

**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD PROPOSED 2026-27 TOWN BUDGET**

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of Litchfield will be held on Thursday May 14, 2026 at 7:00pm  
 2026-27 Budget as recommended by the Board of Finance on April 23, 2026  
 Location: Lakeview High School, 98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield CT. 06759

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024/2025</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2025/2026</u> <u>APPROVED</u>	<u>2026/2027</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
SELECTMEN OPERATING	\$ 8,613,000	\$ 8,770,966	\$ 9,413,629	\$ 9,974,395
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 20,886,252	\$ 20,041,980	\$ 22,563,463	\$ 23,298,645
DEBT	\$ 3,671,699	\$ 2,225,264	\$ 2,135,407	\$ 2,330,264
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 2,179,900	\$ 720,965	\$ 16,000	\$ 122,944
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 35,350,851</b>	<b>\$ 31,759,175</b>	<b>\$ 34,128,499</b>	<b>\$ 35,726,248</b>
<b>LESS REVENUES</b>				
CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES:				
PRIOR YEAR GRAND LIST	\$ 29,353,529	\$ 28,141,002.00	\$ 30,642,994	\$ 31,511,781
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN GRAND LIST	\$ 15,621	\$ 424,574.00	\$ 8,207	\$ 4,281
OTHER TAXES/FEES/GRANTS/OTHER	\$ 3,152,732	\$ 2,880,679.00	\$ 3,485,505	\$ 4,214,467
TRANSFERS IN (FORM WPCA DEBT)	\$ 18,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 32,540,306</b>	<b>\$ 31,446,255</b>	<b>\$ 34,136,706</b>	<b>\$ 35,730,529</b>

**SMALL INCREASE IN GRAND LIST .2% &  
 3.26% INCREASE IN REGION 20 BUDGET  
 RESULTING IN .5 MILL RATE INCREASE  
 for an Estimated 2026-27 Mill Rate of 20.5**

<b>\$ (4,281)</b>
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**ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE**

<b>UNASSIGNED AT JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 6,442,229</b>	<b>\$ 7,640,023</b>	<b>\$ 7,640,023</b>
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**SELECTMEN OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Dept.	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024/2025</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2025/2026</u> <u>APPROVED</u>	<u>2026/2027</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
1101 BOARD OF FINANCE	\$ 27,512	\$ 46,406	\$ 38,300	\$ 48,765.00
1102 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 30,212	\$ 35,659	\$ 32,053	\$ 32,329.00
1103 TREASURER	\$ 7,673	\$ 9,892	\$ 9,920	\$ 10,203.00
1104 TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 129,922	\$ 143,194	\$ 142,389	\$ 146,051.00
1105 TOWN CLERK	\$ 155,126	\$ 160,510	\$ 168,435	\$ 163,307.00
1106 VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 323	\$ 49	\$ 400	\$ 400.00
1107 REGISTRARS	\$ 34,262	\$ 39,829	\$ 40,209	\$ 51,966.00
1108 ELECTIONS	\$ 36,093	\$ 65,360	\$ 38,950	\$ 57,600.00
1109 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$ 630	\$ 252	\$ 500	\$ 500.00
1201 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$ 252,177	\$ 263,250	\$ 273,216	\$ 319,566.00
1301 TAX ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	\$ 147,077	\$ 158,951	\$ 169,399	\$ 235,806.00
1401 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 16,259	\$ 15,810	\$ 18,515	\$ 24,715.00
1402 WETLANDS	\$ 3,967	\$ 2,696	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000.00
1403 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,920	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00
1404 MILTON HISTORIC	\$ 128	\$ 614	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350.00
1405 LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 102,693	\$ 107,604	\$ 111,223	\$ 114,618.00
1406 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00
1501 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 186,014	\$ 209,622	\$ 215,647	\$ 223,464.00
1502 TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	\$ 99,320	\$ 109,653	\$ 125,867	\$ 132,600.00
1601 PROBATE	\$ 8,026	\$ 8,512	\$ 10,237	\$ 12,705.00
1701 BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 279,662	\$ 150,284	\$ 153,800	\$ 179,300.00
1801 LEGAL	\$ 98,368	\$ 139,147	\$ 66,500	\$ 77,000.00
1802 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCES	\$ 137,907	\$ 137,595	\$ 141,000	\$ 151,000.00
1803 CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 23,813	\$ 23,878	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200.00
1804 MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 211,341	\$ 210,937	\$ 220,958	\$ 228,718.00
1903 CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000.00
2101 POLICE	\$ 276,335	\$ 262,132	\$ 406,846	\$ 433,726.00
2201 FIRE MARSHALL	\$ 108,601	\$ 112,838	\$ 131,952	\$ 173,221.00
2202 FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 484,075	\$ 537,153	\$ 604,450	\$ 708,945.00
2301 E911	\$ 98,040	\$ 102,660	\$ 106,151	\$ 111,163.00
2401 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 10,180	\$ 17,419	\$ 16,915	\$ 17,336.00
3101 PW SUPERVISION	\$ 18,962	\$ 32,148	\$ 34,025	\$ 27,890.00
3102 PW OPERATIONS	\$ 1,456,423	\$ 1,590,732	\$ 1,695,008	\$ 1,678,868.00
3103 HIGHWAYS	\$ 902,163	\$ 808,915	\$ 887,600	\$ 832,600.00
3104 PW EQUIPMENT	\$ 227,714	\$ 217,377	\$ 224,800	\$ 207,800.00
3105 PW BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 86,368	\$ 136,936	\$ 161,300	\$ 190,000.00
3106 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	\$ 455,061	\$ 446,895	\$ 481,795	\$ 468,393.00
3107 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 134,201	\$ 138,278	\$ 146,049	\$ 151,109.00
4101 SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 511	\$ 58,865	\$ 48,788	\$ 50,527.00
4201 AMBULANCE	\$ 79,248	\$ 81,710	\$ 82,410	\$ 87,610.00
4301 CO-OP PROG-OTHER COMMUNITY ORG.	\$ 55,855	\$ 68,125	\$ 70,809	\$ 75,522.00
4401 OSHA	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,682	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,750.00
4601 CEMETERIES	\$ 24,800	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500	\$ 24,000.00
5101 LIBRARIES	\$ 411,998	\$ 448,450	\$ 460,500	\$ 482,850.00
5201 RECREATION	\$ 114,739	\$ 125,555	\$ 112,865	\$ 136,439.00
5301 CO-OP PROGRAMS-OTHER SERVICES	\$ 38,619	\$ 40,530	\$ 44,330	\$ 47,470.00
6101 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$ 598	\$ 7,673	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000.00
6201 BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500.00
8101 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 1,634,643	\$ 1,467,161	\$ 1,568,468	\$ 1,728,513.00
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 8,613,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,770,966</b>	<b>\$ 9,413,629</b>	<b>\$ 9,974,395</b>

**REGION 20**

<b>Category</b>	<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES (2024-2025)</b>	<b>ADOPTED BUDGET (2025-2026)</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET (2026-2027)</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>REGION 20</b>	20,041,980	22,563,463	23,298,645	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,041,980</b>	<b>22,563,463</b>	<b>23,298,645</b>	<b>735,182</b>

**DEBT**

	<b>2023/2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024/2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025/2026 APPROVED</b>	<b>2026/2027 PROPOSED</b>
Principal on Bonds	\$ 3,077,992	\$ 1,758,730	\$ 1,658,483	\$ 1,790,000
Interest on Bonds	\$ 563,707	\$ 466,534	\$ 426,924	\$ 455,264
6 Months Bond Interest	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 85,000
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE/DEBT REDUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 3,671,699</b>	<b>\$ 2,225,264</b>	<b>\$ 2,135,407</b>	<b>\$ 2,330,264</b>

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

	<b>2023/2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024/2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025/2026 APPROVED</b>	<b>2026/2027 PROPOSED</b>
Capital Expenditures				
Transfer to Canine Fund	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000.00
Transfer to CIP for Trees	\$ 195,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Annex Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,944
Transfers to Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1,968,900	\$ 704,964.68	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>\$ 2,179,900</b>	<b>\$ 720,965</b>	<b>\$ 16,000</b>	<b>\$ 122,944</b>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - PROPOSED 2026-2027 ADDITIONS**

<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS 2026-2027</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>		
		<b>Grant or Other Funding</b>	<b>Town Budget Pay As You Go</b>	<b>Town Bonding</b>
<b>Park &amp; Recreation</b>				
Community Field, Little League Dogout	\$ 111,700.00		\$ 111,700	
Town Beach, Pavillion, Site Prep & Electrical	\$ 39,300.00		\$ 39,300	
Town Beach, Rain Gardens, 3&4 New Parking Lot	\$ 323,000.00	\$ 138,000	\$ 185,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 474,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 138,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 336,000</b>	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>				
Bridge Program	\$ 7,000			\$ 7,000
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	\$ -			
Town Aid Rd Funding	\$ 383,105	\$ 383,105		
Major Rd Projects	\$ 2,882,753	\$ 1,090,363		\$ 1,792,390
Facilities Town Maint				
<b>Total Public Works Department</b>	<b>\$ 3,272,858</b>	<b>\$ 1,473,468</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,799,390</b>
<b>BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS &amp; EMS</b>				
LVA Ambulance 8	\$ 220,000			\$ 220,000
LFD E2 Frame Repair	\$ 220,000			\$ 220,000
Fire Marshal Vehicle	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000	
BFC Fire Alarm System	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	
Radios Town Wide	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000
<b>Total Board of Fire Commissioners &amp; EMS</b>	<b>\$ 695,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 590,000</b>
<b>DEBT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>		<b>\$ 59,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,501,858</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,468</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,390,390</b>

**ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT 2026-2027</b>	<b>Grant or Other Funding</b>	<b>Town Budget Pay As You Go</b>	<b>Town Bonding</b>
<b>Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance Building Project</b>	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000