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3 **Minutes of the**
4 **Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting**

5 **Held on January 13, 2011**
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7 The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at
8 Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH 03052.
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10 **PRESENT:** J Harte (Chairman), M Falzone (Vice Chairman), B Spencer, P Parker,
11 R Peeples, E Miller, J York (School Board Representative), F Byron (Board of Selectmen
12 Representative)
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14 Mr. Harte called the meeting to order at 8:58 p.m. at which time Mr. York left the
15 meeting. There was no public input and Mr. Harte moved straight to outstanding
16 Committee business.
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18 **1. Voting on Outstanding Warrant Articles**

19 Mr. Harte clarified with Mr. Hoch what the differences are between the old and new
20 police union contracts, and Mr. Hoch explained the overall impact is to reduce the
21 cost of the contract.
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23 Mr. Peeples queried the implications of carrying over vacation, stating most
24 companies in the public domain no longer permit employees to have vacation carry
25 over. Mr. Hoch reported members of the police department will need to use at least
26 half of the vacation they have earned each year before being permitted to take
27 advantage of the buyout. He also explained the purpose of the change is to reduce
28 the cost of overtime overall.

29 **MOTION:** by Mr. Harte

30 *Move to take the motion relative to Article 3 of the 2011 Warrant off the table*

31 **SECOND:** Mr. Spencer

32 **VOTE:** 7-0-0

33 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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35 **MOTION:** by Mr. Harte

36 *Move that the Budget Committee does hereby recommend Article 3 of the 2011*
37 *Warrant*

38 **SECOND:** Mr. Spencer

39 **VOTE:** 6-1-0 (Mr. Peeples opposed the motion)

40 **The motion carried.**
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42 Mr. Byron reported he had received a request from Mr. Allen of the Recreation
43 Commission to add some money to line item 831 to cover fees for starting up new
44 programs as they had mistakenly omitted these.
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1 **MOTION:** by Mr. Byron

2 *Move that the Budget Committee does hereby re-open and amend line item 831 of*
3 *account 4525.10, Recreation Commission from \$250 to \$2,500*

4 **SECOND:** Mr. Falzone

5 **Discussion:** It was explained that it was too late to pull the money out of 2010 year
6 end funds. There followed a brief discussion in which Mr. Spencer stated the Town
7 operating budget had already been signed and Mr. Harte also stated it was not worth
8 re-opening the budget for this amount. Mr. Peeples suggested the chairman of the
9 Recreation Commission might wish to raise the matter at the Deliberative Session.

10 **VOTE:** 1-6-0 (Mr. Byron voted for the motion)

11 It was explained to Mr. Allen why the Committee did not vote this change in at this
12 point and what his options were.

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14 **2. Any Other Business**

15 Mr. Byron made a statement of thanks to members of the Committee, stating it had
16 been a pleasure to work with them as Board of Selectmen representative in 2010.
17 Mr. Harte made a statement of appreciation to the members for their work on the
18 2011 budget process.

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20 **3. Public Input**

21 There was no public input at this time.

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23 Mr. York rejoined the meeting.

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25 **MOTION:** by Mr. Falzone

26 *Move to adjourn*

27 **SECOND:** Mr. Peeples

28 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

29 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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31 There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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35 **Minutes by:**

Sandra Maxwell, Recording Secretary

36 **Date approved:**

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