

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF SEYMOUR  
Wednesday, April 7, 2026  
7:00 P.M. – Seymour Middle School**

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The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM

Moderator, Kurt Miller, led the salute to the flag.

Moderator Miller read the following notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF SEYMOUR  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 7:00p.m. in the Auditorium of Seymour Middle School, 211 Mountain Road, Seymour, Connecticut 06483, for the following purpose:

To consider the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget as recommended by the Board of Finance. The proposed budget includes total revenues of\$ 70,747,523 and total expenditures of\$ 70,747,523, consisting of the Board of Education budget of\$ 43,117,765 and the Town Government budget of\$ 27,629,758.

The said meeting will be adjourned to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at which time the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings will vote by machine vote at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, Seymour, Connecticut, between the hours of 6:00a.m. and 8:00p.m.

The questions to be voted upon are as follows:

Question 1: Shall the Town General Government Budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance, in the amount of\$ 27,629,758 for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be adopted?

Options: Yes I No

Question 2: Shall the Board of Education Budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance, in the amount of\$ 43,117,765 for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be adopted?

Options: Yes I No

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 24th day of March, 2026.

By: The Board of Selectpersons and First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis

Moderator Miller read section 14.3 of the Charter and explained the process and rules of the meeting going forward.

It was determined that there were 131 electors present.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone had any comments about the municipal expenditures of the budget.

- Al Bruno, 10 MacConnie Court, made a **motion** to move the Town Budget as is as recommended by the Board of Finance to referendum.  
Trisha Danka, 203 Pearl Street, **seconded** the motion.

***Discussion:***

Bob Koskelowski, Jr. of Pearl Street discussion his disappointments with the Police Department's Budget as well as with the surplus from last year's budget not getting back to the taxpayers in town.

Laura Wilkins, 5 Cross Creek Lane, asked whether the \$800,000 motor vehicle reimbursement was included in the budget summary.  
Finance Director Jason Vieira explained that the Town no longer receives a motor vehicle reimbursement from the State of Connecticut. He noted that \$819,000 was the final payment received by Seymour, and that once the Town's mill rate fell below 32.46, it was no longer eligible for reimbursement, as the State froze the motor vehicle mill rate at 32.46.

**Vote:** 105 – Yes                      23 – No                      3 – Abstain

Moderator Kurt Miller asked if anyone had any comments about the Board of Education expenditures of the budget.

- Leah Pawluk, 5 Spruce Brook Road, made a **motion** to move the Board of Education Budget forward to a referendum as recommended by the Board of Finance as is.  
Brian Sirowich, 12 Field Street, **seconded** the motion.

***Discussion:***

Al Bruno, 10 MacConnie Court, stated that elected town officials have worked tirelessly for months on these budgets. He emphasized that this is a democratic process and believes the decision should be left to the voters.

Jana Sirowich, 12 Field Street, spoke highly of her two daughters' experiences in the Seymour school system and described the schools as special. She urged support for the Board of Education budget.

Josh Belprey, 29 Maple Street, spoke in favor of sending the budgets to referendum and suggested the Town explore ways to broaden the tax base.

Bob Koskelowski, Jr., Pearl Street, expressed interest in seeing measurable student progress in the public schools, noting that Seymour's test scores are below 50% of the

state average. He also raised concerns regarding funding for infrastructure, including fire and police vehicles.

Jack Jurkowski, Amber Drive, stated that he recently met with Dr. Compton to review the Board of Education budget. He emphasized affordability for residents, stating that those who can afford a 5.5% tax increase should vote yes, and those who cannot should vote no.

Jessica Nunez, Deerfield Drive, acknowledged concerns about the tax increase and its financial impact. She discussed the Board of Education budget, noting that a significant portion is related to union contracts and annual salary increases, and spoke positively about the Seymour school system.

Fred Stanek, North Benham Road, quoted Abraham Lincoln, stating, *“Upon the subject of education, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people can be engaged in.”* He emphasized that children are the Town’s most important resource and urged residents to support both the Town and Board of Education budgets at the April 21 referendum.

Michelle Strumello, Mountain Road, stated that progress in education should not be measured solely by standardized test scores. She encouraged residents to consider the broader contributions and achievements of the school system.

Chuck Collin, Chatfield Street, stated that the Town should explore ways to expand the tax base rather than relying solely on property taxes.

Sam, Rennay Road, stated that Seymour has strong services, including its school system, fire department, and police department. He questioned why efforts have not been made to broaden the tax base and discussed properties in town that could be developed or improved to support that goal.

First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis discussed various properties in town, outlining the challenges associated with each and explaining why progress has been limited.

**Vote:** 91 – Yes                      32 – No                      8 - Abstain

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M. by Moderator, Kurt Miller, and will be voted on at the April 21, 2026 Referendum at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, Seymour, CT from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Lianna McMurray, Town Clerk