

Remember

VOTING- June 12, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TOWN MEETING -Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

At Sportsmen's Club for Voting & Town Meeting

(NOTE: The following was what existed at press time in Mid-May. The true and posted Warrant may differ to a slight degree)

TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

To: Bryan Lamoreau, a resident of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Kennebec.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Litchfield to meet at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club on Tuesday, the 12th day of June 2018 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

SECTION I - ADMINISTRATION

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect all TOWN OFFICERS required by law and previous vote of the Town to be chosen by secret ballot; namely, Selectmen, Litchfield Academy Trustee, RSU4 Board Director and Budget Committee. The polls will open at eight o'clock in the morning and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. The meeting will then adjourn after the ballots have been tallied and reconvene at the Sportsmen's Club at ten o'clock Saturday morning, June 16th, 2018 A.D.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to hear and discuss any reports of any Boards, Committees, or Officers (whether residing in Town or not) of the Town.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix Oct. 15, 2018 or up to 30 days after commitment, whichever is later, Jan. 15, 2019, and April 15, 2019 as the dates on each of which one-third of the property taxes are due and payable, and as the dates from which interest will be charged on any unpaid taxes and liens for tax year 2017-18 at the rate of 2.0% per year.

Art. 5. Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed or assessed? (This Article required by State Law Title 36 MRSA §506)

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Art. 6. Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest at a rate of 0% from the date of overpayment on any taxes paid and later abated? (Title 36 MRSA §506A).

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money, or personal property and/or real estate to the Town and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state and federal grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contracts and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Explanation: The Town needs the authorization of the Town Meeting, which is the legislative body of the town, to apply for many grants. This article avoids the need for a Special Town Meeting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit an application for grant funding on behalf of the Town and to accept any grant funds awarded. This article would allow an appropriation of grant funds, and expenditures of these grant funds.

- Art. 9. To see what sum (of money) the Town will establish for each SELECTMAN.
Selectmen Recommend: \$2,000 for terms ending 2019
\$3,000 for terms ending 2020 and 2021
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000 & \$3,000
- Art. 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION.
Selectmen Request: \$247,768.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$247,768.
- Art. 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.
Selectmen Request: \$43,250
Budget Committee Recommends: \$43,250
- Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.
Selectmen Request: \$160,198
Budget Committee Recommends: \$160,198
- Art. 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for INSURANCE.
Selectmen Request: \$60,450
Budget Committee Recommends: \$60,450
- Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LEGAL EXPENSES.
Selectmen Request: \$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000
- Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE, and that a similar sum be transferred as required from State Dept. of Human Services funds.
Selectmen Request: \$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000
- Art. 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PLANNING BOARD/BOA/BAR.
Selectmen Request: \$1,800.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,800
- Art. 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS.
Selectmen Request: \$14,070
Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,070
- Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for OFFICE EQUIPMENT/SERVICE.
Selectmen Request: \$32,285
Budget Committee Recommends: \$32,285
- Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ANIMAL CONTROL, including Kennebec Valley Humane Society assessment of \$5,800.
Selectmen Request: \$19,475
Budget Committee Recommends: \$19,475
- Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE; and that any unexpended balance carry into the Fire Equipment and Rescue Reserve fund.
Selectmen Request: \$117,250
Budget Committee Recommends: \$117,250

- Art. 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FOREST FIRES AND OUTSIDE HELP.
Selectmen Request: \$2,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000
- Art. 22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for AMBULANCE SERVICE.
Selectmen Request: \$46,134
Budget Committee Recommends: \$46,134
- Art. 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for STREET LIGHTS and FLASHING INTERSECTION LIGHTS.
Selectmen Request: \$3,200.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,200
- Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the PUBLIC WORKS and that any unexpended balance carry into the HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND.
Selectmen Request: \$402,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$402,500
- Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable.
Public Works (wheeler truck): At Town Meeting

Selectmen Request: At Town Meeting
Budget Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
- Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT Carryforward Account.

Selectmen Request; \$300,000
Budget Committee Recommend: \$400,000
- Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the TOWN GARAGE.
Selectmen Request: \$19,650
Budget Committee Recommends: \$19,650
- Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the TRANSFER STATION.
Selectmen Request: \$80,945
Budget Committee Recommends: \$80,945
- Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMERGENCY SERVICES.
Selectmen Request: \$32,545
Budget Committee Recommends: \$32,545
- Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for RECREATION.
Selectmen Request: \$15,958
Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,958
- Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for care and maintenance of CEMETERIES.
Selectmen Request: \$8,790
Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,790

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the TOWN NEWSLETTER.

Selectmen Recommend: \$7,600

Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,600

Note: Charities and Organizations approved at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting were allowed warrant placement (if requested) for 2015. Others needed to submit a petition for warrant placement and requested amount with signatures of 50 Litchfield registered voters.

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Public Service Agencies.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
Rural Community Action Ministry	2,700
Spectrum Generations	1,898
Family Violence	1,600
Kennebec Behavioral Health	3,200
American Red Cross	1,000
K.V.C.A.P. Transportation	600
Crisis/Assault Support	1,200
Androscoggin Home Care/Hospice	500
TLIS/CYC	1,750
D.A.S.H	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$19,448

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LIBRARY services.

Selectmen Recommend: \$20,895

Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,895

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues for the KENENBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

Selectmen Request: \$5,736

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,736

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share for operation and maintenance of the NEW MILLS DAM (\$5,100) and WOODBURY POND DAM (\$9,000), and that any end of year balances be transferred to respective maintenance reserve funds.

Selectmen Request: \$14,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,100

Art. 37. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE.

Selectmen Request: \$72,200

Budget Committee Recommends: \$72,200

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for the FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND. (Note: Fire Equipment Pumper Truck)

Selectmen Request: \$100,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$100,000

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for SPECIAL PROJECTS and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable, and that any unexpended balance carry into the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUND, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUND to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable.

Transfer Station (Concrete pads, and electrical lines): \$7,000
 Revaluation (First year of two): \$125,000
 Fire Dept (Standard entry doors, and radio repeater): \$25,000
 Town Office Renovation: \$20,000 (Total project is \$40,000)
 Town Office Renovation: Appropriate from Capital Projects Reserve Fund: \$20,000

Selectmen Request: RAISE: \$177,000
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$177,000

Selectmen Request: APPROPRIATE: \$197,000
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$197,000

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the CONSERVATION COMMISSION.
 Selectmen Request: \$3,000
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Art. 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the SENIOR CENTER.
 Selectmen Request: \$3,900
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,900

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the SENIOR DIRECTOR (including \$100.00 travel allowance). This permanent part-time position is for 15 hours/week.
 Selectmen Request: \$11,583
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$11,583

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the CONTINGENCY FUND and authorize the Selectmen to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses that occur during Fiscal Year 2018-19.
 Selectmen Request: \$ 10,000
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Art. 44 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for the purchase of a small lot or parcel of land, located by and along the generally southerly sideline of the Gustin Road, near its intersection with Oak Hill Road, from its current owner, David Blocher, for road repair, on such terms as they deem in the Town's best interest, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, and a written release of liability from David Blocher, who will retain a sixty foot (60') wide right-of-way along existing woods road in recent survey plan.
 Selectmen Request: \$7,500
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,500

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018: Municipal Revenue Sharing, U.R.I.P., State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief), Public Library State Aid per Capita, Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance), Snowmobile Registration Money, Tree Growth Reimbursement, General Assistance Reimbursement, Veterans Exemption Reimbursement and State Grants or other Funds (this category includes all funds received from the State Grants or that are not listed above).
 Selectmen Recommends: Ought to Pass
 Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 46. To see if the Town will appropriate the following estimated revenues (including July 1, 2018 balances) to reduce 2018-19 Tax Commitment:

	REVENUES			
	2015-16 (Actual)	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Budget)	2018-19 (Projected)
Excise (Auto)	612,869	630,202	525,000	575,000
Excise (Boat)	8,607	7,408	6,000	6,000
Building Permit Fees & Fines	12,325	5,285	7,000	7,000
Plumbing Permit Fees	11,012	8,805	7,000	7,000
G.A. Reimbursement	2,778	766	4,500	3,000
Transfer Station Tipping	10,827	11,021	9,000	9,500
Town Clerk Fees	4,647	4,650	5,000	5,000
Animal Control Revenue	1,824	1,514	5,000	2,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	11,220	10,679	13,000	13,000
Tree Growth Penalty	0	1,004	1,000	1,000
BETE Reimbursement	3,674	538	1,000	1,000
Interest on Taxes & Liens	8,226	9,205	8,000	8,000
Lien Cost/Tax Sale	6,344	3,723	9,000	9,000
Veterans Reimbursement	0	2,400	2,404	2,400
Vehicle Agent Fees	14,582	14,421	13,000	13,000
Interest on Investment	3,631	4,925	3,000	3,000
State Revenue Sharing (min.)	112,778	128,077	128,000	157,000
Cable TV Franchise	3,269	7,825	5,000	15,000
U.R.I.P.	47,628	47,412	47,412	48,168
Misc. Revenue	11,359	13,378	8,500	8,500
Homestead Reimbursement	69,932	99,124	85,000	85,000
Totals	\$ 957,532	1,012,336	892,812	978,568

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account to reduce the Tax Commitment.

Selectmen Request: At Town Meeting

Budget Coram. Recommends: At Town Meeting

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% of snowmobile registration monies to the Litchfield Snowmobile Club in 2018-2019.

Selectmen Recommends: Ought to Pass

Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for COBBOSSEE WATERSHED.

Selectmen Recommends: \$35,848

Budget Committee Recommends: \$35,848

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for COUNTY TAX.

Selectmen Recommend: \$350,292

Budget Committee Recommends: \$350,292

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appropriate the money raised for overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Budget Comm. Recommends: Ought to Pass

Explanation: Many communities fail to appropriate money to be used to pay abatements granted during that budget period. They simply use the overlay generated through the tax commitment. Even though 36 M.R.S.A. § 710 authorizes assessors to raise overlay, there is no authority to spend the amount of the overlay without a town appropriation vote.

Art. 52. Shall the Ordinance entitled "Town of Litchfield Land Use Ordinance" (adopted June 2004 and last amended June 2017) be further amended by editing Section 9, F, 1 Multi-Family Residential?

Selectmen Recommend: At Town Meeting

Art. 53. Shall the Ordinance entitled "Town of Litchfield Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" (adopted December 1997 and last amended June 2009) be further amended by removing all references to Timber Harvesting?

Selectman Recommend: At Town Meeting

Art. 54. Shall the Ordinance entitled "Town of Litchfield Subdivision Ordinance" (adopted June 2000 and last amended and last amended June 2017) be further amended by redefining "Trail"?

Selectman Recommend: At Town Meeting

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer up to 10% of the June 30, 2018 balance of the Town Forest Reserve Account to the Fuel Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass

Budget Comm. Recommends: Ought to Pass

(Note: Originally, the article establishing the Town Forest Reserve account designated that interest only from the account will be used for the reduction of taxes. In 2004, this was amended to authorize selectmen to appropriate monies from the Town Forest Reserve Account for various forest management purposes. In 2014 this was amended to allow 10% to be transferred to the Litchfield Fuel Fund by June 30, 2015. The Selectmen did not transfer)

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar will be in session for the purpose of correcting any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and accept new enrollments from 10:00 A.M. in the forenoon until the close of Town Meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2018.


Given under our hands this 14th day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Russell



Rayna Leibowitz



Gary Parker
