

City of Bristol
Special Board of Finance
April 15, 2026

A Budget Workshop was held by the Board of Finance on April 15, 2026 in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut at 5 p.m. The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Maikowski, Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu, Commissioners Marie O'Brien, Bill Campion, Mike Massarelli Jon Mace, Jane Murdock, Mark Peterson and Dante Tagariello. Also present from the Comptroller's Office: Diane Waldron, Robin Manuele and Jessica Pilgrim.

1. Call to order

Chairperson Maikowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Participation

Mary Ann Sirois, 362 Shrub Road, expressed her concerns on the high property taxes and the increasing Special Education costs.

3. Discussion regarding the 2026-2027 budget.

Comptroller Diane Waldron reviewed the following information:

- Recommendations for the City budget and detail of changes from the budget presented at the April 1, 2026 budget workshop. Total budget = \$258,315,635.
- Updated numbers for the Education Budget = \$148,825,885
- Changes to the City budget includes a vacancy factor in Engineering, Elimination of the Marketing position, decrease in Fire overtime, and additional Public Works reductions
- Mill Rate Calculation – 36.45 mills representing an 8% increase over the current year.

The Board discussed this proposal and the possibility of additional ECS funding the from the State of Connecticut. Also discussed were tax relief options for residents including an additional \$500 exemption for 100% disabled homeowners and the Senior Volunteer tax credit.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Massarelli made a motion seconded by Commissioner Mace

“To adjourn at 6:30 p.m.”

Following a voice vote in which there was no opposition, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane M. Waldron". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane M. Waldron
Board of Finance Clerk