

1 **Minutes of the Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting**
2 **Held on January 16, 2014 (Session I)**

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4 The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Campbell
5 High School, 1 Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH 03052.

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7 **PRESENT:** A Cutter (Chair), R Peeples (Vice Chair), W Spencer, C Pascucci, C Couture, D
8 Vaillancourt, J York/B Bourque (School Board Representative), J Brunelle (Selectmen's
9 Representative), B Cochrane (Superintendent), F Markiewicz (Business Administrator)

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11 **Absent:**

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13 Mr. Cutter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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15 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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17 **2. SCHOOL BUDGET BOTTOM LINE RE-VOTE**

18 Mr. Cutter announced that the new bottom line of the FY15 Recommended Budget Committee
19 School General Fund Operating budget is \$19,761,322.57. The total bottom line, inclusive of
20 Food Service and Grants budgets is \$20,931,024.57. He noted this includes increases approved
21 by the Budget Committee for transportation and water increases.

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23 **MOTION:** by Mr. Cutter

24 *Move to reopen the FY15 Recommended Budget Committee School budget*

25 **SECOND:** by Mr. Spencer

26 **VOTE: 8-0-0**

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28 **MOTION:** by Mrs. Couture

29 *Move an amended bottom line for the FY15 Recommended Budget Committee School General*
30 *Fund Operating budget of \$19,761,322.57 with an amended total bottom line of*
31 *\$20,931,024.57, inclusive of Food Service and Grants budgets.*

32 **SECOND:** by Mr. Spencer

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

34 **The motion carried.**

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36 **3. SCHOOL BOARD VOTES FOR FY15 WARRANT ARTICLES**

37 The Budget Committee did not re-vote on FY15 Warrant Articles.

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39 **4. TOWN BUDGET BOTTOM LINE RE-VOTE**

40 Mr. Cutter announced that the new bottom line for the 2014 Recommended Budget Committee
41 Town budget is \$5,132,461. He noted the increased bottom line was attributed to an increase in
42 health insurance.

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44 **MOTION:** by Mr. Cutter

45 *Move to reopen the 2014 Recommended Budget Committee Town budget*

46 **SECOND:** by Mr. Brunelle

1 **VOTE: 4-4-0**

2 **The motion failed.**

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4 Mr. Cutter indicated that there was a change in Town Revenues.

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6 **5. TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES**

7 Mr. Cutter announced two articles were added to the 2014 Town Warrant.

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9 **Article 11: Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund**

10 Mr. Brunelle explained the Board of Selectmen would like to discontinue the Vacation Accrual
11 Expendable Trust Fund and return the balance of the fund to the Town's general fund. He noted
12 that the Board of Selectmen would like to establish an Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund for
13 the purpose of annually accounting for the cost of earned but unused vacation time do not impact
14 the current year budget, and to appropriate the balance of the aforementioned fund from the
15 unexpended fund balance to put into the Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund.

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17 **MOTION:** by Mr. Brunelle

18 *Move to recommend Article 11: Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund*

19 **SECOND:** by Mr. Spencer

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

21 **The motion carried.**

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23 **Article 21: Petition Article**

24 Mr. Brunelle asked that the petitioner speak to the article during the budget hearing.

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26 **6. PUBLIC INPUT**

27 There was no public input.

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29 **7. ADJOURN**

30 **MOTION:** by Mr. Spencer

31 *Move to adjourn*

32 **SECOND:** by Mr. Pascucci

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

34 **The motion carried.**

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36 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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38 **Minutes by:** *Michele E. Flynn (Recording Secretary)*

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40 **Date approved:**