

1 **Minutes of the Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting**
2 **Held on February 1, 2014**

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4 The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Saturday, February 1, 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 (School Board Representative), J Brunelle (Selectmen’s Representative)

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10 **Absent:**

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12 Mr. Cutter called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

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14 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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16 **2. PUBLIC INPUT.**

17 There was no public input.

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19 **3. REVIEW/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

20 There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

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22 **4. REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

23 • **January 16, 2014:**

- 24 ○ **Committee Meeting prior to Hearing**

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26 **MOTION:** by Mrs. Couture

27 *Move to approve the minutes of January 16, 2014 (Session I)*

28 **SECOND:** by Mr. Spencer

29 **VOTE: 8-0-0**

30 **The motion carried.**

- 31 ○ **Hearing**

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33 **MOTION:** by Mr. Spencer

34 *Move to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 Budget Hearing*

35 **SECOND:** by Mrs. Couture

36 **VOTE: 8-0-0**

37 **The motion carried.**

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39 ○ **Committee Meeting after Hearing**

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41 **MOTION:** by Mr. Spencer

42 *Move to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 (Session II)*

43 **SECOND:** by Mrs. Couture

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

45 **The motion carried.**

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1 **5. TOWN BUSINESS**

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3 • **General Updates**

4 Mr. Brunelle reported that the Town has completed Deliberative Session.

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6 • **Final Voting**

7 Mr. Cutter indicated that the Budget Committee needs to adjust the recommendation on Article
8 24 as there is no longer any appropriation. He noted that the Budget Committee originally voted
9 not to recommend 0-7-1. Mr. Cutter commented that the Town's counsel has advised the Budget
10 Committee to withdraw from that recommendation.

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12 **MOTION:** by Mr. Spencer

13 *Move to withdraw the recommendation on Article 24*

14 **SECOND:** by Mr. Peeples

15 **VOTE: 8-0-0**

16 **The motion carried.**

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18 **6. SCHOOL BUSINESS**

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20 • **General Updates**

21 Mr. Bourque commented that there is a possibility that Deliberative Session could be postponed
22 due to the impending storm.

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24 Mr. Cutter commented that at the last meeting there was a debate over the teacher contract article
25 and the correct vote that should be recorded on the ballot. He indicated that both Town and
26 District counsel have agreed the ballot should reflect the article is not recommended because of a
27 tied vote.

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29 Mr. Cutter commented that after voting has been completed, he will prepare a Lessons Learned
30 report.

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32 **7. MEMBER INPUT/NEW BUSINESS**

33 Mr. Pascucci asked about the snow date if School District Deliberative Session is postponed.

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35 Mr. Cutter indicated that he and Mr. Peeples have conflicts on February 5. He asked Mrs.
36 Couture to Chair if a meeting is necessary after Deliberative Session.

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38 Mr. Peeples asked the Town representative to urge the Town to go back to scheduling
39 Deliberative Session on Friday nights and asked the School representative to urge the District to
40 go back to scheduling Deliberative Session on Saturdays. He commented that many people have
41 conflicts during the week.

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43 Mr. Cutter mentioned there was an article on the ballot last year to hold the Town and School
44 Deliberative Sessions on one day.

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46 Mr. Brunelle indicated that the School Board declined.

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2 Mr. Spencer commented that the two Deliberative Sessions were held on one day a two years
3 ago. He indicated that there were people who came to the town portion and left, and people who
4 attended the school portion. He noted that the Budget Committee and School Board were there
5 all day.

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7 Mr. Pascucci asked how Deliberative Session would be impacted if a majority of the Budget
8 Committee could not attend due to the storm.

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10 Mr. Spencer indicated that Deliberative Session would not be impacted; however, a meeting of
11 the Budget Committee following Deliberative Session would be impacted as there would not be
12 a quorum.

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14 Mr. Vaillancourt mentioned he would not be available on Saturday, February 8.

15 16 **8. PUBLIC INPUT**

17 There was no public input.

18 19 • **Upcoming meetings**

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21 The next meeting of the Budget Committee is February 5, 2014 (or February 8 if postponed due
22 to weather) immediately following School District Deliberative Session.

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24 **MOTION:** by Mr. Spencer

25 ***Move to adjourn.***

26 **SECOND:** Mr. Brunelle

27 **VOTE:**

28 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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30 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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

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34 **Date approved:**