorial Library; for more information, https://drawdown.org.

May night-skies: May 3rd the Moon and Mars make a close approach at 8:33 PM, 58° above the south-western horizon. Both are in the constellation Cancer. Mars is red and easy to locate. It's from planet wide iron oxide soils blown into the atmosphere. The Romans named Mars after their war god because of its blood-stained hue, and Egyptians called Mars "Her Desher", the "Red One." May 5th don't miss Mars' close approach to M 44, the Beehive star cluster.

Gale Ridge-Co-Chair Sustainable Bethany Michael Kaloyanides, Eric Frieden contributors

Historical Society

By Linda Wooster

Please help the Bethany Historical Society by donating to us during the Great Give (May 7th-8th, 2025).



https://bit.ly/2C2fPz





Want to learn how to make Mozzarella cheese?

The Historical Society will be holding classes on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th.



Class sizes are very limited (4) and are firstcome, first-serve basis. Fee: \$30 Sign up at BethanyHistory.com

FAMILY FUN DAY - FREE

Sunday, May 25th 10a.m.-1:00a.m. Russell Homestead – 20 Round Hill Road

Fun activities for kids, hayrides, historical demonstrations and tours, planting pumpkins and tomatoes.

Sponsored by Bethany Historical Society







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Check It Out!

May 2025 Clark Memorial Library

Check our website and online calendar for a full list of programs and activities.

http://bethanylibrary.org

Great Give May 7th and 8th: The Library will be participating in the annual Great Give event on May 7th and 8th. This 36-hour event raises money and awareness for many causes important to our region. The donations from this event go directly to the Library, and are enhanced by matching funds from The Community Foundation, the Valley Community Foundation and other generous sponsors. We are focusing this Great Give campaign on expanding library programs for readers of all ages!

Arts@Clark! Reception for Gigi Lawrence
"Never Alone: Keeping Company
with Painters and Poets"
Gigi Lawrence along with Margot Trout
April 5th - June 6th, 2025
Reception: Saturday May 17th, 2:00-4:00 PM

Silent Book Club: Join our community of readers in the Bethany chapter of the Silent Book Club! Read companionably in the comfort of our Community Room on Wednesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00 PM. This is a "bring your own book" activity – no assigned reading and no pressure. Come for light refreshments and an hour of quiet to focus on your latest read. Afterwards you are welcome to chat and share titles, but the hour of reading time is sweet silence.

Arts@Clark!
Sixth Annual Public Art Exhibit
Spellbound: Art, Poetry and the
Enchantment of Reading
Sunday, August 3rd 1:00-5:00 PM
Call for Artists application Forms are available
now at http://bethanylibrary.org
Due June 15th, 2025.

Library Hours Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:30AM - 7PM Saturday: 10:30AM - 5PM



From the Assessor's Office

Applications for tax credits for homeowners over 65 years of age and those totally disabled will be taken in the Assessor's office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm beginning February 1, 2025, thru May 15, 2025.

ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS & DISABILITY PRO-

GRAM- This is a real estate tax credit program for homeowners who are at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2024 and meet certain income guidelines. Those guidelines require that annual income for single people, including Social Security benefits, should not exceed \$45,200. Married couples can be eligible if their income, including Social Security benefits, does not exceed \$55,100. Applicants should bring all proof of their 2024 income including a copy of their 2024 Income Tax Return, if filing, and proof of Social Security income (Form 1099). Also, applicant must own and reside at the property for which tax relief is sought or must hold tenancy for life use of the property and be liable for the tax bill. This must be the applicant's principal or legal residence.

Those Homeowners who are disabled, and don't qualify for the elderly homeowner's program because they are under the age of 65 can apply. One must provide proof of their disability award letter from the Social Security Administration. Also, the same income guidelines must be met.

Previous participants in either of these two programs will be required to re-file their applications bi-annually and will be notified by mail of this refiling requirement. New applicants who think they qualify for this tax relief should inquire at the Assessor's Office. In addition to this State property tax relief program, the Town of Bethany has adopted a local option property tax relief program at the February 7, 2000, Special Town Meeting. Those applicants who qualify for the State of Connecticut property tax relief program will also receive the Town of Bethany benefit. Those taxpayers who are already on the program and are required to refile, will be notified by mail.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS AND LOCAL VETERANS

EXEMPTION- The additional veteran's and local veteran's exemptions are available to qualified veterans who meet certain income requirements. These two programs provide an increase in assessment reduction beyond the standard veteran exemption. The deadline for filing applications is September 30, 2025. Applicants must meet an income requirement of not more than \$45,200 if single, and \$55,100 if married to qualify for the State of Connecticut Additional Veteran's Program. The income limit for the Town of Bethany Local Option Additional Veterans Exemption is \$70,200 for single applicants and \$80,100. Income includes adjusted gross income plus any other income, including Social Security benefits. Income is based upon the 2024 calendar year. Federal Income Tax return and/or proof of all income must be pre-

sented to the Assessor's office which is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please remember that all proof of income, including Social Security benefits (Form SSA-1099) for the 2024 calendar year must be submitted by September 30, 2025, or the application cannot be processed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions or concerns regarding these programs.

Dated this 15th day of January 2025. Betsy Quist – Assessor for the Town of Bethany

Christ Church

Don't miss the annual humongous tag sale at Christ Church Bethany, 526 Amity Rd. (at the blinking light) on Saturday May 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.! You'll find a wide variety of housewares, toys, décor, and books in addition to a fabulous bakery table, clothing boutique, and lunchtime grill. There are great bargains to be found so you'll want to mark your calendar!





Bethany Town Hall



Sunday, May 4 7:30 am to 11:00 am

All you can eat, \$15 per person FREE for children under 12

Tickets available at the door See details on Facebook: BethanyRepublicans





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- SEPTIC SYSTEMS
- INSTALLED & REPAIRED
 SEPTIC TANKS CLEANED
- PERCOLATION TESTS &
 REAL ESTATE INSPECTIONS
 - EXCAVATING WORK

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BVFD Auxiliary Presents KICK OFF TO SUMMER!



Saturday, May 17th, 2025
Doors Open: 5:30pm
Band Starts: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Location: 765 Amity Road,
Bethany CT
\$10 per person
Tickets Available Online or
Cash Only at Door
(Limited 300 Tickets)
BYOB, Snacks & Chairs
Silent Raffle

USE THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS



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Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

May 5th	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00PM
May 6th	Board of Selectmen	6:30PM
May 7th	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00PM
May 8th	Conservation Commission	7:30PM
May 12th	Amity Board of Education	6:30PM
May 12th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00PM
May 13th	Board of Finance	7:00PM
May 14th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30PM
May 14th	Economic Development Commission	6:30PM
May 15th	Cemetery Commission	7:00PM
May 19th	Solid Waste and Recyclling Committee	5:30PM
May 19th	Annual Town Meeting	7:00PM
May 19th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30PM
May 28th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30PM

Town of Bethany 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

EXPENDITURES	FY24 ACTUAL	FY25 BUDGET	FY25 ESTIMATE	FY26 PROPOSED
Selectmen - 1st Selectman	94,875.04	97,247.00	97,247.00	97,247.00
Selectmen - 2nd Selectman	2,328.00	2,386.00	2,386.00	2,400.00
Selectmen - 3rd Selectman	2,328.00	2,386.00	2,386.00	2,400.00
Selectmen - Secretary	0	25,000.00	13,000.00	35,100.00
Selectmen - Office Expenses	6,535.41	5,000.00	4,500.00	2,000.00
Selectmen - Legals	8,132.54	6,000.00	6,700.00	7,000.00
Selectmen - Conferences/Meetings/School	1,353.00	2,600.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bethany Bulletin	24,787.79	26,400.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
Selectmen - Miscellaneous	2,567.54	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Selectmen - Meetings Clerk	795.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,750.00
Selectmen - Assistant	60,538.51	64,063.00	64,053.00	70,000.00
Selectman	204,240.83	235,582.00	223,772.00	249,897.00
Board of Finance - Clerk	1,132.50	1,950.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Board of Finance - Annual Report	2,245.98	2,000.00	2,300.00	2,500.00
Board of Finance - Hearing	988.89	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Audit	58,368.75	55,000.00	56,500.00	58,900.00
Board of Finance	62,736.12	59,950.00	61,900.00	64,500.00
Finance - Manager	100,785.88	103,306.00	103,306.00	106,000.00
Finance - Bookkeeper	48,271.02	49,725.00	49,725.00	52,500.00
Finance - Accounting Clerk	30,751.55	48,750.00	47,500.00	50,000.00
Finance - Operating Expense	1,456.59	1,500.00	850.00	1,500.00
License Fee - Accounting Software	32,416.63	35,000.00	37,282.00	35,000.00
Professional Development				2,000.00
Finance	213,681.67	238,281.00	238,663.00	247,000.00
Town Treasurer - Salary	2,328.00	2,386.00	2,328.00	2,400.00
Town Treasurer - Miscellaneous	-39.00	500.00	175.00	300.00
Town Treasurer	2,289.00	2,886.00	2,503.00	2,700.00
Assessor - Assessor Salary	32,276.92	33,084.00	33,084.00	33,911.00
Assessor - Secretary Salary	38,158.84	45,651.00	45,651.00	46,792.00
Assessor - Office Supplies	293.45	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Assessor - Online Access	4,798.09	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Assessor - Training	1,299.26	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Assessor - Manuals/Pricing	7,909.65	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00
Assessor - Vehicle Allowance	-	-	N/A	600.00
Assessor	84,736.21	115,135.00	115,135.00	115,703.00
Bd of Assmt Appeals - Payroll	1,132.70	300.00	300.00	300.00
Bd of Assmt Appeals - Legal	-	300.00	-	300.00
Bd of Assmt Appeals - Expenses	-	300.00	-	-
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,132.70	900.00	300.00	600.00
Tax Collector - Tax Coll Salary	65,711.88	67,355.00	67,355.00	69,100.00
Tax Collector - Asst Salary	13,662.42	18,389.00	18,389.00	19,308.00
Tax Collector - Office Supplies	1,389.24	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tax Collector - Service Contracts	20,508.08	20,000.00	19,000.00	22,500.00
Tax Collector - Legals	1,684.58	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector - Miscellaneous	1,428.52	3,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector - Collection fees	3,357.48	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Refunds		40,000.00		35,000.00
Tax Collector	107,742.20	155,144.00	113,144.00	153,408.00
Town Clerk - Town Clerk Salary	75,021.96	76,898.00	76,898.00	78,820.00
Town Clerk - Assistant Salary	43,550.20	45,172.00	45,172.00	46,301.00
Town Clerk - P/T Assistant Salary	26,402.45	27,103.00	27,103.00	27,781.00
Town Clerk - Overtime	,	-	-	-
Town Clerk - Office Supplies	1,844.46	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,500.00
Town Clerk - Cott Land Records	16,142.80	17,650.00	17,000.00	16,550.00
Town Clerk - Service Contracts	1,195.00	1,500.00	1,195.00	1,700.00
Town Clerk - Conferences/School/Dues	1,642.85	3,250.00	2,750.00	3,725.00
Town Clerk - Legals	5,870.43	3,700.00	3,700.00	5,275.00

Town Clerk - Book Restoration		<u>-</u>	_	_
Town Clerk	171,670.15	177,373.00	175,918.00	182,652.00
Land Use - Clerk	40,455.00	44,972.00	44,972.00	46,100.00
Land Use Administrator	64,506.00	66,115.00	66,115.00	67,800.00
Land Use - Administrative Assistant	2,340.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	3,000.00
Land Use - Building Inspector	30,117.88	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,800.00
Land Use - Asst Building Inspector	19,508.58	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,500.00
Land Use - Consultant/Planner	22,000.00	25,200.00	25,200.00	25,200.00
Land Use - Engineering	1,137.50	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Land Use - Hearings	950.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Land Use - Office Expense/Supplies	5,972.64	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
Land Use - Conf/School/Dues Land Use - Legals	3,464.00 7,866.96	4,000.00 7,920.00	4,000.00 6,600.00	4,000.00 7,920.00
Land Use - Legats Land Use - Mileage	670.38	1,200.00	1,200.00	7,920.00
Land Use - GIS Support	3,300.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	5,500.00
Land Use - Miscellaneous	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Land Use	202,288.94	230,007.00	228,687.00	227,570.00
Town Counsel - Retainer	37,200.00	37,200.00	37,200.00	37,200.00
Town Counsel - Legal Expense	38,817.29	25,000.00	35,000.00	25,000.00
Claims and Judgments	75,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Investigative Legal			75,000.00	
Town Counsel	151,017.29	67,200.00	147,200.00	67,200.00
Registrar - Salaries & wages	28,858.27	34,500.00		34,500.00
Registrar - Seasonal	8,104.27	14,850.00		14,850.00
Registrar - Election & Office Supplies	12,673.28	9,334.00		9,334.00
Registrar - Miscellaneous	3,143.45	7,664.00		7,664.00
Registrar of Voters	52,779.27	66,348.00	-	66,348.00
ZBA - Office Expense	0	200.00		200.00
ZBA - Legals	2,005.20	2,000.00		2,000.00
ZBA - Miscellaneous	60.00	250.00		250.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,065.20	2,450.00	-	2,450.00
Oper Town Hall - Telephone/Fax	14,247.34	15,000.00	12,500.00	7,300.00
Oper Town Hall - Copier	7,411.52	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Oper Town Hall - Postage	9,333.98	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
TH Computers - Network Support	46,588.53	55,000.00	55,000.00	68,000.00
TH Computers - Equip Replacement TH Computers - Internet Fee	14,819.36 2,038.17	13,000.00 1,550.00	11,000.00 1,550.00	12,000.00 1,550.00
TH Computers - Payroll Processing	10,833.02	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
TH Computers - Staff Support	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	6,000.00
Town Hall Information Technology	106,571.92	119,550.00	115,050.00	128,350.00
Council of Small Towns	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00
SCROG	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Regional Growth Partnership	1,668.90	1,669.00	1,668.90	1,689.00
CCM	3,272.00	3,272.00	3,272.00	3,272.00
Memberships	8,215.90	8,316.00	8,315.90	8,336.00
Probate Court	-	500.00	-	500.00
Conservation Commission	315.92	500.00	315.00	500.00
Economic Development	554.72	5,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Boards	870.64	6,000.00	2,815.00	6,000.00
Board of Educ - Fuel Oil	90,036.66	101,840.00	101,000.00	84,315.00
Board of Educ - Gasoline	38,470.10	37,200.00	36,500.00	32,500.00
BOE Fuel	128,506.76	139,040.00	137,500.00	116,815.00
Cyber Insurance				10,000.00
Liability Insurance				95,000.00
Public Official Bonds				1,315.00
Workers Compensation				73,000.00
General Insurance	171,635.00	196,421.00	178,500.00	179,315.00
Unemployment	12,082.41	25,000.00	8,000.00	25,000.00

Medical Insurance	653,007.70	779,055.00	779,055.00	881,000.00
Town Employees' Inv Account	152,974.18	216,830.00	182,000.00	215,000.00
Firemen's Retirement	57,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00
Social Security	187,819.43	177,260.00	181,000.00	195,000.00
Pension Administration	10,044.53	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Firemen's Pension Actuarial Services	· -	6,500.00	6,700.00	3,000.00
Certified Increases	-	15,000.00	11,000.00	25,000.00
Labor Related Benefits & Expenses	1,072,928.25	1,296,645.00	1,244,755.00	1,423,000.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	2,745,108.05	3,117,228.00	2,994,157.90	3,241,844.00
Resident Trooper	73,897.92	85,000.00	85,000.00	80,000.00
Resident Trooper - OT	10,614.36	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Police Administrative Lieutenant	69,703.20	72,450.00	72,450.00	74,300.00
Police - Salaries	32,666.25	37,040.00	37,040.00	38,000.00
Constables Training	3,762.40	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
DARE Program	201.60	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Police - Office Expense	3,488.56	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Police - Telephone	1,149.14	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Police - Equipment	24,578.37	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Police - Gas	, -	4,100.00	4,100.00	5,500.00
Contracted Service-Accredidation				25,000.00
Police	220,061.80	234,390.00	234,390.00	258,600.00
Fire Protection	247,500.00	247,425.00	247,500.00	247,425.00
Firemen's Physicals	11,575.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	13,000.00
Fire Dept Gas & Diesel	14,609.60	14,000.00	12,500.00	14,000.00
Fire Dept Fuel Oil	15,203.03	25,000.00	17,500.00	18,000.00
C-Med	43,591.21	43,000.00	43,000.00	5,700.00
Ambulance Corps	95,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
Fire Hydrant	2,036.24	5,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fire Tower Electric	13,805.95	20,000.00	14,000.00	15,000.00
Fire Dept - Bldg Repairs	10,214.66	12,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Fire Dept - Vehicle Repairs	18,746.39	-	, -	2,000.00
Contracted Service-Dispatch	· -	-	-	37,000.00
Fire	472,282.08	498,925.00	484,500.00	491,625.00
Fire Marshal - Salary	37,440.00	38,376.00	38,376.00	39,400.00
Fire Marshal Assistant - Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Communication	1,963.90	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office and miscellaneous	843.73	300.00	895.00	1,200.00
Software Support	2,142.61	2,112.00	2,300.00	5,250.00
Books/Subscriptions	655.44	1,000.00	1,097.00	2,500.00
Training Seminars	1,286.24	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Vehicle/Gas Used	2,912.56	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Public Education	338.87	300.00	300.00	300.00
Uniform and Gear	495.55	500.00	560.74	561.00
Tools/Equipment	1,466.18	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dues / Certifications	676.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Fire Marshal	51,221.08	52,038.00	52,978.74	58,661.00
Emergency Management Director Salary	18,540.08	19,004.00	19,004.00	19,500.00
Communication	1,824.07	2,358.00	-	1,500.00
Office and miscellaneous	2,011.88	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Software Support	5,600.32	6,400.00	6,076.00	6,400.00
Books/Subscriptions	0	500.00	500.00	500.00
Training Seminars	275.00	2,250.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Education	0	300.00	400.00	400.00
Uniform and Gear	0	300.00	300.00	400.00
Tools/Equipment	634.91	500.00	500.00	650.00
Dues / Certifications	199.00	550.00	450.00	450.00
CERT	252.50	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Disaster Recovery	5,882.01			
Emergency Management	35,219.77	34,162.00	31,730.00	33,800.00

Woodbridge Animal Control	58,152.00	59,629.00	58,082.00	58,890.00
Dog License Fees CT	2,987.50	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Animal Control	61,139.50	62,629.00	58,082.00	61,890.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL	839,924.23	882,144.00	829,950.74	904,576.00
QVHD	38,074.00	39,660.00	39,660.00	40,718.00
TEAM	5,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Domestic Violence	500.00	515.00	515.00	550.00
Regional Mental Health	276.00	276.00	276.00	300.00
Senior Services - Greater NH Transit	3,630.59	3,650.00	3,630.00	3,650.00
Youth Services	25,259.19	25,940.00	25,940.00	26,108.00
PUBLIC HEALTH TOTAL	72,739.78	76,041.00	75,021.00	76,326.00
Human Services - Director Salary	56,828.98	58,250.00	58,250.00	59,750.00
Human Services - Assistant	20,744.20	40,658.00	40,658.00	41,700.00
Human Services - Bus Driver	12,749.33	15,375.00	15,375.00	15,375.00
Human Services - Cook	12,738.22	17,500.00	17,500.00	10,500.00
Human Services - Office Exp	757.15	800.00	800.00	1,400.00
Human Services - Conferences/Dues	296.89	500.00	500.00	700.00
Human Services - Senior Programs	11,659.96	12,000.00	12,000.00	19,500.00
Human Services - Senior bus	9,805.91	7,000.00	5,313.00	5,000.00
Human Services	125,580.64	152,083.00	150,396.00	153,925.00
Library - Annual Appropriation	314,529.00	324,748.00	324,748.00	338,160.00
Library	314,529.00	324,748.00	324,748.00	338,160.00
Park & Rec - Dept Head	117,944.32	120,894.00	87,449.00	85,000.00
Park & Rec Salaries	244,839.53	288,668.00	226,621.00	
Park & Rec - Full Time				54,000.00
Park & Rec - Office Supplies	2,029.41	2,177.00	1,774.00	500.00
Park & Rec - Equipment Replacement	1,536.23	1,500.00	1,485.00	1,500.00
Park & Rec - Software	-	5,900.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
Park & Rec - Vehicle Maintenance				500.00
Park & Rec - All Other Expenses	582.09	1,100.00	500.00	2,000.00
Park & Rec Refunds				3,000.00
Park & Rec Part Time Wages				45,500.00
Park & Rec External Instructors				10,000.00
Park & Rec Program Expense	22,964.35	26,060.00	5,000.00	21,000.00
Park & Rec Summer Camp Wages				140,000.00
Park & Rec - Summer Camp Expenses	28,120.62	30,156.00	2,500.00	30,000.00
Park & Rec - Extended Day				158,000.00
Park & Rec - Extended Day Expenses Park & Rec - Grant related payroll		26 025 00		5,000.00
Parks and Recreation	418,016.55	26,035.00 502,490.00	331,229.00	561,900.00
Veterans Park - Payroll	23,803.77	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Veterans Park - Bldg Maintenance	10,034.04	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Veterans Park - Contracted Services	1 211 42	1 500 00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Veterans Park - Cleaning Supplies Veterans Park - Electric	1,311.42 5,868.75	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Veterans Park - Electric Veterans Park - Heat (Propane)	3,711.74	13,000.00 7,500.00	11,000.00 7,500.00	11,000.00 7,500.00
Veterans Park - Telephone & Cable	4,922.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Veterans Park - Alarm Monitoring	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Veterans Park - Fire Extinguisher	-	-	_	_
Park Waterfront Maintenance	743.14	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Veterans Park - Sand	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Veterans Park - Coordinator Stipend	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Veterans Park	51,394.86	71,000.00	71,200.00	71,200.00
Harvest Fest/Family Day Exp	27,582.00	25,000.00	23,834.00	26,750.00
Harvest Festival	27,582.00	25,000.00	23,834.00	26,750.00
Care of Cemeteries	4,723.65	,		
Bethany Summer League	4,723.65 3,578.70	10,000.00 4,500.00	4,500.00 3,576.00	6,000.00 7,000.00
Bethany Historical Society	3,376.70	10,000.00		7,000.00
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Other Community Services	8,302.35	24,500.00	8,076.00	13,000.00
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	945,405.40	1,099,821.00	909,483.00	1,164,935.00
Oper Town Hall - Custodian Salaries	31,085.68	40,000.00	32,000.00	35,000.00
Oper Town Hall - Supplies	4,841.02	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
Oper Town Hall - Electric	31,282.46	45,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Oper Town Hall - Fuel Oil	36,190.17	46,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Oper Town Hall - Mileage	· =	600.00	- -	-
Oper Town Hall - Bldg Repairs	51,061.99	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00
Architectural & Engineering Services	51,276.60	50,000.00	7,500.00	25,000.00
P&R Annex Repair	1,748.99	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Oper Center Station - Bldg Repairs	7,468.84	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Oper Center Station - Electric	-	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Oper Center Station - Tel/Cable	-	1,560.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Center Station Heating Oil			6,000.00	6,000.00
Center Station Contracted Services			750.00	750.00
Center Station Propane			1,000.00	1,000.00
Repair of Airport Hangar	2,995.10	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Airport	1,612.53	4,000.00		
Airport Electric				2,000.00
Airport All Other Expenses			5,000.00	3,000.00
Town Hall Facilities	219,563.38	258,560.00	200,250.00	197,750.00
Solid Waste - Salaries	70,730.10	71,825.00	67,000.00	74,620.00
Solid Waste - Curbside Pickup	227,999.64	317,826.00	317,826.00	328,950.00
Solid Waste - Disposal Tipping Fees	124,852.64	168,000.00	168,000.00	163,000.00
Solid Waste - Bulky Waste	33,227.97	38,500.00	38,500.00	38,500.00
Solid Waste - Recyclables	42,277.53	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
Solid Waste - Trailer Rental	1,440.00	9,264.00	9,264.00	2,400.00
Solid Waste - Tires/Oil	1,092.25	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Solid Waste - Miscellaneous	20,549.30	19,000.00	19,000.00	24,000.00
Solid Waste	522,169.43	681,915.00	677,090.00	689,470.00
Director of Public Works - Salary	89,767.08	92,011.00	92,011.00	94,500.00
Road Foreman & Labor	540,096.06	481,556.00	481,556.00	498,000.00
Road Foreman & Labor - Overtime	0	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Major Road Resurfacing	151,555.05	250,000.00	250,000.00	-
Road Maintenance	99,700.50	100,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal	171,715.21	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Road Materials	186,432.07	175,000.00	200,000.00	187,500.00
Street Lights	9,942.44	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Garage Expense Equipment Parts	56,056.44	64,000.00	64,000.00	64,000.00
Equipment Tires	11,873.50	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Tree Removal	104,692.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Debris Dumping Fees	5,724.52	5,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
Other Contracted Services	32,233.52	45,000.00	45,000.00	40,000.00
Road Signs	8,996.53	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Garage Expense Vehicle Parts	31,175.34	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Consulting Engineer	6,152.25	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
PW Employee Clothing Stipend	5,056.40	5,075.00	5,075.00	5,075.00
Garage Expense Vehicle Service	52,804.72	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Drainage-catch basins	32,245.20	40,000.00	40,000.00	150,000.00
Guard Rails	12,050.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Garage Expense - General	27,761.32	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
Garage Expense - Telephone/Internet	4,670.58	4,566.00	4,566.00	4,566.00
Garage Expense - Electric	4,389.17	12,000.00	6,000.00	2,400.00
Garage Expense - Fuel	7,131.90	15,000.00	10,000.00	13,000.00
Garage Expense - Bldg Repairs	18,946.63	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Repairs & Supplies - Gas	14,181.29	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Repairs & Supplies - Diesel	26,964.20	37,500.00	37,500.00	37,500.00
Highway & Public Works	1,712,313.92	1,939,208.00	1,950,208.00	1,839,041.00
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	2,454,046.73	2,879,683.00	2,827,548.00	2,726,261.00

136,979.73	150,000.00	140,000.00	150,000.00
33,546.32	40,000.00		
170,526.05	190,000.00	140,000.00	150,000.00
7,227,750.24	8,244,917.00	7,776,160.64	8,263,942.00
795,000.00	830,000.00	830,000.00	830,000.00
286,846.28	257,132.00	286,846.00	226,772.00
1,050.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
1,082,896.28	1,089,632.00	1,118,346.00	1,058,772.00
862,625.09	712,284.00	712,284.00	620,000.00
100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
74,215.00		50,000.00	
1,036,840.09	812,284.00	862,284.00	720,000.00
2,119,736.37	1,901,916.00	1,980,630.00	1,778,772.00
9,347,486.61	10,146,833.00	9,756,790.64	10,042,714.00
7,477,945.74	7,949,018.00	7,900,000.00	8,207,602.00
9,075,013.57	8,769,769.00	8,828,987.00	8,977,109.00
25,900,445.92	26,865,620.00	26,485,777.64	27,227,425.00
	33,546.32 170,526.05 7,227,750.24 795,000.00 286,846.28 1,050.00 1,082,896.28 862,625.09 100,000.00 74,215.00 1,036,840.09 2,119,736.37 9,347,486.61 7,477,945.74 9,075,013.57	33,546.32 40,000.00 170,526.05 190,000.00 7,227,750.24 8,244,917.00 795,000.00 830,000.00 286,846.28 257,132.00 1,050.00 2,500.00 1,082,896.28 1,089,632.00 862,625.09 712,284.00 100,000.00 100,000.00 74,215.00 1,036,840.09 812,284.00 2,119,736.37 1,901,916.00 9,347,486.61 10,146,833.00 7,477,945.74 7,949,018.00 9,075,013.57 8,769,769.00	33,546.32 40,000.00 170,526.05 190,000.00 140,000.00 7,227,750.24 8,244,917.00 7,776,160.64 795,000.00 830,000.00 830,000.00 286,846.28 257,132.00 286,846.00 1,050.00 2,500.00 1,500.00 1,082,896.28 1,089,632.00 1,118,346.00 862,625.09 712,284.00 712,284.00 100,000.00 100,000.00 100,000.00 74,215.00 50,000.00 1,036,840.09 812,284.00 862,284.00 2,119,736.37 1,901,916.00 1,980,630.00 9,347,486.61 10,146,833.00 9,756,790.64 7,477,945.74 7,949,018.00 7,900,000.00 9,075,013.57 8,769,769.00 8,828,987.00

Revenue				
	Actual	Budgeted	Estimated	Proposed
	2024	2025	2025	2026
Intergovernmental				
ECS	1,766,154	1,764,574	1,764,574	1,668,240
Municipal Revenue Sharing	93,975	26,746	26,746	41,200
Regional Water Authority	342,968	275,428	272,741	279,065
Pilot Grants	58,274	50,298	53,298	38,844
Town Aid Road	209,349	209,349	209,355	209,355
LOCIP	81,654	68,585	68,585	68,550
MRSF Motor Vehicle	297,108	429,092	429,092	0
Miscellaneous	170,516	80,162	35,627	77,720
	3,019,998	2,904,234	2,860,018	2,382,974
Departmental				
Permits & Fees	178,769	138,100	121,700	124,750
Park & Recreation	341,129	378,220	215,249	471,600
Veterans Park	33,625	26,500	31,500	35,000
Senior/Social Service	8,793	8,901	7,562	8,500
Town Clerk	11,152	20,500	15,500	18,000
	573,468	572,221	391,511	657,850
Other Revenues				
Investment Interest	345,186	325,000	325,400	310,000
Conyenance	78,322	90,000	75,000	90,000
Ordinance Copies	8,052	10,000	8,300	8,500
Miscellaneous	103,622	145,130	143,735	151,300
Non current Tax Revenue	393,219	375,000	400,600	375,000
	928,400	945,130	953,035	934,800
Total Non tax Revenue	4,521,865	4,421,585	4,204,564	3,975,624
Balance from Taxes prior to subsidies	22,529,789	22,206,112	22,080,948	23,250,877
General Fund Subsidy				600,000
Balance to be collected fromTaxes				22,651,801

Dept/Project	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Public Works	-		-	-	-	•
#flat bed truck body	11,000					
#72" lawn mower	17,500					
#Debris blower for roadside mower	7,350					
Road Paving	350,000	450,000	450,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
**Round Hill Road	-					
12 Yard Dump with Plow - 3yr financing	112,284					
#12 Yard Dump with Plow - 3yr cash out	83,064	-				
*BAA Fencing		12,000				
*Targeted Road Guiderails		35,000				
*Horse Ring		5,000	15,000			
Airport Field Fencing			26,000			
Backhoe			175,000			
VP Lodge Parking & Access Road Paving			210,000			
12Yd Dump Truck				330,000		
Subtotal	581,198	502,000	876,000	930,000	600,000	600,000
Fire Department						
*4 gas meters	2,500					
#4 TIC cameras	35,000					
2 Lima 7 Ambulance Replacement	125,000	375,000				
*HVAC upgrades		15,000				
Tanker 82 Refurbish			200,000			
EMS Fly Car				70,000		
Tanker 87 Refurbish			-		200,000	
Incident Command Vehicle						75,000
Subtotal	162,500	390,000	200,000	70,000	200,000	75,000
Town Hall						
*TH Building renovations	1,000,000					
#New Phone System	15,000					
Senior Bus	125,000					
^Police Cruiser	61,000	75,000				
*Police Body & Dash Cams	35,000					
*Center Station Generator	20,000					
Subtotal	1,256,000	75,000	-	-	-	-
IT						
Land Use File Archival		45,000	45,000			
Land Use Software		, , , , , , ,	75,000			
Subtotal	-	45,000	120,000	-	-	-
TOTAL NON-RECURRING EXPENSES	1,999,698	1,012,000	1,196,000	1,000,000	800,000	675,000
Sinking Funds						
Equipment & Vehicle Replacement			275,000	275,000	275,000	275,000
Infrastructure			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Land Acquisition	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Subtotal	100,000	100,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
SUMMARY TOTAL	2,099,698	1,112,000	1,596,000	1,400,000	1,200,000	1,075,000
** Grant Funding not awarded						
*Less Grant Funded Projects	(1,057,500)	(67,000)				
# Reserve Funding	(168,914)	(250,000)				
^ Police Special Duty Fund	(61,000)	(75,000)				
APPROPRIATION REQUIREMENTS	812,284	720,000	1,596,000	1,400,000	1,200,000	1,075,000

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING BUDGET (\$)						
TOTALS	25,875,420	26,865,620	26,288,158	27,227,425		
DEPT NAME	FY 2023-2024 ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	FY 2024-2025 BUDGET	FY 2024-2025 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	FY 2025-2026 BOF BUDGET		
Selectman	204,241	235,582	223,782	249,897		
Board of Finance	62,736	59,950	61,900	64,500		
Finance	214,732	238,281	238,663	247,000		
Town Treasurer	2,289	2,886	2,561	2,700		
Assessor	95,736	115,135	115,135	115,703		
Bd of Assess Appeals	1,133	900	300	600		
Tax Collector	107,742	155,144	70,970	153,408		
Town Clerk	171,670	177,373	175,918	182,652		
Land Use	202,289	230,007	91,499	227,570		
Town Counsel	151,017	67,200	147,200	67,200		
Registrar of Voters	52,779	66,348	-	66,348		
Zoning Appeals	2,065	2,450	-	2,450		
Town Hall IT	106,572	119,550	115,050	128,350		
Memberships	8,616	8,316	8,336	8,336		
Misc Boards	871	6,000	2,815	6,000		
BOE Fuel	128,507	139,040	137,500	116,815		
General Insurance	171,635	196,421	178,500	179,315		
Employee Benefits	1,072,928	1,296,645	1,244,755	1,423,000		
Gen. Government	2,757,558	3,117,228	2,814,884	3,241,844		
Police	220,062	234,390	234,390	258,600		
Fire	472,282	498,925	484,425	491,625		
Fire Marshal	51,221	52,038	52,979	58,661		
Emergency Mang.	21,876	34,162	31,730	33,800		
Animal Control	61,140	62,629	58,082	61,890		
Public Safety	826,581	882,144	861,606	904,576		
QVHD	38,074	39,660	39,660	40,718		
TEAM	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,000		
Other	29,666	30,381	30,361	30,608		
Public Health	72,740	76,041	75,021	76,326		
Human Services	125,581	152,083	150,395	153,925		
Library	314,529	324,748	324,748	338,160		
Park & Recreation	418,806	502,490	331,228	561,900		
Veterans Park	51,395	71,000	71,200	71,200		
Harvest Festival	27,582	25,000	23,834	26,750		
Other	8,303	24,500	8,076	13,000		
Community Act.	946,195	1,099,821	909,482	1,164,935		
Town Hall Facilities	219,563	258,560	200,250	197,750		

DEPT NAME	FY 2023-2024 ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	FY 2024-2025 BUDGET	FY 2024-2025 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	FY 2025-2026 BOF BUDGET
Solid Waste	522,170	681,915	677,090	689,470
PW-Garage	1,712,314	1,939,208	1,950,208	1,839,041
Public Works	2,454,047	2,879,683	2,827,548	2,726,261
Contingency	136,980	150,000	140,000	150,000
Refunds	33,546	40,000		-
Other	170,526	190,000	140,000	150,000
Total Operating	7,227,647	8,244,917	7,628,541	8,263,942
Capital	862,625	712,284	712,284	620,000
LOCIP	74,215			-
Land Acquisition	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Debt	1,082,896	1,089,632	1,118,346	1,058,772
Total Reserves & Debt	2,119,736	1,901,916	1,930,630	1,778,772
Total Municipal	9,347,383	10,146,833	9,559,171	10,042,714
Bethany BOE	7,453,024	7,949,018	7,900,000	8,207,602
Amity Region 5	9,075,014	8,769,769	8,828,987	8,977,109
Total	25,875,420	26,865,620	26,288,158	27,227,425

Preliminary Mill Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year: 2026

27,227,425
4,575,624
22,651,801
100,442
22,752,243
22,982,063
788,797,397
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LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER BETHANY, CT 06524

Town of Bethany 40 Peck Road Bethany, CT 06524 PRSRT STD ECRWSS U.S. POSTAGE PAID EDDM RETAIL