



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Tuesday, April 8, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

Public Zoom Link:

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Dial In: 929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 978 1303 5481 Passcode: 302302

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN – Apraxia Awareness**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting March 25 and March 27, 2025.
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Discussion and possible action on refund of building permit #24-1368, 11 Crest Road.
 - B.** Discussion and possible action on Call of Annual Town Budget Meeting.
 - C.** Public Hearing concerning the Town of Old Saybrook joining the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority
 - D.** Discussion and possible action to consider a resolution regarding joining the Connecticut Municipal redevelopment Authority as a member municipality.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

**RESOLUTION REGARDING JOINING THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority (the “Authority”), a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut has been established pursuant to section 8-169ii of the Connecticut General Statutes (the “General Statutes”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function, including for the purposes set forth in section 8-169jj of the General Statutes to: (1) Stimulate economic and transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the General Statutes, within Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority development districts; (2) encourage residential housing development within development districts; (3) manage facilities through contractual agreement or other legal instrument; (4) stimulate new investment within development districts and provide support for the creation of vibrant, multidimensional downtowns; (5) upon request of the legislative body of a member municipality, or the legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, work with such municipality or municipalities to assist in development and redevelopment efforts to stimulate the economy of such municipality or municipalities; (6) upon request of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and with the approval of the chief executive officer of a member municipality, or the chief executive officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, enter into an agreement to facilitate development or redevelopment within such development district; (7) encourage development and redevelopment of property within development districts; (8) engage residents of member municipalities, or municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, and other stakeholders in development and redevelopment efforts; (9) market and develop development districts as vibrant and multidimensional; and (10) provide financial support and technical assistance to municipalities to develop housing growth zones; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 8-169ll of the General Statutes, a municipality may, by certified resolution of the legislative body of the municipality, opt to join the Authority as a member municipality, provided such municipality holds a public hearing prior to any vote on such certified resolution; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK (the “TOWN”) held such a public hearing on January 28th pursuant to the Notice attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has found that joining the Authority as a member municipality would support the TOWN’S efforts to stimulate economic development and foster the purposes outlined in Section 8-169jj within Old Saybrook and accordingly desires to join the Authority as a member municipality; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Selectmen desires to further authorize the First Selectman to enter into a memorandum of agreement or other similar agreements with the Authority to create one or more development districts within TOWN to advance the purposes contained in Section 8-169jj.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen hereby approves the TOWN joining the Authority as a member municipality.

Section 2. The First Selectmen is authorized to take or cause to be taken such actions, including, but not limited to, the negotiation and execution of any memorandum of agreement on behalf of the TOWN with the Authority and any other agreements, instruments and documents, that such official deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to implement the terms of any such memorandum of agreement and consummate the intention of this and the resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this resolution this 8th day of April, 2025.

Sarah V. Becker, Town Clerk

CALL OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Budget Meeting and a Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Old Saybrook will be held at the Old Saybrook Middle School Auditorium, Sheffield Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, on Monday, May 5, 2025, 60 Sheffield Street, at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

ITEM 1: To adopt the annual Budget for the Town of Old Saybrook for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 as recommended by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$52,843,405 and to make appropriations for the schools, highways, bridges, sidewalks, library, cemeteries, fire protection, police department and all other necessary objects and purposes:

General Government:	\$21,995,977
Board of Education:	\$30,847,428

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8, Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Old Saybrook, and Section 7-344 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, to adjourn said Annual Budget Meeting at its conclusion and to submit the question of the adoption of said budget to vote, upon the voting machines of the Town of Old Saybrook, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. Said referendum shall take place at the Old Saybrook Senior High School Gymnasium, 1111 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

The adoption of said budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance shall be placed on the voting machines of the Town of Old Saybrook in two parts, the first part being for the budget of the General government, including the Bonded Indebtedness, in the amount of \$21,995,977 and the second part being for the budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$30,847,428. Said questions will be placed on the voting machines under the following heading:

Question #1. SHALL THE TOWN ADOPT THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,995,977 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM #1 OF THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING OF MAY 5, 2025?

YES
NO

Question #2. SHALL THE TOWN ADOPT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,847,428 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM #1 OF THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING OF MAY 5, 2025?

YES
NO

ITEM #2. To adopt the following resolution: In accordance with the provisions of Section 12-142 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, that the property taxes assessed and levied by the Town of Old Saybrook on the Grand List of October 1, 2024 be paid in two semi-annual installments, the first being due and payable on July 1, 2025 and the second to be due and payable on January 1, 2026 with the exception of real property and personal property tax bills under \$100.00, payable in one payment on July 1, 2025; motor vehicle taxes due and payable in one installment on July 1, 2025; and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills due and payable in one installment on January 1, 2026.

ITEM #3. To authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to borrow such sums of money from the Town of Old Saybrook fund balances and/or from other sources as the Board may deem necessary, in anticipation of tax revenues, to pay the appropriations of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

- ITEM #4. As allowed under the provisions of Section 12-129n of the General Statutes of Connecticut, to act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to provide tax relief to certain homeowners of the Town of Old Saybrook aged 65 or over, or permanently and totally disabled, under the following conditions:
- a) That the homeowner meets the requirements for age and/or disability under the specific provisions of Section (1) and (2) of Section 12-129n (a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.
 - b) That the homeowner be a taxpayer of the Town of Old Saybrook for a period of one year next immediately preceding their receipt of tax benefits under this program.
 - c) That the homeowner meets the income requirements for eligibility for tax relief under the provisions of Section 12-129b of the General Statutes of Connecticut.
 - d) That the total amount of relief allowed to taxpayers under this program for the Town of Old Saybrook fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, shall not exceed the sum of \$90,000.00.
 - e) The relief provided under this program to a qualified taxpayer shall not exceed an amount which, when added to relief for such taxpayers, is eligible under the provisions of Section 12-129b to Section 12-129d, inclusive, or Section 12-170aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, which in the aggregate, exceed 75% of the property tax for which such taxpayers would be liable but for the benefits hereunder and under said above-referred two sections.
 - f) That if deemed necessary by the Old Saybrook Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, by reason of time constraints, the property tax relief program for the tax year beginning July 1, 2025, may be implemented by Certificates of Correction (for the full amount of the relief) issued with respect to the installment of taxes due and payable January 1, 2026.

Signed by: _____
Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman

Scott Giegerich, Selectman

Matthew Pugliese, Selectman

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut, this 8th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Sarah V. Becker, Town Clerk