

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 ~ 7:00 P.M.**  
**LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST STREET**

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Erich Marriott called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present were Erich Marriott, First Selectman Denise Raap, Sean Fogarty, John Bongiorno, Stephan Krucker, Michael KostECKi, Jeff Zullo, and non-voting member Amaechi Obi. Regular members absent were Donna Pace and Stephen Simonin and non-voting member Raz Alexe.
2. **Approval of January 6, 2026 Minutes Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the 01/06/2026 meeting minutes and J. Bongiorno seconded the motion. **Amendment:** J. Zullo amended his motion to change state-funded to federal-funded under the discussion of Norfolk Road. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.
3. **Review Department Requests and Consider Final Approval** E. Marriott stated that for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 the total bond amount was approximately \$2.1 million with \$1.2 million in pay-as-you-go, and last year's bond deal was 2.1. He noted that for FY 2024/2025 the total was \$2.4 million with no bonding, and for FY 2023/2024 the total was \$3.4 million with \$1.43 million bonded.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Brett Seamans reviewed the priority-one items for DPW. He stated for major roads priority included Campville Road at \$148,500 and \$343,000, Howe/Naser Roads at \$81,400, Old South Road at \$72,000, Whites/Wood Bissell at \$274,300, and Wigwam Road at \$873,190. Major roads removed from FY 2026/2027 request were Constitution Way at \$284,989, Mike Road at \$324,200, North Lake Street at \$196,973, and Sheldon Lane at \$258,285. For Facilities the heavy vehicle bays heating replacement was removed and will be funded through a transfer. For bridges, the Norfolk Road Bridge is a priority-one at \$7,000. Brooks Road Bridge was removed at \$485,000. E. Marriott stated gross amount for DPW is \$3,272,850 and net Town cost of \$1,799,390.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Fire Commission and EMS capital request at \$725,000. M. KostECKi seconded the motion. **Discussion:** J. Bongiorno expressed concern about having only one year between each ambulance replacement. Discussion followed regarding the total cost of a new ambulance and the anticipated resale value of the 2017 ambulance to help offset that cost. It was agreed to reduce the LVA Ambulance 8 line item to \$220,000. **Amendment:** J. Zullo amended his motion to approve the Fire Commission and EMS capital request at \$695,000 reducing LVA Ambulance 8 to \$220,000 and M. KostECKi seconded the motion. **Vote:** the yes votes were J. Zullo, M. KostECKi, S. Krucker, S. Fogarty, D. Raap and E. Marriott. No vote was J. Bongiorno. The motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Park and Recreation capital request at \$359,000 and M. KostECKi seconded the motion. **Discussion:** B. Seamans stated that the total includes \$111,700 for the Community Field Little League dugouts, \$23,000 for acoustic panels and benches, \$39,300 for Town Beach pavilion site preparation and electrical work, and \$185,000 for Town Beach Rain Gardens 3 and 4. He noted that \$53,040 for Rain Gardens 1 and 2 is a reimbursable grant, and

\$138,000 is an additional grant for Rain Gardens 3 and 4. It was agreed to include the grant amount for Rain Gardens 3 and 4 in the gross total. **Withdrew:** J. Zullo withdrew his motion and M. Kostecki withdrew his second. **Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Park and Recreation capital project in the amount of \$497,000. Composed of Community Field at \$111,700, Pickleball acoustic panels and benches of \$23,000, Town Beach pavilion site prep of \$39,300, and Town Beach 3 and 4 and parking lot of \$323,000 and M. Kostecki seconded the motion. **Discussion:** J. Bongiorno requested to remove the funding for the pickleball acoustic panels and benches. **Withdrew:** J. Zullo withdrew his motion, M. Kostecki withdrew his second. **Vote:** J. Bongiorno motioned to approve the Park and Recreation gross capital request of \$474,000. J. Zullo seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Department of Public Works capital request budget in the amount of \$3,272,858. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the total capital budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$4,501,858. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Fire Commission and EMS capital net budget in the amount of \$695,000. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Park and Recreation capital net budget in the amount of \$336,000. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Department of Public Works net budget in the amount of \$1,799,390. S. Fogarty seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the total net capital budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$2,890,390. D. Raap seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

4. **Set Capital Improvement Committee Schedule for 2027/2028** **Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to approve the Capital Improvement Committee 2027/2028 schedule adding the location of Litchfield Firehouse and time of 7 p.m. S. Fogarty seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.
  
5. **Adjourn** **Motion:** J. Zullo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06. J. Bongiorno seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.



Denise Raap, First Selectman  
Secretary