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## ARTICLES

### AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

YES   
NO

Amendments to section 1250 "Aquifer Protection District" of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify existing provisions including adding further details and examples to the definition of impervious, clarify that while the maximum impervious surfaces permitted are 15% applicants may apply for a conditional use permit to exceed that amount, and correct references to underlying zoning districts.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

### MULTI-FAMILY OVERLAY DISTRICT

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

YES   
NO

Adopt a new zoning section 550.00 – 553.00 "Multi-Family Residential Overlay District," to provide an opportunity for multi-family residences within the Town of Litchfield consistent with the Town's single-family character and comply with NH State law. The purpose of the amendment is to provide opportunities for development of multi-family housing as required by state law. Any new multi-family construction shall maintain the existing character of the neighborhood. The minimum lot size shall be 2 acres for the first 3 dwelling units, with an additional 5,000 square feet required for each additional unit and no more than 6 dwelling units may be permitted in any one structure. The district boundaries shall be the Residential and Commercial Districts north of Leach Brook and the Residential, Commercial and Transitional Districts south of Chase Brook and east of Route 3A to Albuquerque Avenue and then south of Page Road.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

## VOTER INFORMATION

### Article 6 – Road Improvements

Proposes increasing funds for road repair. The current cost of bringing all roads in poor condition to good condition is \$4,636,905. This represents 16.71 miles of the 77 road miles maintained by the Town. This would match the \$170,000 received from the state and included as part of the operating budget, so that \$340,000 would be available.

### Article 7 - Fire Department Airpack Replacement

Replaces all airpacks currently at end of life. Partnered with five other Towns for grant that pays 90% of cost. If successful, Town share will be \$21,000. If grant is not funded, the \$21,000 raised in this article will be used toward replacement cost.

### Article 8 – Police Contract

Two year contract with Police Dept. union members. Includes wage increases of 0% in 2014 and 2% in 2015. Adds match to voluntary retirement program from Special Detail funds (non-tax). Includes one time education stipend in 2014.

### Article 9 – Contract Special Meeting

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to allow a special meeting to reconsider Police Contract if defeated.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Litchfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

YES   
NO

Amend sections 600 "Highway (Route 102) Commercial District," 700 "Southwestern Commercial District," 800 "Northern Commercial District," 900 "Transitional District," 950 "Northern Commercial/Industrial District," and 1000 "Southern Commercial/Industrial District" of the Zoning Ordinance as follows to require development compatible in character, style and scale with the abutting properties and the small New England Village and agricultural character of the town. New section 408 includes new standards (landscaping, lighting, screening unsightly features) to protect community character. The frontage requirements are reduced to 200 feet on Routes 3A and 102. Permitted uses are amended as follows: expand agricultural uses permitted in all 6 districts; large regional shopping type uses, such as department stores, exceeding a footprint of 20,000 square feet are not permitted in the Northern and Southwestern Commercial Districts; antique stores and bed and breakfasts are permitted in the three commercial districts; disallow hotels in the Northern and Southwestern Commercial Districts; clarify that motor vehicle sales do not include salvage yards; and disallow car dealerships in the Southwestern Commercial District. Supporting definitions to the expanded permitted agricultural uses are added to section 200. Within all six districts clarify that "site coverage" is synonymous with impervious surfaces. The zoning district boundaries are revised to update parcel references to correspond to the current assessing maps. The three parcels currently zoned Commercial-Industrial and Transitional at the intersection of Morgan Road, Colby Road and Route 3A are rezoned as Northern Commercial. To reduce instances of split lot zoning the various parcels in the Transitional District along Route 3A (south of Page Road) and the southern town-line are rezoned as Commercial or Commercial-Industrial. Several parcels south of Page Road and east of Route 3A are rezoned to be entirely in the Transitional district. The Highway Commercial district is revised to follow parcel boundaries of those currently either entirely or partially within the district and to include those south of Woodburn Road and east of Bixby road and exclude residential parcels along Derry Road.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

### OPERATING BUDGET

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriation by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling, \$5,130,166. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,007,408 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.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate: \$3.58*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 5-3-0)*

### ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of road pavement improvement projects. This sum matches the amount expected to be received and appropriated by the Town through the NHDOT Highway Block Grant. It is anticipated that these funds will be used toward the costs of repairs to Cutler Road and Stark Lane. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the improvements are completed or by December 31, 2016, whichever is sooner.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.21*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 6-2-0)*

### FIRE DEPARTMENT AIRPACK REPLACEMENT

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,000 for the purchase of replacement breathing apparatus equipment, \$21,000 to be raised from taxation with the remaining \$186,000 representing Litchfield's share of a regional grant being applied for by the towns of Litchfield, Goffstown, Dunbarton, Weare, New Boston and Bedford. If the grant is not received, the amount to be raised and appropriated will be reduced to \$21,000 and the expected grant funds will be raised and appropriated at a future town meeting. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the equipment is purchased or by December 31, 2016, whichever is sooner.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.03*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 8-0-0)*

## VOTER INFORMATION

### Article 10 – Stormwater Management Trust Fund

Town subject to EPA permit for stormwater management. New permit with stricter requirements is expected to be issued within the next 12 months. This fund allows for preparation of existing data and collection of additional data that will be used to comply with clean water requirements and also assist in planning system repairs.

### Article 11 – Repainting Old Town Hall

The Old Town Hall was last painted over ten years ago. Portions of the building contain lead paint which requires special treatment. This article would pay for the work by using the Town's fund balance rather than new taxes.

### Article 12 – Talent Hall Roof

Current roof is over 20 years old and is now brittle. Over the past 4 years, several leaks have developed. New roof would also add insulation. This article would pay for the work by using the Town's fund balance rather than new taxes.

### Article 13 – Human Services Agencies

This article would provide financial assistance to service agencies requesting funding from the Town. This amount is unchanged from 2013.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the cost share for fringe 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:

2014: \$44,562  
2015: \$31,355 (estimated)

YES   
NO

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,562 for the 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels. This collective bargaining agreement covers the full and part time patrol officers and full time dispatchers. This contract contains no raise for 2014 and a 2% raise in 2015.

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.05*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-1-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 6-2-0)*

### CONTRACT SPECIAL MEETING

Article 9: Shall the Town, if article 8 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only? (Majority vote required).

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stormwater Management Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. Furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for deposit into this Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. The Fund can be used for the costs associated with engineering, documenting, repair and planning of stormwater and drainage systems as well as compliance with EPA stormwater system permits.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.05*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-1-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 4-3-1)*

### REPAINTING OLD TOWN HALL

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for repainting the Old Town Hall and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the unexpended fund balance as of December 13, 2013. This price includes legally required abatement of lead paint. This would have a net cost to 2014 general taxation of \$0.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.00*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-1-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 7-0-1)*

### TALENT HALL ROOF

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,120 for the replacement of the roof on Talent Hall and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This would have a net cost to 2014 general taxation of \$0.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.00*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 6-1-1)*

### HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,952 to support the requests of Human Services agencies including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Home Health & Hospice, St. Joseph's Community Services, Bridges and Community Council of Nashua.

YES   
NO

*Estimated 2014 tax rate impact: \$0.01*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 6-1-1)*

## VOTER INFORMATION

### Article 14 – Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund

Converts Accrued Vacation Trust Fund created in 2011 to include earned time which replaced vacation time in current Police contract and Town Personnel Policy in 2013. This closes the 2011 fund and opens a new fund with the revised purpose using proceeds from the 2011 fund, so that no new funds are needed.

### Article 15 – Extend Liquor Sales

Enabled by a 2013 law change, allows restaurants and bars to serve alcoholic beverages until 2 am, rather than 1 am.

### Article 16 – Conservation Fund Cap

Caps the Conservation Fund at \$1,000,000. Proceeds from Land Use Change tax are deposited in this fund.

### Article 17 – Land Use Change Tax Fund

In combination with Article 16 cap, any Land Use Change Taxes received when Conservation Fund exceeds \$1,000,000 will be deposited in this fund. A the next Town Meeting, voters will decide how to allocate those funds to tax reduction, conservation or other purposes.

**EARNED TIME EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Vacation Accrual Expendable Trust Fund created in 2011 and return the balance of such fund to the Town's general fund. The balance of this fund as of December 31, 2013 is \$59,629. And further, to see if the Town will vote to establish an Earned Time Accrual Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of annually accounting for the cost of earned but unused vacation time so that the expenses associated with employee resignations, retirements and buyouts of accrued earned time do not impact the current year budget, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,629 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2013; and to further to appoint the Board of Selectmen to serve as agents to expend from the fund. This would have a net cost to 2014 general taxation of \$0.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee (Vote: 8-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**EXTEND LIQUOR SALES**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to allow on premise licensees for liquor sales to sell until 2:00 am as authorized by RSA 179:17 II(b).

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-1-0)*

YES   
 NO

**CONSERVATION FUND CAP**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the 2011 vote regarding the deposit of land use change tax funds into the Conservation Fund to authorize 80% of the land use change tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II; however, in no event shall the balance in the Conservation Fund be permitted to exceed \$1,000,000.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND**

Article 17: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a to account for revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year. Any land use change tax which is to be placed in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 79-A:25, II, shall first be accounted for as revenue to the land use change tax fund before being transferred to the conservation fund at the time of collection.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**EXPAND CONSERVATION FUND USES**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to rename the fund which has in the past been referred to interchangeably as the Town Conservation Fund, the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund and the Conservation and Land Acquisition Fund to the "Conservation Fund," and to confirm that this fund may be used for all purposes authorized for conservation funds under RSA 36-A.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**ROUTE 102 INTERSECTION STUDY**

Article 19: To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to bring to the 2015 annual meeting, an article to study alternatives and potential costs for a controlled intersection allowing access to Route 102.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 5-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**APPOINT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Article 20: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee pursuant to RSA 674:5, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee, or the Board of Selectmen, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**VOTER INFORMATION****Article 18 – Expand Conservation Fund Uses**

Town "Conservation Fund" created in 1971. Later deposits and references to the fund call it "Conservation and Land Acquisition Fund". This article seeks to clarify that the existing fund can be used for all purposes allowed under state law, including to manage and control resources held by Conservation Commission. Such projects could include tree planting, trail maintenance, and milfoil control.

**Article 19 – Route 102 Intersection**

Asks whether Board of Selectmen should propose a study with alternatives and costs for 2015 Town Meeting for a traffic light controlled intersection on Route 102.

**Article 20 – Appoint Capital Improvement Program Committee**

Seeks to expand capital improvement planning from beyond Planning Board to other interested people so plan can be a management tool to more effectively plan replacement of capital equipment to avoid volatility in the tax rate.

**ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**

Article 21: Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Litchfield, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$50,000; for persons 76 years of age up to 80 years, \$80,000; and for persons 81 years of age or older, \$125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than a dollar amount determined by the town of not more than \$30,000, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than a dollar amount determined by the town of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000, excluding the value of the person's residence and one automobile (the automobile of greatest value if more than one is owned).

The modifications will take effect April 1, 2014.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 4-0-0)*

YES   
 NO

**APPOINTED ROAD AGENT**

Article 22: 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. The current Highway Agent shall continue to hold the office until the 2015 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.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote:4-1-0)*

YES   
 NO

**BY PETITION**

Article 23: Pursuant to RSA 154:16, to see if the town shall provide a Fair, Honest and reasonable hourly wage for employees willing to risk their life, as determined by the selectmen in conjunction with the Fire Chief.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 2-1-1)*

YES   
 NO

**BY PETITION**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to protect the Safety and Welfare of on call fire department personnel. For approximately 13 years, the Town has provided Health and Accident insurance for on call fire department personnel who are NOT union and NOT regular part time Town Employees or otherwise under contract or of a bargaining unit.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 3-0-1)*

YES   
 NO

**BY PETITION**

Article 25: To see if the town will direct the Board of Selectmen to encourage the Fire Chief to continue to lead, teach and train the on call members of the fire department in the current arts and skill of Fire, Emergency Medicine and Rescue Operations in accordance with his contract or other written policies as the selectmen may adopt.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote: 3-0-1)*

YES   
 NO

**VOTER INFORMATION****Article 21 – Elderly Exemptions**

Retains asset limits of elderly exemption currently in place. *Article modified at Deliberative Session.*

**Article 22- Appointed Road Agent**

Allows Board of Selectmen to appoint Road Agent. This is consistent with previous voter approval of moving Fire Chief and Treasurer from elected to appointed.

**Articles 23-25 Citizen Petitions**

*Amended at the deliberative session.*

For more detailed discussions of each article, please view the Deliberative Session presentation slides at <http://litchfieldnh.gov/s/2014DelibSlides.pdf> or view the Deliberative Session at our YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/LitchfieldTV>.

**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD  
2014 SAMPLE BALLOT****VOTE – March 11****Polls open at Campbell High School at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM****Photo ID now required to vote  
You may register to vote at the polls****For the 2013 Annual Report visit:**

[www.litchfieldnh.gov](http://www.litchfieldnh.gov)

**VOTER INFORMATION****Article 2 – Aquifer Protection District**

Housekeeping amendments are proposed to update the definition of impervious, add a reminder that a conditional use permit is available for applications where more than 15% of the land is proposed to be impervious, and to correct citations to the zoning districts.

**Article 3 – Multi-Family Overlay**

The Planning Board developed the proposed new overlay district to ensure the town is in compliance with State Law, which requires multi-family residential construction be allowed. The proposed district would permit multi-family homes in the northern and southern ends of town and requires a minimum of 2 acres of land. Multi-family structures would be required to be designed consistent with the town's single family character and limited to six units per building.

**Article 4 – Commercial Districts**

Several small amendments are proposed to the six non-residential districts to consolidate and strengthen common standards to ensure new development blends with the small town character such as landscaping, lighting and screening standards. And place an emphasis on small scale development and agriculture. Frontage requirements are proposed to be reduced on Routes 3A and 102 to allow land owners flexibility while controlling traffic and driveways through the Site Plan regulations. Additionally, amendments to the zoning boundaries are proposed to update the descriptions to match current conditions, minimize instances of split lot zoning and fine tune boundaries to meet future land use goals and changes in existing land use patterns.

**Article 5 – Operating Budget**

This article sets the Town's operating budget at \$5,130,166 which funds the continuing operations of the Town. Included in the total are increases of \$34,299 for fire hydrant services, \$45,281 for health insurance, \$35,500 for NH Retirement System costs and \$37,307 for other wage contractual obligations. It is also estimated that revenues will increase by at least \$40,000 to offset a portion of the tax impact. *For additional information about the budget, visit the Town Meeting webpage at <http://goo.gl/bb3NTf>*