

Town of Seymour

1 First Street Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Residents of Seymour,

As the First Selectwoman of the Town of Seymour, it is my honor to present to you the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget for your consideration.

This year we presented the budget in a new format that includes more information. The entire budget process was live streamed on YouTube and Facebook making it interactive and transparent. In addition, we implemented live data entry and analysis with the goal of making it easier to understand the Town's finances.

The budget being presented represents what it costs to operate the Town of Seymour and was produced with thoughtful consideration of resident feedback. The Town of Seymour is dedicated to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for our community.

As we look toward a new fiscal year, our financial footing remains sound. The focus of the 2024-2025 budget is stability in these economic times. The key expense drivers which we had to manage within this budget include utilities, insurance and inflationary increases as the broader economic environment has begun to impact our operations causing us volatility in the cost of essential goods and services.

The total expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are \$66,602,286. The proposed mill rate of 37.25 represents a 3.5% increase from last fiscal year. This increase is necessary to move the Town forward and help us deliver services and meet deadlines for funded projects.

I appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into this budget from my team, Department Heads, Chief of Staff, Finance Department, Board of Education and the Board of Finance. This budget would not be possible without their collaboration and dedication to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

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First Selectwoman

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