

**SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION
LITCHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2009**

Lynn Baddley
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School District Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

SCHOOL BOARD

| | 3-year term | Vote for not more than TWO |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Jason Guerrette | 711 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Kerri Hagerty | 416 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Dennis Miller | 577 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Andrew Santom | 291 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17 (Write In) | | <input type="radio"/> |

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Twenty Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Six dollars (\$20,727,636)? Should the article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy-Eight dollars (\$20,849,678), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board 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 965
NO 331

ARTICLE 2 (as amended at Deliberative Session)

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School District and the Litchfield Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Increase |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 2009-2010 | \$ 451,354.00 |
| 2010-2011 | \$ 374,373.00 |
| 2011-2012 | \$ 379,805.00 |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Four dollars (\$451,354.00) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, VII, this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan but excluding cost of living increases, will continue until a new agreement is executed.

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

YES 442
NO 866

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Litchfield School District authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the School Board, to appoint a Deputy Treasurer for a 1-Year Term under the provisions of RSA 197:24(a) to serve only in the absence or unavailability of the Treasurer? This is an unpaid position.

YES 1087
NO 275

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Litchfield School District raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Capital Reserve Fund for educating educationally disabled children established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year?

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

YES 724
NO 571

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District vote to require that all votes by the Budget Committee and the School Board relative to budget items and warrant articles, shall be recorded votes and that a numeric tally of the votes be printed in the School District warrant next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA 32:5, V-a?

YES 1103
NO 196

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
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MARCH 10, 2009

Thomas L. Bristol
TOWN CLERK

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|--|--|--|
| <p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Three-Year Term</p> <p>JOHN G. REGAN <u>1051</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>10</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> | <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>Vote for not more than TWO Three-Year Term</p> <p>MICHAEL W. FALZONE <u>747</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM F. SPENCER <u>872</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>19</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> | <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Three-Year Term</p> <p>GAIL R. MUSCO <u>1004</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>5</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> |
| <p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Three-Year Term</p> <p>STEVEN D. PERRY <u>799</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALFRED C. RACCIO <u>392</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>7</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> | <p>TRUSTEE TO TRUST FUND</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Three-Year Term</p> <p><u>68</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> | <p>ROAD AGENT</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Two-Year Term</p> <p>GERARD J. DECOSTA <u>553</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN E. PINCIARO <u>645</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>4</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> |
| <p>TOWN TREASURER</p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE Two-Year Term</p> <p>SHARON HARDING-REED <u>995</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>5</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> | | |

ARTICLES

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

REPEAL Housing for Older Persons - Sections 1025 through 1030

YES

No new developments or additional units shall be approved under this section. Existing approved developments are vested under RSA 674:39 and are required to maintain their status as Housing for Older Persons as approved and recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as of November 10, 2008.

NO

This amendment has Planning Board approval.

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

AMEND Section 200.00, Definitions; to ADD section 200.01.1, Abutter

YES

Abutter is defined in Litchfield regulations but had not been defined in the zoning ordinance. Adding this definition will avoid any confusion.

NO

This amendment has Planning Board approval.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,007,704.00 for the repair, reconstruction and project management of the Page Road culvert, Cranberry Lane Culvert, Chase Brook at Albuquerque Avenue culvert, the reclamation of approximately one mile of Albuquerque Avenue and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$807,704.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the use of \$200,000.00 from the Highway Block Grant Fund; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purposes of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or notes.

YES

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.
(3/5 ballot vote required) *

NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Total Voters
1332

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5. Shall the Town of Litchfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,203,796.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,087,719.00, 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 **574**
NO **718**

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 6. Shall the town adopt the provisions of NH RSA § 37 (Town or Village District Managers) forming a Town Manager form of government, and fix the initial compensation for the position at no more than \$85,000.00 per year (plus benefits), and further to appropriate the sum at no more than \$42,500.00 for salary plus at no more than \$14,875.00 for benefits, for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for this purpose?

YES
NO **622**
606

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$253,378.00 for the design and construction of a drainage system located at Winter Circle; \$165,394.00 of this amount will come from a FEMA grant with the balance of \$87,984.00 to be appropriated from the Highway Block Grant Fund and no money appropriated through taxation. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing per RSA § 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2013.

Appropriation \$253,378.00
FEMA \$165,394.00
Block Grant \$ 87,984.00

YES **1051**
NO **224**

NET COST TO TAXPAYER \$0.00

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 8. Shall the town vote to approve the cost items for wage 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:

| | |
|------|-------------|
| 2008 | \$23,111.00 |
| 2009 | \$40,804.00 |
| 2010 | \$45,886.00 |

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,915.00 for the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels, paid in the prior fiscal year. This collective bargaining agreement covers full and part time patrol officers and full and part time dispatchers.

YES
NO **453**
835

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,642.00 to hire one (1) full time police officer effective July 5, 2009. The cost for the period of July 5, 2009 through December 31, 2009 is \$26,642.00, of which \$15,442.00 is for salary and \$8,200.00 is for benefits and equipment. The annual cost for said officer will be \$56,989.00 of which \$39,957.00 will be for salary and \$17,032.00 will be for benefits and equipment.

YES
NO **415**
836

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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Thomas L. Brand
TOWN CLERK

BALLOT 2 OF 2

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 (gross budget) to cover the costs associated with sending one firefighter for paramedic training?

YES NO

938
367

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11. Shall the town vote to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to the budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such votes shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article as specified in NH RSA § 32:5, V-a?

YES NO

1104
170

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 12. Shall the town of Litchfield vote to allow the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-6 for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by the laws of utility services, or other fees. The Town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedure.

YES NO

1019
285

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Special Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA § 31:95-h (c). All revenues received from fees, charges, or other income derived from Fire Department special details shall be deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend. These funds may be expended only for purposes of Fire Department special details and associated operation and administrative purposes.

YES NO

859
432

Recommended by the Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate changing the position of Road Agent to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen and to report back to the 2010 Town Meeting.

YES NO

559
717

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate the adoption of the provisions of NH RSA 79 F (TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES AND LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES), to encourage the reservation of productive farms and associated structures and prevent the loss of farms and their associated structures due to property taxation at values incompatible with their usage and to report back to the 2010 Town Meeting.

YES NO

947
339

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING