

1 **Minutes of**

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3 **Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting**

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5 **Held on January 13, 2008**

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7 The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Tuesday January 13, 2008 in the  
8 Media Room at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH 03052.

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10 **PRESENT:** B Lemire (Chairman), J Harte (Vice Chairman), M Falzone, R  
11 Peeples, D Miller, B McCue, G Lambert (Selectmen's  
12 representative), P Parker

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14 Chairman Lemire called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. He began by announcing the  
15 details of the Budget and Bond Hearings to be held on January 15, 2009 in the CHS  
16 auditorium. Chairman Lemire then handed out a copy of the town actual spending for the  
17 end of 2008.

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19 **1. PUBLIC INPUT**

20 There was no public input.

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22 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

23 Mr. Miller corrected the amount in the December 4, 2008 minutes, page 1 line 39 to  
24 read \$90,000.

25 **MOTION:** by Mr. Miller

26 *Move to approve the minutes of the Litchfield Budget Committee minutes of*  
27 *December 4, 2008 as amended*

28 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

29 **VOTE:** 4-0-2 (Mr. McCue and Mr. Peeples abstained)

30 **The motion carried.**

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32 Mr. Falzone joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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34 **MOTION:** by Mr. Miller

35 *Move to approve the minutes of the Litchfield Budget Committee minutes of*  
36 *December 16, 2008 as printed*

37 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

38 **VOTE:** 6-0-1 (Mr. Parker abstained)

39 **The motion carried.**

40 Mr. Harte requested amendments to page 3, line 38 and page 5, line 12 of the  
41 minutes.

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43 **MOTION:** by Mr. Harte

44 *Move to approve the minutes of the Litchfield Budget Committee minutes of*  
45 *December 18, 2008 as amended*

46 **SECOND:** Mr. Parker

1 **VOTE:** 6-0-1 (Mr. Parker abstained)

2 **The motion carried.**

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4 **3. SCHOOL BUDGET – VOTING ON WARRANT ARTICLES**

5 Mr. Miller handed out copies of the warrant articles and the default budget. He  
6 confirmed with Chairman Lemire that the Budget Committee is only concerned with  
7 warrant articles which have a monetary value.

8 He also confirmed the School deliberative session is scheduled for January 31, 2009.

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10 **Article 1**

11 **MOTION:** by Mr. Miller

12 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article 1 as printed:*

13 *Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate as an*  
14 *operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and*  
15 *other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget*  
16 *posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote at the first session of the*  
17 *annual school district meeting, for the purpose set forth herein totaling Twenty*  
18 *Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Six*  
19 *dollars (\$20,727,636)? Should the article be defeated, the default budget shall*  
20 *be Twenty Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred*  
21 *Seventy-Eight dollars (\$20,849,678), which is the same as last year, with certain*  
22 *adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by*  
23 *law; or the School Board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with*  
24 *RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only*

25 **SECOND:** Mr. Falzone

26 **Discussion:**

27 Mr. Miller explained the figure reflects the amount approved by the School Board,  
28 and Mr. Martin clarified the amount which makes up the Food Service part of the  
29 budget.

30 Mr. Miller and Mr. Martin explained why there is a difference in the figures between  
31 the default and the operating budget.

32 In response to a query from Mr. Harte, Mr. Martin clarified there are no raises in the  
33 default apart from grade increases for teachers, but no collective bargaining increases.  
34 There followed a discussion about the process relating to this.

35 **VOTE:** 7-0-0

36 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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38 **Article 2**

39 **MOTION:** by Mr. Miller

40 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article 1 as printed:*

41 *Shall the Litchfield School District vote to approve the cost items included in*  
42 *the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School*  
43 *District and the Litchfield Education Association which calls for the following*  
44 *increases in salaries and benefits:*

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| <i>Year</i>        | <i>Estimated Increase</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>2009 – 2010</i> | <i>\$457,623.00</i>       |
| <i>2010 – 2011</i> | <i>\$374,373.00</i>       |
| <i>2011 – 2012</i> | <i>\$379,805.00</i>       |

*and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Three dollars (\$457,623.00) for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?*

*Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, VII, this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan but excluding cost of living increases, will continue until a new agreement is executed.*

**SECOND:** Mr. Harte

***Discussion:***

Mr. Miller handed out copies of the following:

- o Teachers’ Contract and
- o Litchfield Education Association (LEA) CBA cost analysis.

He stated the change in the new contract amounts to 2.5% per year cost of living increase, plus a step increase where the individual qualifies for these – amounting to 5.7% overall. He broke down the cost per year and highlighted areas that differ from the current contract.

Chairman Lemire asked about the tax rate impact and how Mr. Martin calculated his assessment of this. There followed a discussion and a copy of a sheet showing total appropriation and tax impact analysis was handed out. Mr. Martin explained the state education tax is changing, and there was a discussion regarding what the school district would receive. Mr. Martin stated he would figure out how to present this prior to the deliberative session.

**VOTE:** 7-0-0

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 4**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Miller

*Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article 1 as printed:*

*Shall the Litchfield School District raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Capital Reserve Fund for educating educationally disabled children established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year?*

**SECOND:** Mr. Falzone

***Discussion:***

It was confirmed there is currently \$50,000 in the fund now, and this would give larger buffer if there is an overrun due to someone moving into the District during the year. Mr. Harte sought to clarify the intent of the article. Mr. Miller confirmed the

1 fund has not been used so far and was set up in 2004. Mr. Martin explained the  
2 impact on the budget of changes to Special Education which are unknown. There  
3 was a discussion to further clarify what can be done with the fund which included  
4 implications and consequences of each. Mr. Miller explained this would cover  
5 potentially cutting other areas of the budget to pay for SPED, and explained what the  
6 money could be used for. He also confirmed the funds are controlled by the Trustees  
7 of the Trust Funds, and the School Board is appointed to authorize the expenditures.

8 **VOTE:** 5-2-0 (Mr. Harte and Mr. Peeples opposed the motion)

9 **The motion carried.**

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11 **Article 5**

12 *Shall the School District vote to require that all votes by the Budget Committee and*  
13 *the School Board relative to budget items and warrant articles, shall be recorded*  
14 *votes and that a numeric tally of the votes be printed in the School District warrant*  
15 *next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA 32:5, V-a?*

16 Mr. Miller read the article for the benefit of the Committee and explained its purpose.  
17 Mr. Martin provided information about the RSA in question.

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19 **Article 3**

20 *Shall the Litchfield School District authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of*  
21 *the School Board, to appoint a Deputy Treasurer for a 1-year term under the*  
22 *provisions of RSA 197:24 (a) to serve only in the absence or unavailability of the*  
23 *Treasurer? This is an unpaid position.*

24 Mr. Miller read the article for information and explained the reasons behind the  
25 article, confirming there is no money attached to it.

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27 Mr. Martin confirmed he would e-mail Chairman Lemire some slides to present at the  
28 hearing on Thursday. Chairman Lemire asked the Committee members if they would  
29 like a short recess before continuing with town business.

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31 **MOTION:** by Mr. Harte

32 *Move to recess the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*

33 **SECOND:** Mr. Parker

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35 Selectman Lambert arrived at 7:05 p.m. He handed out updated salary schedules for  
36 town staff, copies of the town warrant articles, default budget and highway budget as  
37 amended.

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39 Chairman Lemire brought meeting to order again at 7:14 p.m.

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41 **4. TOWN BUSINESS**

42 Chairman Lemire explained the order of business for the remainder of the meeting.

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44 **Highway Administration (A/c 4312)**

45 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

1 *Move to approve a bottom line of \$450,056 for account 4312, Highway*  
2 *Administration in the 2009 Town Operating Budget*

3 **SECOND:** Mr. Miller

4 Selectman Lambert explained what the intent of the Board of Selectmen is regarding  
5 this budget. He provided information about a road bond for \$1,774,000.

6 **Discussion:**

7 Mr. Harte asked what the Board of Selectmen planned to do if repairs above \$25,000  
8 were required for culverts. Selectman Lambert stated \$25,000 will be sufficient for  
9 culvert maintenance over and above the bond, and there followed a discussion  
10 regarding the implications of budget figures and what might happen if the bond fails.

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12 *Line item 445 (Equipment Hire):* Mr. Miller initiated a discussion regarding spending  
13 this year and whether \$100,000 would be sufficient for this item.

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15 *Line item 575 (Culvert Replacement):* It was confirmed for Mr. Falzone that the  
16 Board normally leaves an amount in this line for small culvert repairs. A discussion  
17 followed about work approved in prior years and Chairman Lemire clarified that  
18 some culverts would not require engineering work.

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20 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

21 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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23 **Personnel Administration (a/c 4155)**

24 There was a discussion regarding the comparison between the proposed increases for  
25 town employees with the new teachers' contract.

26 **MOTION:** Mr. McCue

27 *Move to reopen account 4155, Personnel Administration to discuss the proposed*  
28 *COLA increase*

29 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

30 **Discussion:**

31 Mr. McCue proposed reinstating the 3% increase to remain in line with the teachers  
32 and police department.

33 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

34 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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36 **MOTION:** Mr. McCue

37 *Move to amend the cost of living increase to 3% for town employees in account*  
38 *4155, Personnel Administration in the 2009 Operating Budget*

39 Chairman Lemire clarified that this would cover salary increases as well as associated  
40 costs.

41 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

42 Mr. Peeples commented this would seem to be in line with police and the School  
43 District and is only for one year.

44 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

45 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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1 Chairman Lemire stated he would ensure everyone received the amended figures.

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3 **Default budget**

4 Selectman Lambert handed out a copy of the MS4 which was sent to the state. He  
5 informed the Committee of adjustments which had been made to the default budget  
6 which include adjustments being suggested by the Board of Selectmen to NRPC for  
7 hazardous waste, and an adjustment of \$30,000 to add money for another police  
8 cruiser. There followed a discussion regarding the cruiser. Chairman Lemire  
9 clarified it was not the intent of the Budget Committee to take money out of  
10 contingency for the additional cruiser. Selectman Lambert explained the intent of the  
11 Board on how to pay for the cruisers, explaining he had a discussion with LGC (Local  
12 Government Center) regarding the legality of doing this. **Discussion:**  
13 Mr. Peebles spoke about past practice regarding cruisers. The discussion included the  
14 cost of cruisers and the number in the fleet. Chairman Lemire noted the default is  
15 likely to be higher than what the Budget Committee will recommend. Mr. Harte  
16 asked when the official default budget report could be obtained by the Committee and  
17 made an official request for this via Selectman Lambert as soon as possible.

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19 **Town Warrants**

20 It was pointed out that salaries need to be overlaid to come up with a figure for the  
21 Operating Budget warrant article. There followed a discussion regarding the order of  
22 the warrant articles. Mr. Harte confirmed this overlay figure and figures on the  
23 budget sheet for Personnel Administration.

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25 **Article B**

26 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

27 ***Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:***

28 ***Shall the Town of Litchfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not***  
29 ***including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations***  
30 ***voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or***  
31 ***as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein,***  
32 ***totaling \$4,176,856? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be***  
33 ***\$4,330,495.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required***  
34 ***by previous action of the Town of Litchfield or by Law; or the governing body***  
35 ***may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA §40:13, X and XVI, to***  
36 ***take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.***

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38 Mr. Harte stated the figure of \$4,330,495 for the default budget was incorrect, stating  
39 it should be \$4,331,068. Selectman Lambert accepted Mr. Harte's figure and the  
40 motion was amended to reflect this.

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43 ***including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations***  
44 ***voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or***  
45 ***as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein,***  
46 ***totaling \$4,176,856? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be***

1            *\$4,331,068.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required*  
2            *by previous action of the Town of Litchfield or by Law; or the governing body*  
3            *may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA §40:13, X and XVI, to*  
4            *take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

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**SECOND:** Mr. McCue  
**VOTE:** 8-0-0  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

10            **Road Bond**

11            **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

12            *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

13            *To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,007,704.00 for the*  
14            *repair, reconstruction and project management of the Page Road culvert,*  
15            *Cranberry Lane culvert, Chase Brook at Albuquerque Avenue culvert, the*  
16            *reclamation of approximately one mile of Albuquerque Avenue and to*  
17            *authorize the issuance of not more than \$807,704 of bonds or notes in*  
18            *accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act, to authorize the*  
19            *Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate*  
20            *of interest thereon, and to authorize the use of \$200,000.00 from the Highway*  
21            *Block Grant Fund; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the amount of*  
22            *\$11,000 for the purposes of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and*  
23            *interest on said bonds or notes. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*  
24            *The Budget Committee does/does not recommend this appropriation (3/5 ballot*  
25            *vote required)*

26            *If the Budget Committee does not recommend add:*

27            *“Passage of this article shall override the 10 per cent limitation imposed on this*  
28            *appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.”*

29            **SECOND:** Mr. Falzone

30            **Discussion:**

31            Chairman Lemire clarified the first year cost to tax payers would be \$200,000. Mr.  
32            Falzone queried the language used, and asked for an explanation of project  
33            management. In response, Selectman Lambert explained the purpose of a project  
34            manager would be to ensure the work is carried out in a timely fashion. Chairman  
35            Lemire spoke to the fact that the Budget Committee had recommended a road  
36            maintenance plan in the past and thanked the Board for attempting to address this. He  
37            stated this would hopefully address the wording problem of the warrant from last  
38            year. In response to a query from Mr. Harte regarding whether the Board had  
39            included engineering costs in the road bond, as suggested by the Budget Committee,  
40            Selectman Lambert stated he was unsure about whether these costs had been included  
41            in the calculations. There followed a discussion on what was included in the  
42            wording. The Budget Committee voiced their concern about the wording and asked  
43            Selectman Lambert to take this to the Board of Selectmen to obtain clarification that  
44            the wording is sufficient.

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1 There followed a discussion about the bond article in general and project  
2 management. Mr. Harte asked for the current balance of the highway block grant and  
3 Selectman Lambert stated he was unable to accurately inform the Budget Committee  
4 of this, providing an explanation that this is not shown on the balance sheet as a  
5 separate amount. He stressed town counsel is asking for clarification from the DRA  
6 regarding the issue and there followed more discussion.

7 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Peeples opposed the motion)

8 **The motion carried.**

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10 **Article C**

11 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

12 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

13 *Shall the town adopt the provisions of NH RSA (Town or Village District*  
14 *Managers) forming a Town Manager form of government, and fix the initial*  
15 *compensation for the position at \$85,000 per year (plus benefits), and further to*  
16 *appropriate the sum of \$42,500 for salary plus \$14,875 for benefits, for the*  
17 *period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for this purpose?*

18 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

19 **Discussion:**

20 Selectman Lambert stated he thought it was the most prudent use of town funds in  
21 managing the day to day running of the town. Chairman Lemire thanked the Board of  
22 Selectmen for moving forward with this. Mr. Harte commented he thought the  
23 position would pay for itself

24 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

25 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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27 **Article D**

28 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

29 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

30 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$253,378 for*  
31 *the design and construction of a drainage system located at Winter Circle. This*  
32 *appropriation shall be non-lapsing per RSA §37:7, VI and will not lapse until*  
33 *the work is completed or December 31, 2013*

34 **SECOND:** Mr. Miller

35 **Discussion:**

36 Selectman Lambert explained that work should have been done last month and the  
37 town has received approximately \$112,000 from FEMA for this, but the work is not  
38 yet done and was not approved by the voters. He confirmed for the Committee this  
39 money was accounted for in the tax rate and is not in a separate account. He also  
40 confirmed it is a one year expense, and the total cost to the town would be  
41 approximately \$40,000. Chairman Lemire requested that the Board of Selectmen  
42 explain the importance of this in a flyer to residents. Mr. Harte sought to clarify the  
43 situation and it was explained that money had been accepted from FEMA after  
44 applying for a grant which had then been voted down by the town in a warrant article  
45 last year. There would have been no impact to the town at that point as the Board

1 was intending to use block grant money, but it would appear the voters failed to  
2 understand this.

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4 Selectman Lambert spoke about lack of clarity and education of voters in the past,  
5 stating the Board is trying to address the issue this year.

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7 There followed a discussion regarding the Corning Road culvert, where the money is  
8 accounted for, and the amount required for the culvert.

9 Mr. Harte clarified when the town would receive the rest of the money from FEMA  
10 for this.

11 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

12 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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14 **Article E**

15 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

16 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

17 *Shall the town vote to approve the cost items for wage and related costs that*  
18 *have been included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the*  
19 *Town of Litchfield and Council 93 of the American Federation of State County*  
20 *and Municipal Employees which provide for the following increases in wages*  
21 *and benefits:*

22 *2008 \$23,111*

23 *2009 \$40,804*

24 *2010 \$45,886*

25 *and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,804 for the 2009 fiscal*  
26 *year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in*  
27 *salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing*  
28 *levels, paid in the prior fiscal year? This collective bargaining agreement*  
29 *covers full and part time patrol officers and full and part time dispatchers.*

30 **SECOND:** Mr. Falzone

31 **Discussion:**

32 Selectman Lambert pointed out he had already discussed with the Budget Committee  
33 the financial impact of this article to the town. In response to a query from Mr. Harte,  
34 he explained if the article fails they would need to renegotiate the contract and would  
35 have to wait until 2010 to put it back on the ballot. Chairman Lemire referred to  
36 additional salary items which had fiscal impact, asking whether these had been taken  
37 account of. Selectman Lambert confirmed these were included in Chief O'Brien's  
38 figures. Mr. Harte stated he would like a response from the Board of Selectmen on  
39 how it will be paying for the \$23,111, prior to the hearing. Chairman Lemire  
40 suggested that the figure to be appropriated should be confirmed, as the wording of  
41 the warrant may need to be changed.

42 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Peeples opposed the motion)

43 **The motion carried.**

44 **Article F**

45 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

46 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

1 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,642.00 to*  
2 *hire one full time police officer effective July 5, 2009. The cost for the period of*  
3 *July 5, 2009 through December 31, 2009 is \$26,642.00, of which \$18,442.00 is*  
4 *for salary and \$8,200.00 is for benefits and equipment. The annual cost for*  
5 *said officer will be \$56,989.00 of which \$39,957.00 will be for salary and*  
6 *\$17,032.00 will be for benefits and equipment*

7 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

8 **Discussion:**

9 Selectman Lambert confirmed for Mr. Harte that a third cruiser will not be required  
10 as a result of hiring this additional officer, and stated the town could not wait another  
11 year for this position. There followed a discussion regarding the increase in the crime  
12 rate in town, and the types of crime involved, and the Committee requested statistics  
13 on these be put together and available for the hearing and deliberative sessions.

14 Selectman Lambert confirmed the 2009 financial impact of this warrant article would  
15 be \$26,642.

16 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

17 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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19 **Article H**

20 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

21 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

22 *Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$\$13,000.00 (gross*  
23 *budget) to cover the costs associated with sending one firefighter for paramedic*  
24 *training?*

25 **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

26 **Discussion:**

27 Selectman Lambert explained this article had been requested by Chief Schofield and  
28 will be of direct benefit to the community. He stated there has been an increase in  
29 ambulance calls. In response to a query from Mr. Falzone, Selectman Lambert  
30 confirmed that to the best of his knowledge there would be no additional equipment  
31 required, and Chairman Lemire confirmed the equipment is already in place in the  
32 department. In response to Mr. Miller's query as to whether there would be a  
33 subsequent pay increase, Chairman Lemire stated he did not believe so at this point.

34 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

35 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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37 **Article I**

38 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lambert

39 *Move that the Litchfield Budget Committee approve article B as printed:*

40 *To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Special Detail*  
41 *Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA §31:95-h (c). All revenues received from fees,*  
42 *charges, or other income derived from Fire Department special details shall be*  
43 *deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from*  
44 *year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general surplus.*  
45 *The town treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund, and shall pay*  
46 *out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further*

1           *approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend. These funds may be*  
2           *expended only for the purposes of Fire Department special details and*  
3           *associated operation and administrative purposes.*

4           **SECOND:** Mr. Harte

5           ***Discussion:***

6           In response to Chairman Lemire's query regarding whether Budget Committee  
7           recommendation is necessary for this article as there is no monetary value involved,  
8           Selectman Lambert explained this had come about following a situation which arose  
9           after Mel's fright night. Mr. Miller stated the wording seemed open ended regarding  
10          what the money can be spent on, and Selectman Lambert clarified what items it can  
11          be used for. Chairman Lemire clarified that this would only apply if billed by the  
12          detail as the town is not supposed to be liable for any detail costs.

13          **VOTE:** 8-0-0

14          **The motion carried unanimously.**

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16          **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

17          Mr. Miller confirmed the Committee had voted on an additional \$407,000 this  
18          evening, and that there was a total of \$330,000 in subsequent years for those warrants  
19          which have multi year agreements.

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21          Chairman Lemire confirmed the hearing would take place on Thursday, January 15,  
22          2009 immediately following the bond hearing for the town.

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24          **MOTION:** by Mr. Falzone

25          ***Move to adjourn the meeting***

26          **SECOND:** Selectman Lambert

27          **VOTE:** 8-0-0

28          **The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

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**Minutes taken by           *Sandra Maxwell (Recording Secretary)***