

Three year term;

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: One Town Moderator – three year term; One Selectman – three-year term; Two Budget Committee Members – three year terms; One Trustee to Trust Fund - three-year term; One Town Treasurer – two year term; One Library Trustees – three-year term; one Road Agent – two year term.

TOWN MODERATOR - 3 year term

Vote for not more than 1

John G. Regan

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 3 year term

Vote for not more than 1

Steven D. Perry
Alfred C. Raccio

BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3 year term

Vote for not more than 2

Michael W. Falzone
William F. Spencer

TRUSTEE TO TRUST FUND -3 year term

Vote for not more than 1

TOWN TREASURER – 2 year term

Vote for not more than 1

Sharon Harding-Reed

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 year term

Vote for not more than 1

Gail R. Musco

ROAD AGENT – 2 year term

Vote for not more than 1

Gerard J. DeCosta
John E. Pinciaro

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Litchfield Zoning Ordinance as follows:

REPEAL Housing for Older Persons – Sections 1025 through 1030

No new developments or additional units shall be approved under this section. Existing approved developments are vested under RSA 674:39 and are required to maintain their status as Housing for Older Persons as approved and recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as of November 10, 2008.

This amendment has Planning Board approval.

Yes

No

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Litchfield Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section 200.00, Definitions; to ADD section 200.01.1, Abutter

Abutter is defined in Litchfield regulations but had not been defined in the zoning ordinance. Adding this definition will avoid any confusion.

This amendment has Planning Board approval.

Yes

No

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,007,704.00 for the repair, reconstruction and project management of the Page Road culvert, Cranberry Lane Culvert, Chase Brook at Albuquerque Avenue culvert, the reclamation of approximately one mile of Albuquerque Avenue and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$807,704.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the use of \$200,000.00 from the Highway Block Grant Fund; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purposes of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or notes.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Article 5. Shall the Town of Litchfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,203,796.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,087,719.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Litchfield or by Law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA § 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article 6 - Shall the town adopt the provisions of NH RSA § 37 (Town or Village District Managers) forming a Town Manager form of government, and fix the initial compensation for the position at no more than \$85,000.00 per year (plus benefits), and further to appropriate the sum at no more than \$42,500.00 for salary plus at no more than \$14,875.00 for benefits, for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for this purpose?

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$253,378.00 for the design and construction of a drainage system located at Winter Circle; \$165,394.00 of this amount will come from a FEMA grant with the balance of \$87,984.00 to be appropriated from the Highway Block Grant Fund and no money appropriated through taxation. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing per RSA § 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2013.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

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Appropriation	\$253,378.00
FEMA	\$165,394.00
Block Grant	\$ 87,984.00

NET COST TO TAXPAYER \$0.00

Article 8. Shall the town vote to approve the cost items for wage and related costs that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Litchfield and Council 93 of the American

Federation of State County and Municipal Employees which provides for the following increases in wages and benefits;

2008	\$23,111.00
2009	\$40,804.00
2010	\$45,886.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,915.00 for the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels, paid in the prior fiscal year. This collective bargaining agreement covers full and part time patrol officers and full and part time dispatchers.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,642.00 to hire one (1) full time police officer effective July 5, 2009. The cost for the period of July 5, 2009 through December 31, 2009 is \$26,642.00, of which \$18,442.00 is for salary and \$8,200.00 is for benefits and equipment. The annual cost for said officer will be \$56,989.00 of which \$39,957.00 will be for salary and \$17,032.00 will be for benefits and equipment.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 (gross budget) to cover the costs associated with sending one firefighter for paramedic training?

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11 Shall the town vote to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to the budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such votes shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article as specified in NH RSA § 32:5, V-a?

Article 12. Shall the town of Litchfield vote to allow the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by the laws of utility services, or other fees. The Town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedure.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Special Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA § 31:95-h (c). All revenues received from fees, charges, or other income derived from Fire Department special details shall be deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend. These funds may be expended only for purposes of Fire Department special details and associated operation and administrative purposes.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 14 – To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate changing the position of Road Agent to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen and to report back to the 2010 Town Meeting.

Article 15 – To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate the adoption of the provisions of NH RSA 79 F (TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES AND LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES), to encourage the reservation of productive farms and associated structures and prevent the loss of farms and their associated structures due to property taxation at values incompatible with their usage and to report back to the 2010 Town Meeting.