

**Town of New Canaan  
Town Council  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
Regular Meeting (including Public Hearing)  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

***Notice: This will be a hybrid meeting. Those wishing to participate in the meeting may attend in person or connect to Zoom, a web-based video conferencing tool, on their computers, tablets or phones, as follows:***

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### **Agenda**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call and Call to Order** – Girl Scout Troop #50521 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes** – Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2026 and the Special Meeting held on May 11, 2026.
3. **Public Comments** - Members of the public are welcome to speak to the Town Council on agenda topics scheduled for review and/or vote. Speakers are requested to provide their name and street address and comments will be limited to two to three minutes, subject to the total number of speakers. (15 minutes)
4. **Board of Education Enrollment Account** – Approval of a request for a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00. The funds will be used for potential enrollment related expenditures. The source of funds is the General Fund. (10 minutes - Bryan Luizzi)

5. **New Canaan Museum and Historical Society (NCMHS)** – Update on future plans of the NCMHS campus improvements. (10 minutes - Nancy Geary)
6. **Public Hearing** – Public Hearing on proposed new ordinance to the Town Code for Gas Powered Leaf Blowers. (see Exhibit A)
7. **Proposed New Ordinance** – Final review and vote to adopt proposed ordinance as follows: (See Exhibit A -10 minutes - Hilary Ormond)
8. **Independent Accounting Firm** - In accordance with the Audit Committee Ordinance 62-5 B, the members of the Audit Committee, acting as an ad hoc committee along with the First Selectman and the Chairman of the Town Council, recommend to the Town Council the approval of the engagement of PKF O'Connor Davies as the Town of New Canaan's independent accounting firm, to include the annual audit for the year ended June 30, 2026. The base fee for the audit services is \$117,950, additional fees for services beyond the annual audit scope will be negotiated separately. (5 minutes - Anne- Kelly-Lenz)
9. **Charter discussion** – General discussion regarding proposed Charter Revision Commission recommended changes to the Charter. (20 minutes – Mike Mauro)
10. **Adjournment** -

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **[DRAFT] ORDINANCE NO. [XX-XXXX] – GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS**

#### **SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY**

Consistent with the municipal powers granted under C.G.S. §§ 7-148(c)(7), (8) and (10), including the protection and promotion of the public health, safety, convenience, general welfare, peace, quality of life, and property values for the residents of New Canaan, and to facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions and tranquility of the Town, it is the intent of this ordinance to set specific controls on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

#### **SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

**“Gas-Powered Leaf Blower”** means any powered device used to blow leaves, debris, grass clippings, or dust, whether handheld, backpack, mounted, or wheeled, that is powered by an internal combustion engine utilizing gasoline, diesel, or any other similar fuel.

**"Summer Season"** is defined as the period from the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day each year.

**"Noise Ordinance"** refers to the Town's existing regulations on noise levels, specifically those addressing decibel levels during different times of day (New Canaan Town Code § 36A).

### **SECTION 3: RESTRICTIONS ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER USE**

1. Restriction on the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers
  - a. The use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers shall be prohibited within the Town of New Canaan during the Summer Season, as defined in Section 2, unless exempt under subsection (2).
  - b. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other restrictions set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes and other sections of the Town Code, including but not limited to the Noise Ordinance.
  
2. Exceptions The following uses are exempt from the restrictions of this ordinance:
  - a. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used for emergency or safety purposes;
  - b. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used for storm clean up;
  - c. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used by the Town of New Canaan's Department of Public Works (the "DPW");
  - d. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used by public utility companies to clear debris affecting essential services; and
  - e. Single Gas-Powered Leaf Blower use by residents on hard or man-made surfaces.

### **SECTION 4: PENALTIES**

1. Violation of Ordinance
  - a. Violations of the provisions of this ordinance shall be assessed against property owners, who shall be subject to the following penalties:
    - i. First Offense: A written warning and a notice of violation
    - ii. Second Offense: A fine of \$100
    - iii. Third or Subsequent Offenses: A fine of the greater of \$250, or the maximum amount allowed by § 7-148(c)(10)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.
  - b. The fine for each municipal citation shall be payable to the Treasurer of the Town of New Canaan. The issuance, payment, and procedure to contest a municipal citation shall be in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 7-152C and the citation hearing procedure in Chapter 11 of the Code of the Town of New Canaan.
  
2. Enforcement
  - a. This ordinance may be enforced by the New Canaan Police Department (the

“NCPD”) and/or any municipal officer or Town employee designated by the First Selectman (the “Designated Officer”).

- b. The NCPD and/or the Designated Officer are hereby authorized to issue infraction tickets to any resident on whose property occurs a violation of any provision of this ordinance. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- c. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies available to the Town of New Canaan under the Connecticut General Statutes and other sections of the Town Code, including but not limited to the Noise Ordinance. The issuance of infraction tickets or municipal citations under this ordinance shall not preclude the exercise of such other remedies. In addition, the Town of New Canaan may seek injunctive relief and monetary penalties for continued and repeated violations

## **SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2026

