

Remember
VOTING – Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Sportsmen’s Club
TOWN MEETING - Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Carrie Ricker School

(NOTE: The numbers in parentheses in the articles correspond to accounting and budget departments or specific accounts.)

TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

To: Kelly Weissenfels, 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 9th day of June, 2026 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, Select Board, Litchfield Academy Trustee, RSU4 Board Member, 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 Carrie Ricker School Gymnasium at ten o'clock Saturday morning, June 13th, 2026.

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

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix Oct. 15, 2026, or up to 30 days after commitment, whichever is later, Jan. 15, 2027, and April 15, 2027 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 2026-27 at the rate of 4.0% per year.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
 Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

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

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 [see MRSA reference list in Town Report]).

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
 Budget Committee Recommends: 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
 Budget Committee Recommends: 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 and 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
Budget Committee Recommends: 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 the Town will raise and appropriate for LIBRARY services (51).

Selectmen Request: \$38,550
Budget Committee Recommends: \$38,550

Art. 10. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for AMBULANCE SERVICE (33).

Selectmen Request: \$149,489
Budget Committee Recommends: \$149,489

Art. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate for the LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE (30) from unassigned funds the amount of funds received from insurance settlements for services rendered in response to vehicle accidents and vehicle fires.

Selectmen Recommend: At the meeting
Budget Committee Recommends: As written

Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will raise (subject to the result of Article 11) and appropriate for LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE (30).

(Note: A "YES" vote on Article 11 would allow a motion to reduce the amount raised by the amount of Article 11.)

Selectmen Request: \$270,190
Budget Committee Recommends: \$270,190

Art. 13. To see what sum the Town will raise for the FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT (75).

(Note: FY26 balance \$293,000. Next purchase - Fire Equipment Tanker Truck, estimated cost in FY28, \$550,000)

Selectmen Request: \$150,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$150,000

Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will raise for the FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT (75).

(Note: FY26 balance \$52,500. Next – Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, estimated in FY36, \$105,000.)

Selectmen Request: \$12,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$12,000

Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for FOREST FIRES (31).

Selectmen Request: \$3,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Art. 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (35).

Selectmen Request: \$55,162
Budget Committee Recommends: \$55,162

Art. 17. To see what sum the Town will **establish** for each SELECTMAN (20-1-315).

Selectmen Request: \$3,000 (\$9,000 total)
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION (20).

Selectmen Request: \$577,210
Budget Committee Recommends: \$577,210

Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for dues for the KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (20-2-320).

Selectmen Request: \$6,171
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,171

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for TOWN OFFICE (21).

Selectmen Request: \$72,350
Budget Committee Recommends: \$72,350

Art. 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for INSURANCE (23).

Selectmen Request: \$85,443
Budget Committee Recommends: \$85,443

Art. 22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (24).

Selectmen Request: \$301,454
Budget Committee Recommends: \$301,454

Art. 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for PLANNING BOARD/BOA/BAR (25).

Selectmen Request: \$1,200
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,200

Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for ANIMAL CONTROL (37), including a Kennebec Valley Humane Society assessment of \$6,276.

Selectmen Request: \$21,563
Budget Committee Recommends: \$21,563

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for STREET LIGHTS and FLASHING INTERSECTION LIGHTS (38).

Selectmen Request: \$2,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS (40).

Selectmen Request: \$656,342
Budget Committee Recommends: \$656,342

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will raise for the HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE (75).
(Note: FY26 balance \$72,000. Next purchase – truck estimated in FY27 \$85,000)

Selectmen Request: \$150,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$150,000

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE (75) to purchase a truck to replace the current RAM 5500, and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse in to the Highway Equipment Reserve (75).
(Note: FY26 balance \$72,000.)

Selectmen Request: Not to exceed \$85,000
Budget Committee Recommends: Not to exceed \$85,000

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the TOWN GARAGE (42).

Selectmen Request: \$37,095
Budget Committee Recommends: \$37,095

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100) for the DENNIS BROOK BRIDGE: LARGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT (75) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100).
(Note: A return of up to \$200,000 from a matching grant will be returned to UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100).)

Selectmen Request: \$400,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$200,000

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100) for a SMALL ROAD / RTE 197 INTERSECTION REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECT (75) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100).
(Note: \$30,000 was received from the Maine Turnpike Authority in lieu of repairing Small Road intersection damage incurred during a lengthy detour for a Rte 197 bridge repair. This settlement revenue was received into UNASSIGNED FUNDS (G10-100).)

Selectmen Request: \$30,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,000

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for ROAD MAINTENANCE (43) and that any remaining unexpended balance as of June 30, 2027 lapse into the ROAD MAINTENANCE CARRYFORWARD (43).

Selectmen Request: \$228,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$228,000

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Unassigned Funds for ROAD MAINTENANCE (43) and that any remaining unexpended balance as of June 30, 2027 lapse into the ROAD MAINTENANCE CARRYFORWARD (43).

Selectmen Request: \$395,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$395,000

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the TRANSFER STATION (45).

Selectmen Request: \$156,114
Budget Committee Recommends: \$156,114

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for RECREATION (50).

Selectmen Recommend: \$13,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$13,000

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,500 for PARKS (52) to provide a stipend for the Woodbury Pond Park manager.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

Art. 37. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for care and maintenance of CEMETERIES (55).

Selectmen Request: \$13,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$13,000

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the CONSERVATION COMMISSION (59).

Selectmen Request: \$9,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$9,000

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE (60).

[Note: State reimburses Town for 70% of actual expenses after the fact.]

Selectmen Request: \$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the following OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS (61).

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
American Red Cross	1,200
KVCAP Transportation	750
Litchfield Food Bank	2,000
Community Cares Backpack Program	1,000
Family Violence	2,125
Rural Community Action Ministry	3,000
Spectrum Generations	2,192
Crisis/Assault Support	1,255
Tacoma Lakes Association	4,000
Cobbosee Lake Association	5,700
Kennebec Behavioral Health	3,200
Androscoggin Home Care/Hospice	1,000
Cobbosee Stream/Pleasant Pond	<u>9,000</u>
Total	\$36,422

Selectmen Request: \$36,422
Budget Committee Recommends: \$36,422

Note: New Charities and Organizations may be approved by the Selectboard for warrant placement. If not approved by the Selectboard, then a petition with signatures of 50 Litchfield registered voters will be required.

Art. 41. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the SENIOR CENTER (62-2, 62-3).

Selectmen Request: \$7,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,500

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the SENIOR DIRECTOR (62-1). This permanent part-time position is for 15 hours/week.

Selectmen Request: \$14,475
Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,475

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sodalite, SODALITE NEWSLETTER (63).

Selectmen Request: \$10,786
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,786

Art. 44. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the LITCHFIELD ACADEMY RESERVE (75).

Selectmen Request: \$2,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000

Art. 45. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CEMETERY RESERVE (75).

Selectmen Request: \$1,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Art. 46. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE (92). Roads and bridges reconstruction bond repayment (\$381,000).

Selectmen Request: \$381,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$381,000

Art. 47. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a CAPITAL PROJECT (91) for TRANSFER STATION PROJECTS (91) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE (91).

Selectmen Recommend: \$15,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000

Art. 48. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a CAPITAL PROJECT (91) for TOWN OFFICE ENTRY SECURITY (91) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE (91).

Selectmen Recommend: \$8,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,000

Art. 49. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a CAPITAL PROJECT (91) for PLEASANT POND BOAT RAMPS (91) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE (91).

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000

Art. 50. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a CAPITAL PROJECT (91) for OLD TOWN HOUSE MUSEUM EXTERIOR REPAIRS (91) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE (91).

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000

Art. 51. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a SPECIAL PROJECT (91) for INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL (91) (by sponsoring a Conservation Corps team) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE (91).

Selectmen Recommend: \$6,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,500

Art. 52. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town's share for operation and maintenance of the NEW MILLS DAM (94-4-210, \$9,120) and WOODBURY POND DAM (94-4-215, \$5,000), and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2027, be transferred to the WOODBURY DAM RESERVE (75).

Selectmen Request: \$14,120
Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,120

Art. 53. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the WOODBURY DAM RESERVE (94) for WOODBURY DAM MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROJECT (91) and to be used by the Selectmen as they deem reasonable and that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2028 lapse into the WOODBURY DAM RESERVE (94) (FY24 TOTAL \$17,206).

Selectmen Recommend: \$15,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000

Art. 54. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the COBBOSSEE WATERSHED DISTRICT (94-4-220).

Selectmen Recommend: \$50,887
Budget Committee Recommends: \$50,887

Art. 55. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for COUNTY TAX (95).

Selectmen Recommend: \$729,069
Budget Committee Recommends: \$729,069

Art. 56. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the CONTINGENCY FUND (97-4-970) and authorize the Selectmen to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses that occur during FY26-27.

Selectmen Request: \$35,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$35,000

Art. 57. To see if the Town will accept the following categories of funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025: Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP), 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 or that are not listed above).

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 58. To see if the Town will appropriate 100% of the 2026 State Snowmobile Refund monies to the Litchfield Snowmobile Club in FY2026-2027.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 59. To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to appropriate the money raised for overlay to pay tax abatements, applicable interest granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and other expenditures deemed necessary by the Select Board.

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
Budget Committee 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 MRSA. § 710 [see MRSA reference list in Town Report] authorizes assessors to raise overlay, there is no authority to spend the amount of the overlay without a town appropriation vote. In addition to abatements, overlay may be used to cover unexpected expenditures if the contingency fund has been depleted.

Art. 60. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer up to 10% of the June 30, 2026 balance of the Town Forest Reserve to the Fuel Fund (75) (FY24 total \$38,399).

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
Budget Committee 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. The Selectmen have not yet chosen to transfer any money.)

Art. 61. To see if the Town will appropriate the following estimated revenues to reduce 2026-27 Tax Commitment:

REVENUES	2023-24 (Actual)	2024-25 (Actual)	2025-26 (Budget)	2026-27 (Projected)
Auto Excise	813,053	867,491	660,000	660,000
Boat Excise	9,999	9,105	7,500	7,500
Building Permits & Fines	7,926	8,361	7,000	7,000
Plumbing Permit fees	12,968	10,455	10,000	10,000
GA Reimbursements	5,872	0	7,000	7,000
Transfer Station Tipping	21,358	21,443	14,000	14,000
Clerk Fees	4,067	4,989	4,000	4,000
Animal Control Revenue	1,115	1,056	1,000	1,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	13,674	13,622	8,000	8,000
Tree Growth Penalty	0	0	1,000	1,000
BETE Reimbursement	4,387	7,459	5,000	5,000
Interest on Taxes & Liens	11,544	17,416	7,000	7,000
Lien Cost Recovery	9,361	8,147	8,000	8,000
Veterans Reimbursement	2,656	2,359	2,400	2,400
Town Agent Fees, Auto	19,908	20,828	15,000	15,000
Interest on Investments	74,533	60,113	40,000	40,000
State Revenue Sharing	444,730	489,411	453,000	509,000
Cable Franchise	22,339	20,893	20,000	20,000
LRAP	56,316	57,124	45,000	45,000
Miscellaneous	58,377	40,428	10,000	10,000
Homestead Reimbursement	310,577	238,550	300,000	300,000
TOTAL	1,895,759	1,899,250	1,624,900	1,680,900

Selectmen Recommend: Ought to Pass
Budget Committee Recommends: Ought to Pass

Art. 62. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the UNASSIGNED FUNDS(G10-100) to reduce the Tax Commitment.

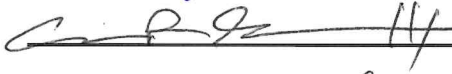
Selectmen Recommend: \$150,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$150,000

Notice is hereby given, that in addition to voting day, Tuesday, June 9th, the Registrar will be in session Saturday, June 13th, 2026, from 10:00 am in the forenoon until the close of the Town Meeting 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 to accept new enrollments.

Given under our hands this 15th day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gary Parker 

Clarence Gowell, III 

Thomas Pelletier 

