

TOWN WARRANT

Town of Litchfield

To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the first session of the annual meeting of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on February 7, 2009 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon for explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended at this session per RSA § 40:13, IV except for Warrant Article 5, the wording of which is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA § 40:13 (IV)(a).

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the choice of Town Officers elected by official ballot to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA § 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of town officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will not close earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town officers: one Moderator - three year term; one Selectman – three year term; two Budget Committee members – three year terms; one Trustee of Trust Funds – three year term; one Library Trustee; three year term; one Town Treasurer – two year term; one Road Agent – two year term.

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 \$4,179,796.00. 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.

Recommended by the Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

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 \$85,000.00 per year (plus benefits), and further to appropriate the sum of \$42,500.00 for salary plus \$14,875.00 for benefits, for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for this purpose?

Recommended by the Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

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

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 of an advisory budget committee, budget committee and the governing body 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?

Recommended by the Selectmen

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

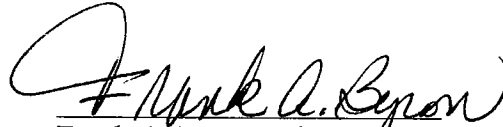
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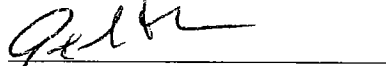
Article 14. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the elected office of highway agent, and to authorize the selectmen to appoint the highway agent. Which appointment shall be for a term of one (1) year. The current highway agent shall continue to hold the office until the 2010 annual town meeting election, at which time the elected office shall terminate if adopted, the authority of the selectmen to appoint the highway agent shall continue in effect until changed by a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting. By Petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.

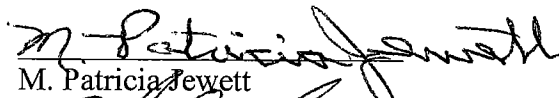
Article 15. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of NH RSA 79 F (TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES AND LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES), to encourage the reservation of productive farms and associated structures and prevent the loss of farms and their associated structures due to property taxation at values incompatible with their usage. By Petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.

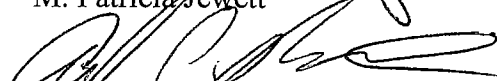
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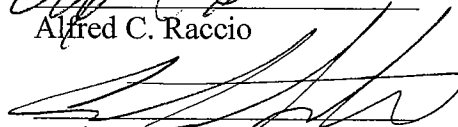
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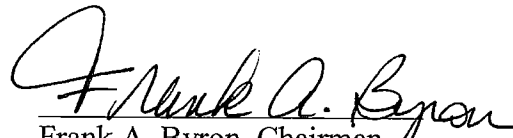

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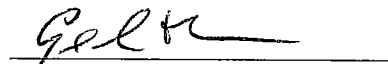

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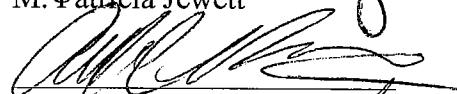
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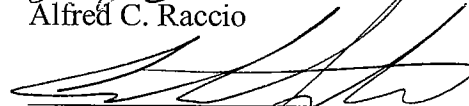
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