

**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD PROPOSED 2024-25 TOWN BUDGET**

The Annual Budget Hearing of the Town of Litchfield will be held on April 25, 2024 at 7:00pm  
 2024-25 Budget as recommended by the Board of Finance on April 08, 2024  
 Location: Litchfield Intermediate School auditorium, 35 Plumb Hill, Litchfield Connecticut.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<u>2021/2022</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>2022/2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>2023/2024</u> <u>APPROVED</u>		<u>2024/2025</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
SELECTMEN OPERATING	\$ 8,328,742	\$	\$ 8,365,884	\$	\$ 8,826,283	\$	\$ 9,146,011
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 19,165,276	\$	\$ 19,077,500.00	\$	\$ 20,024,237	\$	\$ 20,041,980
DEBT	\$ 4,230,870	\$	\$ 4,306,385	\$	\$ 3,673,786	\$	\$ 2,225,264
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 881,048	\$	\$ 1,611,000	\$	\$ 16,000	\$	\$ 16,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 32,605,936</b>	\$	<b>\$ 33,360,769</b>	\$	<b>\$ 32,540,306</b>	\$	<b>\$ 31,429,255</b>
<b>LESS REVENUES</b>							
CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES:							
PRIOR YEAR GRAND LIST	\$ 28,971,688	\$	\$ 29,113,886.72	\$	\$ 29,353,529	\$	\$ 40,679,190
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN GRAND LIST	\$ 6,566	\$	\$ 39,797.00	\$	\$ 15,621	\$	\$ 424,574
OTHER TAXES/FEES/GRANTS/OTHER	\$ 3,646,823	\$	\$ 3,952,230.28	\$	\$ 3,152,732	\$	\$ 2,880,679
TRANSFERS IN (FORM WPCA DEBT)	\$ 315,758	\$	\$ 312,664.00	\$	\$ 18,424	\$	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 32,940,835</b>	\$	<b>\$ 33,418,578</b>	\$	<b>\$ 32,540,306</b>	\$	<b>\$ 43,984,443</b>

**DECREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES  
 RESULTING IN 8.3 MILL RATE DECREASE  
 for an Estimated 2024-25 Mill Rate of 18.4** **\$ (12,555,188)**

**ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE**

<b>UNASSIGNED AT JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 6,608,023</b>	\$	<b>\$ 7,559,538.00</b>	\$	<b>\$ 7,559,638</b>	
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**SELECTMEN OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Dept.	<u>2021/2022</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>2022/2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>2023/2024</u> <u>APPROVED</u>		<u>2024/2025</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
1101 BOARD OF FINANCE	\$ 25,741	\$	\$ 26,230.38	\$	\$ 27,712	\$	\$ 27,712.00
1102 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 28,475	\$	\$ 28,734.13	\$	\$ 31,143	\$	\$ 31,591.00
1103 TREASURER	\$ 8,452	\$	\$ 8,907.87	\$	\$ 9,130	\$	\$ 9,646.00
1104 TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 117,477	\$	\$ 122,913.21	\$	\$ 136,551	\$	\$ 137,677.00
1105 TOWN CLERK	\$ 141,339	\$	\$ 152,334.63	\$	\$ 155,821	\$	\$ 159,762.00
1106 VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 466	\$	\$ 203.14	\$	\$ 400	\$	\$ 400.00
1107 REGISTRARS	\$ 33,322	\$	\$ 29,910.93	\$	\$ 35,093	\$	\$ 41,031.00
1108 ELECTIONS	\$ 18,124	\$	\$ 28,044.29	\$	\$ 26,030	\$	\$ 49,330.00
1109 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$ 207	\$	\$ 378.00	\$	\$ 500	\$	\$ 500.00
1201 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$ 241,011	\$	\$ 248,349.00	\$	\$ 251,773	\$	\$ 258,073.00
1301 TAX ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	\$ 140,089	\$	\$ 141,313.83	\$	\$ 158,041	\$	\$ 166,416.00
1401 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 8,367	\$	\$ 23,495.36	\$	\$ 10,715	\$	\$ 11,715.00
1402 WETLANDS	\$ 1,956	\$	\$ 2,688.56	\$	\$ 4,500	\$	\$ 4,000.00
1403 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ 1,807	\$	\$ 3,503.36	\$	\$ 2,000	\$	\$ 2,000.00
1404 MILTON HISTORIC	\$ 481	\$	\$ 864.48	\$	\$ 1,350	\$	\$ 1,350.00
1405 LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 122,268	\$	\$ 123,281.15	\$	\$ 104,717	\$	\$ 115,232.00
1406 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,000.00
1501 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 159,005	\$	\$ 144,785.82	\$	\$ 164,106	\$	\$ 227,147.00
1502 TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	\$ 79,129	\$	\$ 102,149.06	\$	\$ 101,474	\$	\$ 113,057.00
1601 PROBATE	\$ 7,853	\$	\$ 8,002.80	\$	\$ 8,026	\$	\$ 8,513.00
1701 BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 286,151	\$	\$ 294,058.78	\$	\$ 261,000	\$	\$ 119,000.00
1801 LEGAL	\$ 76,047	\$	\$ 59,450.00	\$	\$ 66,500	\$	\$ 66,500.00
1802 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCES	\$ 105,241	\$	\$ 153,100.88	\$	\$ 139,050	\$	\$ 141,000.00
1803 CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 23,820	\$	\$ 24,936.76	\$	\$ 27,300	\$	\$ 25,200.00
1804 MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 209,709	\$	\$ 217,511.06	\$	\$ 224,378	\$	\$ 200,753.00
1903 CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$	\$ 75,000	\$	\$ 75,000.00
2101 POLICE	\$ 178,801	\$	\$ 251,366.21	\$	\$ 331,324	\$	\$ 474,846.00
2102 PATROL	\$ 129,271	\$	\$ 149.12	\$	\$ -	\$	\$ -
2201 FIRE MARSHALL	\$ 57,671	\$	\$ 113,237.63	\$	\$ 120,674	\$	\$ 129,206.00
2202 FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 408,788	\$	\$ 427,402.06	\$	\$ 471,359	\$	\$ 502,170.00
2301 E911	\$ 92,676	\$	\$ 95,530.50	\$	\$ 98,040	\$	\$ 103,923.00
2401 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 13,032	\$	\$ 16,075.91	\$	\$ 17,315	\$	\$ 17,711.00
3101 PW SUPERVISION	\$ 17,638	\$	\$ 16,373.06	\$	\$ 25,125	\$	\$ 30,975.00
3102 PW OPERATIONS	\$ 1,418,576	\$	\$ 1,372,400.25	\$	\$ 1,572,052	\$	\$ 1,610,313.00
3103 HIGHWAYS	\$ 757,156	\$	\$ 672,967.42	\$	\$ 853,397	\$	\$ 784,100.00
3104 PW EQUIPMENT	\$ 231,231	\$	\$ 199,362.61	\$	\$ 248,600	\$	\$ 224,800.00
3105 PW BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 105,202	\$	\$ 104,740.40	\$	\$ 127,000	\$	\$ 127,000.00
3106 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	\$ 658,203	\$	\$ 685,504.17	\$	\$ 390,320	\$	\$ 453,610.00
3107 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 127,809	\$	\$ 132,595.97	\$	\$ 133,770	\$	\$ 137,783.00
4101 SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 46,001	\$	\$ 51,703.76	\$	\$ 54,907	\$	\$ 56,188.00
4201 AMBULANCE	\$ 63,754	\$	\$ 77,910.00	\$	\$ 71,710	\$	\$ 81,710.00
4301 CO-OP PROG-OTHER COMMUNITY ORG.	\$ 64,990	\$	\$ 64,751.19	\$	\$ 58,722	\$	\$ 61,675.00
4401 OSHA	\$ 1,025	\$	\$ 1,865.00	\$	\$ 2,000	\$	\$ 2,000.00
4601 CEMETERIES	\$ 22,800	\$	\$ 22,800.00	\$	\$ 24,800	\$	\$ 23,500.00
5101 LIBRARIES	\$ 386,969	\$	\$ 393,450.00	\$	\$ 411,998	\$	\$ 448,450.00
5201 RECREATION	\$ 93,887	\$	\$ 76,378.29	\$	\$ 108,923	\$	\$ 113,357.00
5301 CO-OP PROGRAMS-OTHER SERVICES	\$ 101,249	\$	\$ 37,297.00	\$	\$ 38,661	\$	\$ 41,030.00
6101 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ 15,000.00
6201 BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,517	\$	\$ 1,406.54	\$	\$ 1,500	\$	\$ 1,500.00
8101 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 1,512,960	\$	\$ 1,604,468.99	\$	\$ 1,640,776	\$	\$ 1,710,559.00
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 8,328,742</b>	\$	<b>\$ 8,365,884</b>	\$	<b>\$ 8,826,283</b>	\$	<b>\$ 9,146,011</b>

**LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Category	APPROVED EXPENSES (2022-2023)	ADOPTED BUDGET (2023-2024)	PROPOSED BUDGET (2024-2025)	CHANGE
1) Certified Salaries	8,754,700	9,135,615		
2) Classified Salaries	2,193,488	2,472,323		
3) Employee Benefits	3,821,250	4,527,300		
4) Learning Programs	1,169,529	988,037		
5) Tuition	743,382	750,000		
6) Transportation	1,044,192	1,068,418		
7) Shared Services	1,137,165	1,025,000		
8) Administration	209,244	189,444		
9) Operations and Maintenance	630,050	698,100		
0) Capital and Debt	-	-		
FY21 Contingency	100,000	100,000		
Remove Grants		(930,000)		
<b>REGION 20</b>			<b>20,041,980</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,803,000</b>	<b>20,024,237</b>	<b>20,041,980</b>	<b>17,743</b>

**DEBT**

	2021/2022 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2022/2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2023/2024 <u>APPROVED</u>	2024/2025 <u>PROPOSED</u>
Principal on Bonds	\$ 3,531,536	\$ 3,662,936	\$ 3,077,992	\$ 1,758,730
Interest on Bonds	\$ 699,334	\$ 608,449	\$ 565,794	\$ 466,534
Interest on Notes	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
6 Months Bond Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE/DEBT REDUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 4,230,870</b>	<b>\$ 4,306,385</b>	<b>\$ 3,673,786</b>	<b>\$ 2,225,264</b>

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

	2021/2022 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2022/2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2023/2024 <u>APPROVED</u>	2024/2025 <u>PROPOSED</u>
Capital Expenditures	\$ 621,048	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Canine Control Fund	\$ 65,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000.00
Transfer to Trees	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>\$ 881,048</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,000</b>	<b>\$ 16,000</b>	<b>\$ 16,000</b>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - PROPOSED 2024-2025 ADDITIONS**

<u>PROJECTS</u>	RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS 2024-2025	FUNDING SOURCES		
		Grant or Other Funding	Town Budget Pay As You Go	Town Bonding
<b>Park &amp; Recreation</b>				
Town Beach - Elec Serv. Roadway, Rain Garden	\$ 126,425.00		\$ 126,425	
Community Field-Tennis Court	\$ 85,100.00		\$ 85,100	
Community Field-Playground-ADA accessible	\$ 284,200.00		\$ 284,200	
Total Library	\$ 495,725.00	\$ -	\$ 495,725	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>				
Bridge Program	\$ 390,000		\$ 390,000	
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	\$ 278,000		\$ 278,000	
Town Aid Rd Funding	\$ 383,844	\$ 383,844	\$ -	
Major Rd Projects	\$ 1,298,498	\$ 581,121	\$ 717,377	
Public Facilities	\$ 314,990	\$ -	\$ 314,990	
Facilities School Maint				
<b>Total Public Works Department</b>	<b>\$ 2,665,332</b>	<b>\$ 964,965</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,367</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS &amp; EMS</b>				
Litchfield FD Building Finalization	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000	
LFD Generator Replacement	\$ 92,000		\$ 92,000	
ELFD Base Radio Tower	\$ 42,000		\$ 42,000	
LVA Equipment & Overrun (Radios)	\$ 13,808		\$ 13,808	
			\$ -	
<b>Total Board of Fire Commissioners &amp; EMS</b>	<b>\$ 237,808</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 237,808</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>DEBT ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,398,865</b>	<b>\$ 964,965</b>	<b>\$ 2,433,900</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**FUND SOURCES**

SELF-MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 500,000.00
FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,933,900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,433,900.00</b>