



Town of Hartland

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EAST HARTLAND, CT 06027

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Spring 2026 Newsletter

TOWN OF HARTLAND BOARD OF FINANCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7-344 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, THE BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HARTLAND WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, AT 8:00 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, HARTLAND SCHOOL, 30 SOUTH ROAD, EAST HARTLAND.

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (2026-2027) WILL BE PRESENTED. ALL PERSONS WILL BE HEARD CONCERNING THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY CHANGES DESIRED BY SAID PERSONS WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

DATED AT HARTLAND, CONNECTICUT

THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

THOMAS KEAN, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF FINANCE

TAX COLLECTOR

Dear taxpayers:

This is a reminder that a lien will be placed on delinquent Real Estate property if the taxes are not paid in full by April 30, 2026, per State General Statute Sec. 12-195C which results in an additional \$24.00 lien fee.

YOU MAY VIEW YOUR BILLS ON OUR WEBSITE @ HARTLANDCT.ORG

CLICK ONTO THE DEPARTMENTS TAB, CLICK ONTO TAX COLLECTOR, CLICK ONTO THE LINK.

YOU MAY ALSO PRINT YOUR IRS PAYMENT RECORDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

Unable to pay your taxes in full? Please contact me to set up a monthly payment agreement.

Tax bills are mailed out the last week of June. (This includes First and Second Installment Tax Bills)

If you have not received a bill against your Real Estate, Personal Property, or Motor Vehicle(s), please call (860) 653-0609.

Cheryl Higgins, Tax Collector CCMC

Hours: Mon. - Wed. 10:00 am– 12:00 pm 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm *Extended Hours: Second Mon open until 6:00 pm

Phone: 860-653-0609 Fax: 860-653-0452 Website: Hartlandct.org

WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, CONNECTICUT, AND ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN TOWN MEETINGS OF SAID TOWN, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED THAT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF SAID TOWN WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, HARTLAND SCHOOL, 30 SOUTH ROAD, EAST HARTLAND, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES AND FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

1. TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,770,853.00 AS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027, BOTH AS TO APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED AND AS TO SOURCES OF REVENUE. (VOTER ACTION OF THIS ITEM WILL TAKE PLACE AT A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026, FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.)
2. TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FIRST SELECTMAN AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS IN THE NAME OF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HARTLAND WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND/OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES IN THE TOWN OF HARTLAND.
3. TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FIRST SELECTMAN AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, TO SIGN ANY CONTRACT, CERTIFICATE, AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT OR ANY OTHER REPORT, FORM, STATEMENT, OR DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HARTLAND CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN AND EXPENDITURE OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION; BRISTOL RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY OPERATING COMMITTEE (BRRFOC), REWORLD, BRISTOL FACILITY POLICY BOARD (BFPB), INSURANCE POLICIES, GRANTS, AND RECYCLING CONTRACTS.
4. TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FROM MUNICIPAL RESERVE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SCAG 0-TURN 62" LAWN MOWER AND FREIGHTLINER HIGHWAY PLOW TRUCK
5. TO APPROVE A NEW ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TAX COLLECTOR POSITION FROM AN ELECTED POSITION TO AN APPOINTED POSITION.

DATED AT HARTLAND, CONNECTICUT THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

MAGI WINSLOW, FIRST SELECTMAN
SCOTT M. LEVAN, SELECTMAN
GREGORY M. SOTTILE, SELECTMAN

TOWN OF HARTLAND BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ESTIMATED FINAL	2026-2027 BUDGET	
OPENING BALANCE	938,314	1,129,013	992,595	
REVENUE:				
PROPERTY TAXES	6,357,221	6,347,221	6,902,788	
MISC RECTS, PERMITS & FEES	193,265	288,207	187,204	
STATE GRANTS	1,314,812	1,440,369	1,448,946	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	8,803,612	9,204,811	9,531,533	
EXPENSES:				
SELECTMEN	2,398,238	2,463,526	2,536,732	5.77%
EDUCATION	5,748,690	5,748,690	6,234,121	8.44%
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,146,928	8,212,216	8,770,853	7.66%
ENDING BALANCE	656,684	992,595	760,680	

	PROPERTY TAXES 2025-26	2027-27	
ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUE - REAL ESTATE PER \$ PROP	218,288,147	297,545,842	36.30%
ESTIMATED TAX RATE	29.15	23.45	-19.60%
	6,363,099	6,977,450	
EST CURRENT YR COLLECTIONS @98.5%	6,267,653	6,872,788	
EST ADDTL COLLECTIONS (PRIOR YRS TAXES & ADDTL ASSESSME)	30,000	30,000	
NET ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAXES	6,297,653	6,902,788	
TOTAL GRAND LIST ASSESSED VALUE	218,288,147	297,545,842	

NOTE: The Board of Finance sets the mil rate once the budget passes at the referendum, the above mil rate reduction of 5.7 mils is an estimate based on projected revenues for the 2025-26 fiscal year end.

The Board of Finance approved a 2026-27 budget of \$8,770,853.00 on April 8, 2026 to move forward to the Annual Town Budget Hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 8 PM. The hearing will be held in the multipurpose room at the Hartland School, 30 South Road, East Hartland.

The 2026-27 Town of Hartland Budget reflects a 7.66% or \$623,925 increase over the 2025-26 budget. Of this budget, the BoE budget of \$6,234,121 represents an 8.44% or \$485,431 increase over the BoE 2025-26 budget. The BoS budget reflects a 5.77% or \$138,496 increase over the BoS 2025-26 budget.

RE: BOE 2026-27 BUDGET

\$393,069 or 80.1% of the \$485,431 (8.44%) increase is the result of increases in direct student costs: Special Education, High School Enrollment, and associated transportation costs. The BoE has reduced many lines in this budget to mitigate the increase as much as possible.

RE: BOS 2026-27 BUDGET

Of the \$138,494 (5.77%) increase, \$44,214 (or 32% of the 5.77%) relates to increased benefit costs (Medical insurance, pension, SS/Medicare taxes). Total wage increases (which include expanded hours for several depts) of \$21,052 account for 15.2% (of the 5.77%).

The Capital Outlay increase of \$121,627 includes New Equipment purchases for the fire departments, building and drainage upgrades, and additional tree removal. Inclusion of these Capital items in Capital Outlay results in meeting the state mandated Municipal Spending Cap.

You are encouraged to attend the BOF Annual Budget hearing where the budgets will be presented in detail and questions will be fielded.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen T Eseppe, Treasurer

Thomas Kean, Board of Finance Chairman

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses may be purchased beginning in June from the Town Clerk's office either in person or through the mail. Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination to be licensed. Spayed/neutered dogs: \$8.00, Unspayed/intact dogs: \$19.00. A late fee of \$1.00 per month is added after June.

Are you a Veteran of Military Service?

Have you filed your DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty with the Town of Hartland?

Absent from Town on May 27th – Town Budget Referendum Day?

Absentee Ballots for Referendum are available in the Town Clerk's office upon application. Applications can be submitted at any time. Referendum Absentee Ballots become available on May 8.

HARTLAND LIBRARY

If you are new to Hartland, we welcome and invite you to stop in and see what this little library has to offer you. If you are a long-time resident, we look forward to seeing you when you stop in! With your Hartland library card, you can borrow books and DVDs in person, as well as borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, films, and more through the Libby and Kanopy apps.

NEW for Hartland Library: We have begun offering programs for our community including book clubs, children's story time, talks on local plants, skills workshops, and more. Check out our new website: Hartlandctlibrary.com to learn more about our upcoming programs.

On our website, you can also browse our library catalog, request books to add to our library, and see what is new. We also offer online book check out, where our patrons can check out a book through the form on our website and pick up at Town Hall during business hours. Books can be returned after hours to our book drop boxes at Town Hall (East) and the library (West).

We are located on Route 20 in West Hartland, in the Community Building at 61 Center Street. The Library is open Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Thursdays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Our phone number is 860-238-4400 and our emails are library@hartlandct.org or hartlibraryct@gmail.com. We can also be contacted through our website: hartlandctlibrary.com.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Regular office hours Wednesdays 1-4pm

The Annual Budget Referendum will be held at the Hartland Town Hall on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. The polls will be open from 12-8pm.

There is the strong possibility of a double major party primary that would be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. The polls would be open from 6am-8pm.

There would be 7 days of Early Voting prior starting Monday, 8/3, and available until Sunday, 8/9.

The State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

There will be 14 days of Early Voting prior starting Monday, 10/19, and available until Sunday, 11/1.

Contact: registrar@hartlandct.org or 860-653-0295

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Hartland Housing Commission has been creating content that can help residents more affordably live in their homes. The following information summaries are available under “Resources” in the Housing Commission section of the Town’s website:

- Programs for First-Time Home Buying and Refinancing
- Energy Assistance Available for Hartland Residents Through New Opportunities, Inc.
- Accessory Apartments (a.k.a. Accessory Dwelling Units, ADUs)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The town-wide revaluation for the October 1, 2025 Grand List has been completed including the informal hearings. The Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) appellant docket has been completed, and those who felt aggrieved and applied to be heard will be presenting their input(s) to the BAA in April.

Our Office is now accepting applications for tax relief for the elderly and totally disabled homeowner’s program. The applications can be returned to us in person or by mail through April 15th. After April 15th, they must be submitted in person. The income limits from all sources including Social Security must not exceed \$46,300 for a single person or \$56,500 for a married couple.

Our office can be contacted by phone at 860 653 0287 or by e-mail at assessor@hartlandct.org. Office hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10 AM until noon and from 1 PM to 4 PM.

SENIORS

Hartland Seniors meet monthly:

- *Wednesday afternoons at Nellie B West (167 Hartland Blvd) for Chair Yoga, and
- *Friday mornings at the West Hartland Community Hall (61 Center St) at 9:30 am for Chair Yoga,
- *A monthly luncheon is also hosted on the third Thursday of each month at Nellie B. West.

If you haven’t yet been added to the “Senior Email List,” please email, text, or call to be added to receive monthly updates on all other Hartland Happenings! Calendars are also available at Town Hall! You can also get this info by calling the recorded line at 860-431-0852.

Emails can be sent to HartlandSeniors@gmail.com or call/text Hilary at 860-601-1445 with info or questions.

HARTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Every Tuesday night at 7 pm, available volunteers gather at the West Hartland (152 Center St) and East Hartland (34 South Rd) Volunteer Fire Departments to train together so that in the event of an emergency, they are practiced and prepared to assist.

If you would like to volunteer to be a firefighter, fire police, driver, pump operator, EMT, or as a support member, we invite you to just stop in, make an appointment for a tour, or call for more info. Training is at no cost to you, and help is always needed!

“One of the greatest gifts you have, is the ability to help those in need.”

Reach us at: WestHartlandVFD@gmail.com or by phone at
(West) 860-379-5536 or (East) 860-653-2880

Mark your calendars for the Hartland Carnival!

August 13-15th!

VETERANS

The Town is starting an informal gathering time for Veterans on the 1st Thursday of the month at Nellie B. West (167 Hartland Blvd), from 10:30 - 12:00. This time is for veterans to connect with one another, learn about available community resources, or just enjoy coffee and snacks together.

OTHER NOTES AND NEWS

- **The Transfer Station will be open additional hours May - August**

- **Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 7:30pm**
 - **No Antifreeze will be accepted at the Transfer Station**
 - **Clean Oil Dropoff only**
 - **Oil containing water will not be accepted at the Transfer Station**

Oil containing water and antifreeze can be taken to the annual Hazardous Waste Day, in the fall.

Hartland Transfer Station

12 Welsh Road East Hartland, CT 06027

Hours: All year: Saturday 8:30am- 4:00pm
Additional Summer Hours: May-August: Wednesday 4:30pm - 7:30pm

ITEMS NOT ON THIS LIST ARE NOT EXEMPT

<u>WHITE GOODS AND METALS</u>	Each	<u>Misc Items</u>	Each
Appliances - Other	\$8.00	Tables	\$5.00
Stove	\$8.00	Bureaus	\$8.00
Refrigerators	\$8.00	Bicycles	\$3.00
Small Refrigerator	\$5.00	Baby Carriages	\$2.00
Washing Machine	\$8.00		
Dryer	\$8.00	Kitchen Chairs	\$4.00
Water Tank	\$8.00	Cabinets, etc (small)	\$5.00
Hot Water Heater	\$10.00		
Water coolers	\$7.00	Fluorescents Lamps	No Charge
Air Conditioners	\$7.00		
Dehumidifiers	\$7.00	<u>Tires (Price is per tire, with or without rims)</u>	
Toilets	\$3.00	Passenger/Light Truck	\$6.00
Sinks	\$2.00 - \$5.00	19.5"	\$8.00
Bathtubs	\$12.00	Commercial Truck Tire	\$21.00
Plumbing Supplies & Misc	\$2.00 & up	Farm Tractor (Front)	\$32.00
Insulation	\$1 / garbage bag	Farm Tractor (Back)	\$79.00
Boiler	\$10.00	Loader	\$420.00
Furnace	\$5.00		
		<u>Car Parts</u>	
<u>Lawn Mowers</u>		Engine	\$15.00
Push Mowers	\$4.00	Transmission	\$8.00
Riding Mowers	\$8.00	Fender	\$6.00
		Door	\$5.00
<u>Oversized Items</u>			
Sofa/Couch	\$12.00	<u>A Cubic Yard is 3' x 3' x 3'</u>	
Hide-a-bed	\$12.00	Construction & Demolition materials	\$35.00 / cubic yard
Mattress/ Boxspring	\$5.00	Wood Chips & Brush	\$20.00/ cubic yard
Upholstered Chair, Etc	\$6.00	Land clearing debris	\$30.00/ cubic yard
		Carpet	\$10 / cubic yard
		Misc Metal	\$10/ yard

Please contact the Selectman's Office at 860-653-6800 Prior to hauling these materials
All loads must be inspected by Town personnel before disposal

****Rates are subject to change without notice, per order of the Board of Selectmen**

Rev 3/2026

***Memorial Day Parade- MAY 25, 2026**

Marchers start at the School parking lot at 10:00am sharp, and proceed to the Center Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

A second ceremony will be held at the West Hartland Cemetery directly following

***Rabies Clinic** On Saturday May 9th from 11am -1pm at the Animal Shelter 166 Salmon Brook Street Granby. \$20 cash only Cats must be in a carrier & Dogs must be on a leash.

*The Town of Hartland has partnered with **C.L.E.A.R** (Community and Law Enforcement for Addiction Recovery) CLEAR Is making its way throughout the state offering help and services to those struggling with addiction. If you or someone you know is in need of services, please reach out and we will assist in making the connection for those in need and their loved ones. Please call 860-653-6800 or 860-978-1876.

* Granby's 4th Annual **First Responder Camp** is in the planning process! Don't miss out on this amazing camp that lets your teen have first-hand experience with what our first responders do on a daily basis. This camp is open to teens entering 9th and 10th grade. Registration for non-residents of Granby opens April 22nd. Registration can be done through Granby's Park and Rec.

*** It is hard to put into words just how grateful We are for this community. Your support of the Food Bank and Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Fund continues to make a direct and lasting impact on local families. In times when help is needed the most, you show up and that speaks volumes. Thank you for your kindness, your compassion, and for truly caring about your neighbors.**

Hartland School: A Community of Opportunity, Growth, and Pride

As we move through a busy school year at Hartland School, we want to take a moment to celebrate the many meaningful experiences taking place within our PreK–8 community. In a year where budgets are tight, it is important to recognize the incredible dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the continued support of our community.

One of our most cherished traditions continued this year with our Drama Club production of *The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less*. This performance showcased the creativity, confidence, and talent of our students. We were thrilled to see such a strong turnout from the community and are extremely grateful for the continued support of this long-standing program, which provides students with the opportunity to explore their interests and talents in the arts.

In December, we were proud to host our annual Senior Luncheon, which saw the largest turnout in recent years. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the holiday spirit with members of our community. Events like this highlight the strong connection between our school and the town, and our students truly enjoy the opportunity to engage with our senior guests. It continues to be a meaningful and memorable tradition for all involved.

This year, we have expanded opportunities for students through a wide range of after-school clubs designed to engage learners of all ages and interests. Offerings have included Outdoor Games, Dungeons & Dragons, Lego Club, Knitting Club, Nature Explorers, and many more. These clubs provide valuable opportunities for students to collaborate, build relationships, and discover new passions outside of the traditional classroom setting, and we look forward to continuing to provide these opportunities.

Inside the classroom, our teachers and staff continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to supporting students both academically and socially. A central focus of our work remains our Portrait of a Successful Hartland Student, which emphasizes the importance of being a team player, a risk-taker, a critical thinker, and a responsible citizen. These traits are not only taught but actively modeled and celebrated throughout our school community. Each trimester, we recognize students who exemplify these qualities through our Hartland Hall of Fame. This celebration highlights the positive contributions of our students and reinforces the values that define our school culture.

Hartland School is a place where students are encouraged to grow, take risks, and thrive in a supportive and engaging environment. None of this would be possible without the strong partnership between our school, families, and the broader Hartland community. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our mission.



TOWN OF HARTLAND



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Town Hall

22 South Road East Hartland 06027

Selectmen's Office: 860-653-6800

M-Th 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Tax Collector: 860-653-0609

M, Tu, W 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm & 2nd M 4pm-6pm

Town Clerk: 860-653-0285

M, Tu, W 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm & 2nd M 4pm-6pm

Assessor: 860-653-0287

M, Tu, W 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Registrar: 860-653-0295

W 1pm-4pm

Transfer Station: 860-653-1259

Sat 8:30am-4pm (May-Aug Additional Wed 4:30-7:30)

Animal Control: 860-978-1876

Jennifer Abalan Kershaw: (C) 860-978-1876

First Selectman- Magi Winslow (C) 860-944-6697

Road Foreman- Scott Levan (C) 860-798-2259

Medical or Fire Emergency: 911

East Hartland Fire Dept: 860-653-2880

West Hartland Fire Dept: 860-379-5536

State Police Troop B in Canaan: 860-626-1820

Hartland Building Official: Joel Skilton: 860-844-5318

Hartland Commission on Aging: 860-601-1445 (Hilary)

Hartland Food Bank: 860-978-1876 (Jen Kershaw)

Hartland Public Library: 860-238-4400

Hartland School: 860-653-7207

TOWN SHELTER LOCATIONS

For additional info, please call: Town Hall 860-653-6800 or

Jennifer Abalan Kershaw 860-978-1876

First Church in Hartland

2 Hartland Blvd, East Hartland 860-653-6495

Nellie B. West Building

167 Hartland Blvd, East Hartland

Bethany Lutheran Church

116 Walnut Hill Rd, East Hartland 860-653-2005

West Hartland Community Hall

61 Center St West Hartland 860-238-4401