



TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

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Dear Fellow Litchfield Resident:

The Town Facilities Review Committee has been charged with evaluating future town facilities needs and recommending potential uses for existing town facilities. It is our goal that these recommendations reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. Therefore, to be successful in this mission, we are asking for YOUR help!

We ask that you take a few moments to complete this survey regarding current and potential future town facilities. Please consider taking the survey online at townoflitchfield.org, as it will aid the committee in tabulating results (and save you the cost of a stamp!). If you prefer, you may complete this survey form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope either by mail or at Town Hall. If multiple members of your household would like to respond, please feel free to make multiple copies of the survey and return them all (or each take the survey online!).

Looking forward, the Committee will conduct a series of public hearings to present the findings of the survey, and to engage in a further community discussion of the results. It is our sincere belief that only a plan that carefully considers community input can be successful for our Town.

We thank you in advance for your participation and input.

Sincerely,

Sam Olmstead
Chair - Town Facilities Review Committee

How many times during a year, unaffected by social distancing, would you have used the following facilities

	>5	1-5	Never	N/A
Litchfield Town Hall				
Bantam Annex Town Offices				
Bantam Post Office				
Bantam Gym				
Litchfield High School Gym				
Litchfield Intermediate School Gym				
Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium				
Center School Gym				
Litchfield Community Field				
Northfield Community Field				
Bantam Community Field				
Litchfield Town Beach				
Litchfield Recycling Center				

Which of these town buildings/facilities are most important to you? How well do they meet your needs?

	Exceeds My Needs	Meets My Needs Well	Adequate	Could Be Better	Does Not Meet My Needs

What facilities would you like to see that aren't available or are under supported? Check all that apply.

- ☐ A sports complex including a building for indoor sports
- ☐ A community swimming pool
- ☐ A community ice skating rink
- ☐ A dog park
- ☐ More rental housing
- ☐ More starter housing for our young families
- ☐ More daycare facilities for young children
- ☐ More housing for our elders
- ☐ A senior/activity center
- ☐ Additional community garden space, including handicapped accessibility
- ☐ A food pantry
- ☐ A medical equipment library/exchange
- ☐ Artists' gallery/housing/studios
- ☐ Municipal Parking in Litchfield
- ☐ Municipal parking in Bantam
- ☐ More meeting and gathering spaces available to community groups
- ☐ A municipally owned utility providing high speed internet broadband

Write in any other facilities that are not listed above:

- _____
- _____

Which current and/or future facilities listed above would be worth investing public dollars in, which could increase our taxes, to build or improve?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Town Hall Questions

Please indicate the importance to you of the following:	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Having the Town Hall in the center of Litchfield			
Having all Town offices in one building			
Having public meeting space in the Town Hall			
Having Town services on-line instead of in person			
Accessing archived Town records			
Other:			

Bantam Annex questions

Please indicate the importance to you of the following:	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Keeping the existing Bantam Annex for municipal uses			
Repurposing the Bantam Annex building for alternate uses			
Keeping the Bantam Annex property under town ownership, without the building			
Sell the property for non-municipal use, putting it on the tax roll			
Other:			

The **Litchfield Broadband Commission** is a Town of Litchfield commission whose mission is to evaluate broadband available in Litchfield and to determine how to provide adequate broadband to Litchfield residents and businesses in the future.

If you would prefer to fill this out online, please go to townoflitchfield.org

What type of internet connection do you have at home?

- ☐ I do not have internet access
- ☐ DSL (Frontier)
- ☐ Wireless/cell service/hot spot
- ☐ Other/I don't know
- ☐ Cable (Optimum)
- ☐ Dial-up
- ☐ Satellite (HughesNet, Viasat)

How would you rate your internet service provider for overall reliability, bandwidth speed, customer service, and cost?

- ☐ I do not have internet access
- ☐ I'm happy with my service but I wish it cost less
- ☐ I believe I'm getting good service at a good price
- ☐ I am unhappy with the service and the price
- ☐ My internet is slower than I want

What is the speed of your internet connection?*

- ☐ Upload Speed: _____(Mbps) ☐ How much do you pay per month for internet: \$ _____
- ☐ Download Speed: _____(Mbps)

To determine your internet speed, run a speed test at northwest-connect.org – the link is at the bottom of the page. (For a mobile device, download the SpeedTest.net app)

Please check each of these statements that apply to you:

- ☐ I work from home and fast, reliable internet speed is important to me
- ☐ My children need internet access for remote learning
- ☐ I use the internet for telemedicine
- ☐ I run a business from home and high speed internet access is essential
- ☐ I use the internet to stream TV instead of using cable

One solution would involve the Town of Litchfield forming a municipal utility to build a fiber-optic network to provide high speed internet for all residents. Would you support this initiative?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe-I need more information
- ☐ No

If you would like more information on the Litchfield Broadband Working Group's initiatives or would like to be updated on its activities, please add your email address: _____

Your physical address in Litchfield (optional) : _____