

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD PROPOSED 2025-26 TOWN BUDGET

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of Litchfield will be held on Thursday June 12, 2025 at 7:00pm
 2025-26 Budget as recommended by the Board of Finance on April 30, 2025
 Location: Litchfield Intermediate School auditorium, 35 Plumb Hill, Litchfield Connecticut.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>2022/2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024/2025</u> <u>APPROVED</u>	<u>2025/2026</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
EXPENDITURES				
SELECTMEN OPERATING	\$ 8,365,884	\$ 8,634,239	\$ 9,163,011	\$ 9,413,629
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 19,277,500	\$ 20,886,252	\$ 20,041,980	\$ 22,563,463
DEBT	\$ 4,307,048	\$ 3,671,699	\$ 2,225,264	\$ 2,135,407
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 1,611,000	\$ 2,179,900	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 33,561,431	\$ 35,372,090	\$ 31,446,255	\$ 34,128,499
LESS REVENUES				
CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES:				
PRIOR YEAR GRAND LIST	\$ 29,113,887	\$ 29,353,529.00	\$ 28,141,002	\$ 30,642,994
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN GRAND LIST	\$ 39,797	\$ 15,621.00	\$ 424,574	\$ 8,207
OTHER TAXES/FEES/GRANTS/OTHER	\$ 3,952,230	\$ 3,152,732.00	\$ 2,880,679	\$ 3,485,505
TRANSFERS IN (FORM WPCA DEBT)	\$ 312,664	\$ 18,424.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 33,418,578	\$ 32,540,306	\$ 31,446,255	\$ 34,136,706

**SMALL INCREASE IN GRAND LIST & 12.58%
 INCREASE IN REGION 20 BUDGET
 RESULTING IN 1.5 MILL RATE INCREASE
 for an Estimated 2025-26 Mill Rate of 20.0**

\$ (8,207)

ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

UNASSIGNED AT JUNE 30	\$ 7,559,538	\$ 6,442,229	\$ 6,442,229
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SELECTMEN OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Dept.	<u>2022/2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024/2025</u> <u>APPROVED</u>	<u>2025/2026</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
1101 BOARD OF FINANCE	\$ 26,230	\$ 27,512	\$ 27,712	\$ 38,300.00
1102 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 28,734	\$ 30,212	\$ 31,591	\$ 32,053.00
1103 TREASURER	\$ 8,908	\$ 7,673	\$ 9,646	\$ 9,920.00
1104 TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 122,913	\$ 129,922	\$ 137,677	\$ 142,389.00
1105 TOWN CLERK	\$ 152,335	\$ 155,005	\$ 159,762	\$ 168,435.00
1106 VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 203	\$ 323	\$ 400	\$ 400.00
1107 REGISTRARS	\$ 29,911	\$ 34,262	\$ 41,031	\$ 40,209.00
1108 ELECTIONS	\$ 28,044	\$ 36,093	\$ 49,330	\$ 38,950.00
1109 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$ 378	\$ 630	\$ 500	\$ 500.00
1201 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$ 248,349	\$ 252,177	\$ 258,073	\$ 273,216.00
1301 TAX ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	\$ 141,314	\$ 147,007	\$ 166,416	\$ 169,399.00
1401 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 23,495	\$ 16,259	\$ 11,715	\$ 18,515.00
1402 WETLANDS	\$ 2,689	\$ 3,967	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000.00
1403 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ 3,503	\$ 2,358	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00
1404 MILTON HISTORIC	\$ 864	\$ 128	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350.00
1405 LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 123,281	\$ 102,717	\$ 115,232	\$ 111,223.00
1406 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000.00
1501 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 144,786	\$ 186,236	\$ 227,147	\$ 215,647.00
1502 TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	\$ 102,149	\$ 106,923	\$ 113,057	\$ 125,867.00
1601 PROBATE	\$ 8,003	\$ 8,026	\$ 8,513	\$ 10,237.00
1701 BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 294,059	\$ 281,644	\$ 119,000	\$ 153,800.00
1801 LEGAL	\$ 59,450	\$ 83,869	\$ 66,500	\$ 66,500.00
1802 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCES	\$ 153,101	\$ 137,907	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000.00
1803 CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 24,937	\$ 23,813	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200.00
1804 MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 217,511	\$ 211,341	\$ 200,753	\$ 220,958.00
1903 CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000.00
2101 POLICE	\$ 251,366	\$ 276,335	\$ 474,846	\$ 406,846.00
2102 PATROL	\$ 149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2201 FIRE MARSHALL	\$ 113,238	\$ 108,661	\$ 129,206	\$ 131,952.00
2202 FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 427,402	\$ 484,075	\$ 502,170	\$ 604,450.00
2301 E911	\$ 95,531	\$ 98,040	\$ 103,923	\$ 106,151.00
2401 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 16,076	\$ 10,180	\$ 17,711	\$ 16,915.00
3101 PW SUPERVISION	\$ 16,373	\$ 19,289	\$ 30,975	\$ 34,025.00
3102 PW OPERATIONS	\$ 1,372,400	\$ 1,456,423	\$ 1,610,313	\$ 1,695,008.00
3103 HIGHWAYS	\$ 672,967	\$ 907,643	\$ 784,100	\$ 887,600.00
3104 PW EQUIPMENT	\$ 199,363	\$ 228,465	\$ 224,800	\$ 224,800.00
3105 PW BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 104,740	\$ 89,202	\$ 127,000	\$ 161,300.00
3106 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	\$ 685,504	\$ 471,597	\$ 453,610	\$ 481,795.00
3107 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 132,596	\$ 134,201	\$ 137,783	\$ 146,049.00
4101 SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 51,704	\$ 511	\$ 56,188	\$ 48,788.00
4201 AMBULANCE	\$ 77,910	\$ 79,248	\$ 81,710	\$ 82,410.00
4301 CO-OP PROG-OTHER COMMUNITY ORG.	\$ 64,751	\$ 55,855	\$ 68,675	\$ 70,809.00
4401 OSHA	\$ 1,865	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500.00
4601 CEMETERIES	\$ 22,800	\$ 24,800	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500.00
5101 LIBRARIES	\$ 393,450	\$ 411,998	\$ 448,450	\$ 460,500.00
5201 RECREATION	\$ 76,378	\$ 114,792	\$ 123,357	\$ 112,865.00
5301 CO-OP PROGRAMS-OTHER SERVICES	\$ 37,297	\$ 38,619	\$ 41,030	\$ 44,330.00
6101 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$ 1,000	\$ 598	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000.00
6201 BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500.00
8101 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 1,604,469	\$ 1,634,703	\$ 1,710,559	\$ 1,568,468.00
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET	\$ 8,365,884	\$ 8,634,239	\$ 9,163,011	\$ 9,413,629

REGION 20

Category	ACTUAL EXPENSES (2023-2024)	ADOPTED BUDGET (2024-2025)	PROPOSED BUDGET (2025-2026)	CHANGE
BOE	19,077,500			
REGION 20		20,041,980	22,563,463	
Total Expenses	19,077,500	20,041,980	22,563,463	2,521,483

DEBT

	2022/2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2023/2024 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2024/2025 <u>APPROVED</u>	2025/2026 <u>PROPOSED</u>
Principal on Bonds	\$ 3,662,936	\$ 3,077,992	\$ 1,758,730	\$ 1,658,483
Interest on Bonds	\$ 608,449	\$ 563,707	\$ 466,534	\$ 426,924
6 Months Bond Interest	\$ 35,662	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE/DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 4,307,048	\$ 3,671,699	\$ 2,225,264	\$ 2,135,407

CAPITAL OUTLAY

	2022/2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2023/2024 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2024/2025 <u>APPROVED</u>	2025/2026 <u>PROPOSED</u>
Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,400,000			
Transfer to Canine Control Fund	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000.00
Transfer to Trees	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers out		\$ 1,968,900.00	\$ -	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 1,611,000	\$ 2,179,900	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - PROPOSED 2025-2026 ADDITIONS

PROJECTS	RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS 2025-2026	FUNDING SOURCES		
		Grant or Other Funding	Town Budget Pay As You Go	Town Bonding
Park & Recreation				
Community Field, Additional Playground funding	\$ 251,600.00		\$ 251,600	
Community Field-Tennis Court Additional Funding pos	\$ 279,522.00		\$ 279,522	
Town Beach, Pavilion, Rain Gardens	\$ 50,211.00		\$ 50,211	
Total	\$ 581,333.00	\$ -	\$ 581,333	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT				
Bridge Program	\$ 476,000			\$ 476,000
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	\$ -			
Town Aid Rd Funding	\$ 383,844	\$ 383,844		
Major Rd Projects	\$ 1,856,213	\$ 122,663		\$ 1,733,550
Facilities Town Maint	\$ 378,750		\$ 378,750	
Total Public Works Department	\$ 3,094,807	\$ 506,507	\$ 378,750	\$ 2,209,550
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS & EMS				
Northfiel Engine 1	\$ 32,679		\$ 32,679	
BFC Air Handler	\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000	
BFC E36 Repairs	\$ 18,500		\$ 18,500	
Fire Ponds	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
				\$ -
Total Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS	\$ 211,179	\$ -	\$ 211,179	\$ -
DEBT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 3,922,319	\$ 506,507	\$ 1,206,262	\$ 2,209,550

FUND SOURCES

BOE Closed Projects	\$ (222,660.29)
ARPA Balance	\$ (163,637.22)
ARPA Interest	\$ (115,000.00)
Use of Fund Balance	\$ (704,964.68)
TOTAL	\$ (1,206,262.19)