

**Article 9 – Fire Department/Old Town Hall Lot Paving**

Pavement shows significant wear, cracking and water pooling. This covers the cost of grinding, regrading, improved drainage and repaving.

**Article 10 – Public Works Expendable Trust Fund Deposit**

Created in 2012 to cover excess solid waste fees, replacement of failed capital equipment at Solid Waste Facility and extraordinary snow removal costs in excess of budget amounts. In 2014, broken vertical baler at Solid Waste Facility was replaced by withdrawal from this fund. Through the first 2 months of 2015, snow removal costs have exceeded anticipated budget.

**Article 11 – Highway Paint Striping Machine**

Would allow Highway Department to paint stop bars, crosswalks, pavement words and parking lot spaces. Approximately 350 stop bars, 50 crosswalks and 50 pavement words. Intend to use contractor for fog and center lines.

**Article 12 – Route 102 Intersection/Albuquerque Avenue Extension**

2014 article directed Selectmen to offer an article to study alternatives and potential costs for controlled intersection on Route 102. Current intersection at Page Road has many constraints, including not being located in Litchfield. Road Agent and Engineer identified extension of Albuquerque Avenue across Page Road and connecting to Cutler Road which would then be widened through the curve southeast of Fernwood Drive. A new road would be constructed connecting to Route 102 adjacent to Tabernacle Baptist Church. Proposal is for engineer to complete design and permitting. Construction cost estimate based on known conditions is between \$1.5 and \$1.8 million. Maps can be viewed at: <http://goo.gl/wn2Ll8>.

**Article 13 – Human Service Agencies**

This article would provide financial assistance to service agencies requesting funding from the Town and that serve Litchfield residents.

**Article 14 – Non-Union Wage Plan**

Selectmen approved a revised wage plan for non-bargaining unit employees in 2013. Not funded in 2014 through budget. The three year anticipated cost to transition to the new plan is \$90,000. This is not an across the board increase. Initially it adjusts for deficiencies in the current wage scale for certain positions. Affected employees have not received a cost of living adjustment since 2010 and many employees due to their length of service to the town are at a plateau in the current wage plan and have not received any adjustment in that time.

**Article 15 – Capital Reserve Fund Management**

Requested by the Trustees of Trust Funds, this would allow account fees for Capital Reserve investments to be paid from income and interest rather than be paid through the operating budget of the Town.

**Article 16 – Tax Cap**

Advisory article to see if the Selectmen should propose a tax cap at next year's Town Meeting. This article does not implement the cap. A cap would affect the overall growth of the recommended budget,

**Article 17 – Budgeting for Lease/Purchases**

This is an advisory article. The Selectmen recommend lease/purchase of certain items to reduce the property tax burden in a given year. This has been used for items varying from copiers to Police cruisers. The Budget Committee has preferred a full purchase cost if the item is included in the operating budget.

**Article 18 – Agricultural Commission**

Creates an advisory commission to encourage preserving agricultural land and uses. Planning Board community surveys have shown a strong interest by those responding to retain agricultural lands.

**Article 19 – Citizen Petition****TOWN OF LITCHFIELD  
2015 SAMPLE BALLOT  
VOTE – March 10**

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*

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

**VOTER INFORMATION****Article 2 – 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 3 – Impact Fee Ordinance**

Repeals separate Public Capital Facilities and Public School Facilities and replaces with one merged section. Updates ordinance language to be consistent with current state law, practices and standards.

**Article 4 – Accessory Dwelling Units**

Amends the existing Accessory Dwelling Unit section of Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum size of units from 650 to 800 square feet.

**Article 5 – Operating Budget**

This article sets the Town's operating budget at \$5,232,646 which funds the continuing operations of the Town. Included in the total are increases of \$119,376 for Police Department operations due to voter approved officer contract and cruiser replacement, \$13,773 for NH Retirement System costs and \$15,696 for additional Highway Department vehicle repair and salt purchase. The Town has operated on a default budget for the past two years which has caused some items to be deferred from previous year's budgets to the 2015 budget. *For additional information about the budget, visit the Town Meeting webpage at <http://litchfieldnh.gov/2015-town-meeting>*

**Article 6 – Road Improvement**

Continues road repair program supported by voters last year. Approximately 25% of town roads in need of repair. Five year priority road repair plan has estimated cost of \$2.2 million. Like in 2014, these funds will be combined with state Highway Block Grant funds in operating budget for road improvements on plan as well as any emergency repairs that may take precedence over planned repairs.

**Article 7 – Fire Department Airpack Replacement**

Replaces all airpacks currently at end of service life. Applying for grant to offset majority of cost. If grant approved, no additional funds are needed. If grant is not funded, this article will use fund balance to pay Town share, to not raise additional tax dollars.

**Article 8 – Fire Department Utility Vehicle**

Plan to purchase used vehicle to use as Forestry vehicle. Current vehicle fully loaded with 216 gallons of water exceeds allowed weight. These funds allow purchase when reasonable used vehicle becomes available on private market or through State surplus program. Current vehicle will be kept for utility purposes.