

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 ~ 7P.M.

IN-PERSON AT LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST STREET AND
REMOTE MEETING BY LIVE INTERNET VIDEO STREAM AND TELEPHONE

1. **Call to Order** Erich Marriott called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. All CIC members were present, with the exception of non-voting member Amaechi Obi.
2. **Approval of December 2, 2025 Minutes Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the 12/02/2025 meeting minutes, J. Bongiorno seconded the motion. **Amendment:** J. Zullo motioned to amend the minutes for Town Beach rain gardens 1&2 to reflect fiscal year 2026/27 in the amount of \$53,040, Town Beach pavilion to reflect fiscal year 2026/27 in the amount of \$39,300, and Park and Recreation's total of \$550,040 to reflect the change in the Little League Dugout's number change from \$183,260 to \$117,700. J. Bongornio seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.
3. **Review Department Requests** Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance Chief John Pudlinski spoke regarding the replacement of the 2017 Ford ambulance. He noted that the 2019 Sprinter would be turned over to the Town for repurposing as a workshop van for Public Works. He stated that the 2017 vehicle has significant wear, having served as LVA's primary workhorse, with repairs including front-end work, brakes, and, most recently, transmission work. He estimated the resale value of the ambulance to be between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Chief Pudlinski added that, if this CIP request is approved, LVA would have 2023, 2025, and 2026 ambulances that could be rotated to extend the overall lifespan of the fleet. He also noted that the Town of Morris funds one crew 24/7 and contributes \$8,333.33 annually toward capital improvements.

Park and Recreation Chair Gianni Perugini, Park and Recreation Director Michael Lyn Cappello, and Public Works Supervisor Brett Seamans presented on behalf of Park and Recreation. G. Perugini stated that the proposed projects enhance safety and protect the environment. M. Cappello noted that while there is no current funding for the dugouts, Tritown has agreed to fundraise for them, and she added that although they are exploring financial support from the other participating towns, participation from those towns remains low compared to Litchfield. She also clarified that, although no formal noise complaints have been filed regarding the pickleball courts, concerns have been raised. B. Seamans stated that the proposed acoustic panels would require approval from both the Borough of Litchfield and the Historic District Commission, and he further noted that there is a DEEP reimbursable grant of \$53,040 for Rain Gardens 1 and 2 and a \$138,000 DEEP reimbursable grant for Rain Gardens 3 and 4.

Raz Alexe, Public Works Director, and B. Seamans presented for Public Works. R. Alexe stated that if all proposed road projects were approved, the 15-year road program would increase from 6.2% to 6.6%. He noted that two of the proposed road projects, Howe/Naser Roads and Old South Road, are design projects, while Mike Road and Wigwam Road are proposed for paving, and Whites Wood/Bissell require culvert replacements due to failing structures. Regarding bridge projects, he explained that \$7,000 is needed for the Norfolk Road Bridge DOT inspection and

grant application to determine whether it qualifies for a 100% state-funded grant, and he added that Brooks Road Bridge also has a failing culvert that requires attention. For facilities, R. Alexe stated that the heavy-vehicle bays need their heating systems replaced and noted that remaining funds from the Town Hall window replacement project could cover this expense.

4. **Adjournment Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Denise Raap, First Selectman
Secretary