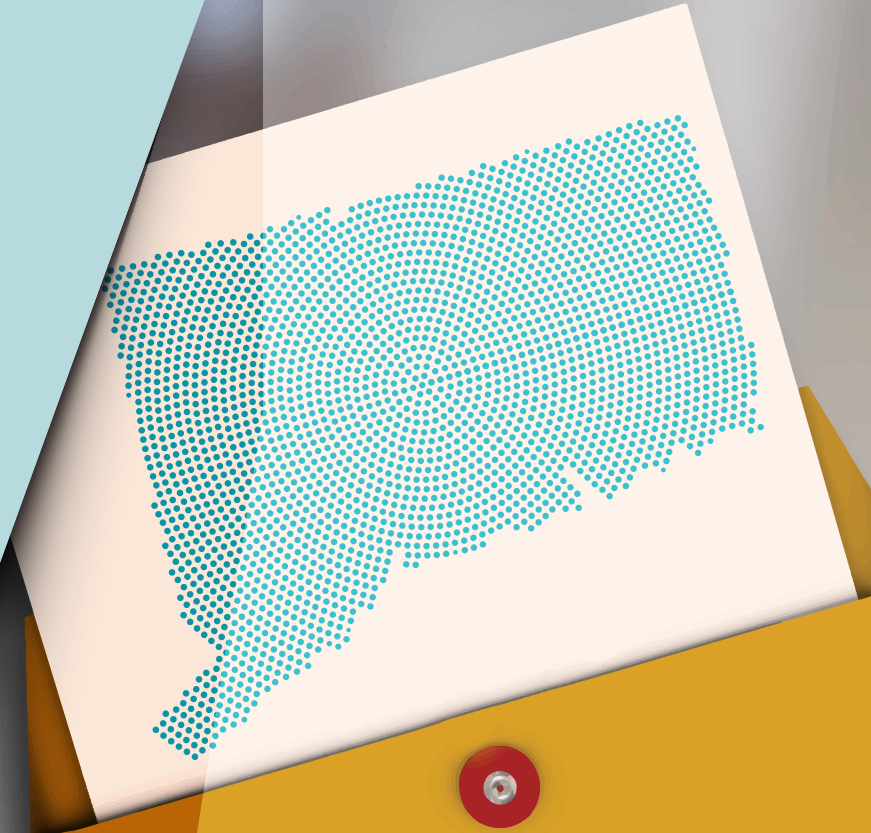


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Connecticut's Local Government Website Report Card

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Executive Summary

Town and city websites play a crucial role in helping residents understand and participate in Connecticut's distinctive system of local government. In the course of undertaking the first-ever review of the websites of Connecticut's 169 towns and cities, Yankee Institute has outlined the information officials should be providing for their constituents on the internet.

The analysis, conducted between July and September 2021,

found scores ranging between 25 and 90, with most websites scoring 60 or below on the 100-point scale.

This report is being released to begin a constructive conversation about how officials can improve their websites to make government more accessible and accountable. It lists the documents and information each town and city should be posting, and highlights both best practices and common areas for improvement.

Introduction

Connecticut's strong tradition of local government predates the country's founding. Its 169 towns and cities have broad discretion over both policy questions, such as land use and taxes, and the very structure of government employed. In many cases, town meetings allow citizens to participate directly and vote on specific matters.

The advantage of such a system is that decisions are made at the level closest and most accountable to the people they affect. At the same time, the ramifications from these decisions can be far-reaching, saddling local taxpayers with long-term liabilities and binding future elected officials to labor contract terms.

For residents to get the best outcomes from local control, they need to be as connected and as well-informed as possible. To that end, the internet presents a powerful tool, allowing officials to post virtually any records and information on their websites.

The importance of these websites, and the internet in general, was especially visible amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, as technology allowed governments to conduct business transparently even as physical offices were shuttered.

As with other facets of local government, every website is different, and state law places few requirements on what each town or city must publish online.

In fact, local governments in 2010 were explicitly exempted from a section of the state Freedom of Information Act that would have required them to post meeting minutes online within seven days¹. The change came after officials in at least two towns opted to disable their websites rather than face sanction for failing to update them.²

The second year of the pandemic is an appropriate time to assess how websites are being used and to suggest ways towns and cities can make better use of them.

Yankee Institute developed Connecticut's Local Government Website Report Card to outline the minimum amount of records and information that officials can be reasonably expected to provide online. The report card builds on 2014 work by Tim Hoefer, Angelo Curto & Thomas Savidge at the Empire Center for Public Policy to assess New York websites.

In the process of examining each website, best practices and common problems were identified and are shared separately.

Rather than develop an exhaustive list of website content or propose statutory requirements, this report is intended to suggest improvements, to provide local officials with insight about peer communities, and to begin a longer conversation about how websites can strengthen local government in Connecticut.

—Ken Girardin, Director of Policy & Research

Footnotes

^[1] PA 10-171

^[2] Kral, Georgia. "Towns Shut Web Sites Over Legal Concerns." *New York Times*, 7 Dec. 2008.

The Report Card

The report card identifies categories of information and records that should be posted in a searchable format and assigns scores based on 32 criteria, detailed in **Appendix A**, in six categories:

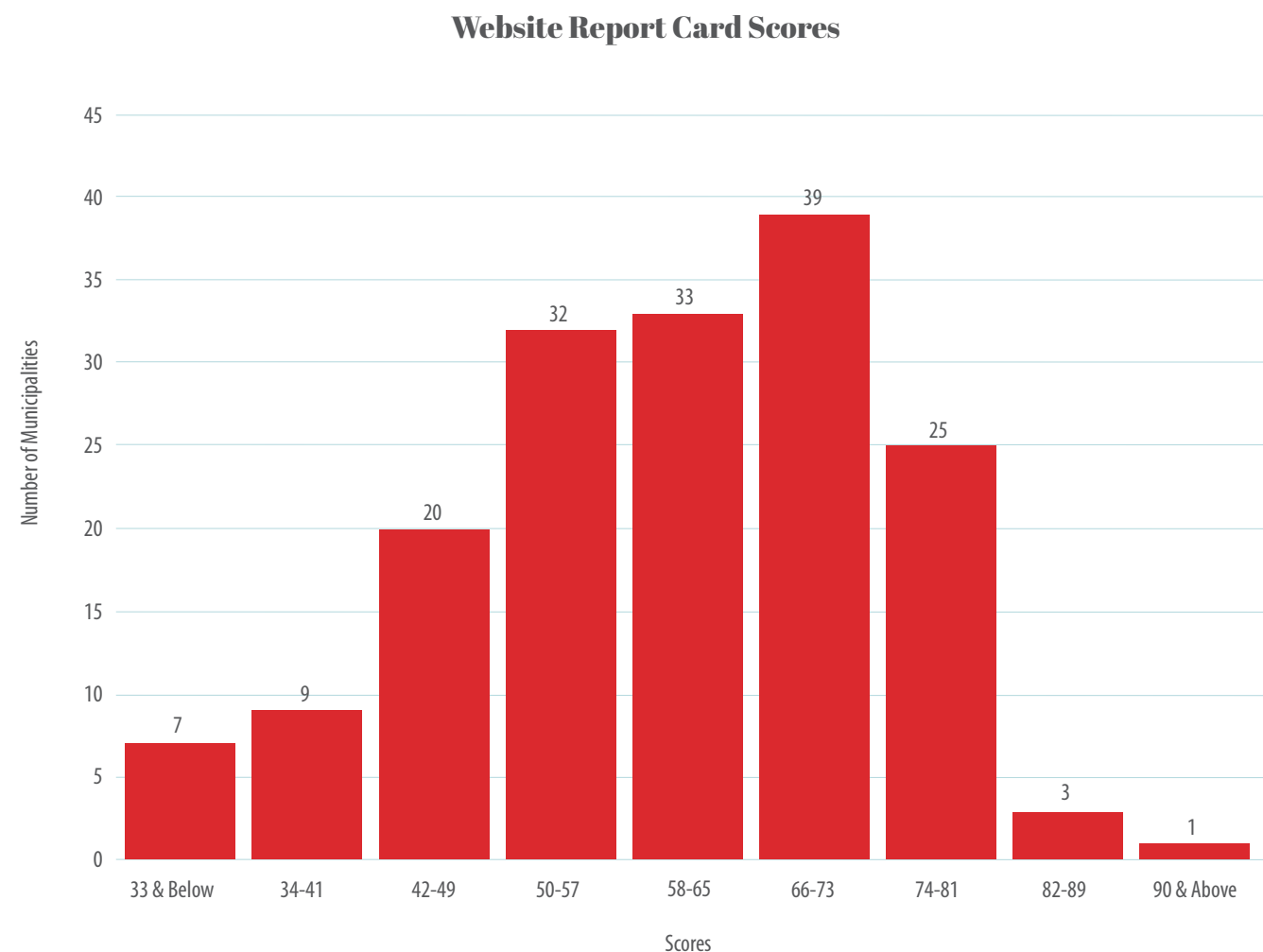
- Contact information (18 points)
- Budgets and other financial documents (28 points)
- Tax & fee information (11 points)
- Contracts & RFPs (16 points)
- Payrolls and other expenditures (8 points)
- Meeting information (19 points)

Appendix B details how each local government scored in six categories, worth a total of 100 points.

Scores ranged from 25 for the town of Norfolk in Litchfield County to 90 for the city of Stamford. Eighty-five websites scored 60 or below.

Most websites scored between 50 and 70. The distribution of scores is shown below (**figure 1**).

Figure 1



Best Practices

Beyond the minimum requirements set forth in the report card, a number of local governments have taken steps to increase transparency and better serve residents that warrant highlighting. Some websites include advanced features that are available at an added cost that make them impractical for smaller communities, where websites are sometimes maintained by volunteers. They are listed because they are helpful, though not essential, tools.

- Danbury has posted budgets dating back to 2002, and CAFRs going back to 2003, giving taxpayers a more detailed view of long-term trends.
- Windsor posts the entire year's meeting schedule and then populates this single page with the relevant minutes, agendas, and related documents.
- Newington posts its pension actuarial reports, offering residents additional insight into how long-term liabilities are measured.
- Glastonbury, Southington, and others have e-notification systems that email users when documents such as meeting agendas are posted.
- Hartford's open data portal lets the public examine nightly updated data sets on topics ranging from code enforcement to tax payments, as well as the city's checkbook.

- Some communities use YouTube to post videos of their meetings. This has the added benefit of automatically transcribing the proceedings.
- In addition to its capital plan, Stamford posts a detailed schedule for upcoming public works improvements.
- Bloomfield has posted town council meeting minutes dating back to 1993.
- Many towns, such as Westport, link to an electronic version of their charter and ordinances.
- Lyme gives residents an explainer page describing the circumstances under which different land-use and construction permits are needed, and East Lyme has a dedicated page for forms and permits.
- Granby has posted its mill rates for each year since 1977.
- Darien has a budget tool that visualizes revenue and expenditure trends.
- Stratford has posted bid invitations and results since 2015.
- Several municipalities post their Freedom of Information Act policies, making it easier for residents to navigate the process of obtaining public records.

Common Issues

Some issues were encountered repeatedly during the scoring process.

- Records and information may have been posted but could not be found with reasonable effort. For instance, adopted budgets should be posted separately, not within larger meeting material files, and clearly labeled.
- Some local governments posted meeting videos on a third-party website, but did not appear to link to those videos from their own website.
- Documents that are posted as scanned images typically can't be readily searched. In the case of highly detailed documents (such as budgets), or longer documents (such as union collective bargaining agreements), this makes it more difficult for residents to find relevant information.
- Some websites did not load properly on mobile devices, through which a growing share of users access the

internet. A handful of websites were difficult to navigate because they loaded slowly.

- Some municipalities missed the opportunity to link to relevant resources made available through other agencies, such as the geographic information system (GIS) or real property records posted by regional councils of governments (COGs).

Important documents were notably absent from many websites.

- 98 percent did not post records indicating what individual employees had been paid.
- 93 percent did not post a multi-year financial plan showing how expenditures and revenues would compare in future years.
- 86 percent did not post their actual expenditures.
- 49 percent did not post employee union contracts.
- 22 percent did not post current copies of their most recent audited financial reports.

Appendix A

Category	Criteria	Total Points
Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 points for names of elected officials, administrators & department heads Up to 4 points for phone numbers Up to 4 points for individual email addresses or contact forms Up to 2 points for photographs of elected officials Up to 4 points for dedicated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) contact name and information 	18
Budgets & Finance Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 8 points for current FY budget (4 points if searchable) Up to 2 points for a multiyear financial plan Up to 2 points for a capital projects budget or capital plan Up to 4 points for at least five years of budgets Up to 12 points for at least five years of audited financial reports (CAFRs) (4 points for current year; 4 points if searchable) 	28
Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 10 points for union collective bargaining agreements (4 points if searchable) Up to 3 points for approved vendor contracts Up to 3 points for RFPs or bid opportunities 	16
Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 points for a searchable employee payroll record Up to 4 points for actual itemized expenditures ("checkbook") 	8
Public Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 2 points for a calendar of public meetings and hearings Up to 2 points for meeting notices Up to 4 points for meeting agendas Up to 4 points for recordings of the local legislative meeting (2 points for audio only, 4 points for video) Up to 7 points for timely posting of meeting minutes 	19
Taxes & Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 2 points for GIS or similar tax map data Up to 3 points for the grand list Up to 3 points for mill rates Up to 3 points for a listing of all municipal fees 	11
Maximum Score		100

Appendix B

Local Government Scores Out Of 100

Green: 80+ Yellow: 60-79 Red: Below 60

Andover

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

56

Ansonia

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	12/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

56

Ashford

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	19/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	16/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

51

Avon

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	13/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

58

Barkhamsted

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	6/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

39

Beacon Falls

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	10/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Local Government Scores Out Of 100

Green: 80+ Yellow: 60-79 Red: Below 60

Berlin

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	11/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

78

Bethany

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	10/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	8/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

35

Bethel

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	2/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

52

Bethlehem

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	14/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	13/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

43

Bloomfield

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

79

Bolton

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

66

Local Government Scores Out Of 100

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Bozrah

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	0/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	13/19	Taxes & Fees	2/11

28

Branford

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

66

Bridgeport

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	12/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

70

Bridgewater

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	14/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	3/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	10/11

55

Bristol

Contact Information	17/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

72

Brookfield

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Brooklyn

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	1/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	11/11

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Burlington

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
Contracts	10/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

46

Canaan

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	10/11

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Canterbury

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	2/11

42

Canton

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

79

Chaplin

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Cheshire

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	2/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

60

Chester

Contact Information	6/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	0/11

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Clinton

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Colchester

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

72

Colebrook

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	9/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	6/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

35

Columbia

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Cornwall

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	16/19	Taxes & Fees	6/11

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Coventry

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Cromwell

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Danbury

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

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Darien

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

82

Deep River

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

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Derby

Contact Information	7/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Durham

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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East Granby

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	13/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

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East Haddam

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

72

East Hampton

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	16/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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East Hartford

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
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Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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East Haven

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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East Lyme

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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East Windsor

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

61

Eastford

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	18/19	Taxes & Fees	11/11

53

Easton

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

72

Ellington

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Enfield

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	16/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Essex

Contact Information	17/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

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Fairfield

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

76

Farmington

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

75

Franklin

Contact Information	5/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	12/19	Taxes & Fees	4/11

37

Glastonbury

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Goshen

Contact Information	7/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Granby

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Greenwich

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Griswold

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	10/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	11/11

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Groton (town)

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Guilford

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	18/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Haddam

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Hamden

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	5/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Hampton

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

56

Hartford

Contact Information	17/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

70

Hartland

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	2/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	11/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

26

Harwinton

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	12/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Hebron

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	11/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	13/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

53

Kent

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Killingly

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	3/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

60

Killingworth

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	4/11

68

Lebanon

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

69

Ledyard

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Lisbon

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

55

Litchfield

Contact Information	6/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

57

Lyme

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

45

Madison

Contact Information	18/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	16/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

78

Manchester

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	12/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

63

Mansfield

Contact Information	17/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	12/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Marlborough

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	14/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

58

Meriden

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Middlebury

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	3/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

51

Middlefield

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	14/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Middletown

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Milford

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Monroe

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Montville

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Morris

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	6/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Naugatuck

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

61

New Britain

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	2/11

59

New Canaan

Contact Information	15/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	7/16	Expenditures	2/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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New Fairfield

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	1/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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New Hartford

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Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	14/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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New Haven

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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New London

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Public Meetings	17/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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New Milford

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Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Newington

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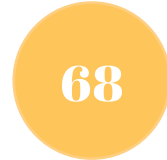
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Newtown

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Norfolk

Contact Information	7/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	0/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	18/19	Taxes & Fees	0/11



North Branford

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11



North Canaan

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	0/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11



North Haven

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	1/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	4/11



North Stonington

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Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	12/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11



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Norwalk

Contact Information	18/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11



Norwich

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	11/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11



Old Lyme

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	28/28
Contracts	10/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	2/11



Old Saybrook

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11



Orange

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	9/11



Oxford

Contact Information	6/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	14/28
Contracts	9/16	Expenditures	0/8
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Plainfield

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Plainville

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Plymouth

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Pomfret

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	14/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

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Portland

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	10/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

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Preston

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Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
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Prospect

Contact Information	14/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	8/28
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Putnam

Contact Information	6/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	0/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	6/11

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Redding

Contact Information	17/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Ridgefield

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
Contracts	3/16	Expenditures	4/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Rocky Hill

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	20/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
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Roxbury

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Salem

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Salisbury

Contact Information	9/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	16/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	10/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Scotland

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Public Meetings	15/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

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Seymour

Contact Information	8/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	2/11

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Sharon

Contact Information	6/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	4/28
Contracts	0/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	3/11

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Shelton

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Sherman

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Simsbury

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Somers

Contact Information	11/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
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Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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South Windsor

Contact Information	12/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	22/28
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Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Southbury

Contact Information	13/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	24/28
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Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	8/11

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Southington

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Contracts	13/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	9/11

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Sprague

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Stafford

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	2/28
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Public Meetings	13/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Stamford

Contact Information	18/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	16/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	11/11

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Sterling

Contact Information	10/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	2/28
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Public Meetings	11/19	Taxes & Fees	5/11

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Stonington

Contact Information	16/18	Budgets & Finance Documents	26/28
Contracts	12/16	Expenditures	0/8
Public Meetings	19/19	Taxes & Fees	7/11

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Stratford

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Suffield

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Thomaston

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Thompson

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Tolland

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Torrington

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Trumbull

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Union

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Vernon

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Voluntown

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Wallingford

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Warren

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Washington

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Waterbury

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Waterford

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Watertown

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West Hartford

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West Haven

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Westbrook

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Weston

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Westport

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Wethersfield

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Willington

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Wilton

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Winchester

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Windham

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Windsor

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Windsor Locks

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Wolcott

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Woodbridge

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Woodbury

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Woodstock

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