

**Minutes of the  
Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting  
Held on February 3, 2018**

The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Campbell High School, One Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH 03052.

**PRESENT:** C Couture (Chair), K Douglas (Vice Chair), D Miller, R Keating, J Bourque, J Spotts, C Harrison (School Board Representative), J Brunelle (Selectmen Representative)

Absent:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Couture called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m.

● **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**3. MEMBER INPUT/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

There was no member input or miscellaneous business.

**4. TOWN BUDGET**

● **Voting on changed warrant articles**

Mrs. Couture indicated the only warrant article that changed is the fire station article. She noted the Board of Selectmen stated they listened to the concerns of the community regarding the initial cost of the fire station. She commented that there was much comment and concern at the Town Deliberative Session today. She added it was a difficult decision for agreement between the committee and officials.

Mrs. Bourque thanked Chief Fraitzl and the Board of Selectmen for taking a second look at the costs and design. She thanked Mrs. Douglas for her involvement in the committee.

Mr. Keating commented that this is how government is supposed to work. He indicated if we have the information it is easier to make a decision. He believes the number is appropriate and he wants the members of the fire department to have a safe environment.

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Douglas

*Move to recommend Article 13 as revised*

**SECOND:** by Mrs. Bourque

Mr. Lemire commented that he participated in an exercise that is exactly how government should work and is thrilled it was successful. He indicated he was surprised and educated at the input all involved in the “re-look” committee brought forward. He noted that they worked on the proposal for two days. Mr. Lemire expressed his appreciation for the input and the opportunity to thank those that participated. He indicated that the Board of Selectmen heard the people, were determined to listen and bring forth something appropriate.

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

**The motion carried.**

*Article 13 was recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Chief Fraitzl commented it is always easy to look back and we were open to the input. He indicated that revisiting the plan opened up the opportunity to learn about what we did not know.

Mrs. Couture reminded Budget Committee members to read all the draft minutes as she would like the Committee to get caught up on February 10.

Mr. Keating commented that the Committee has evolved for the better in the last year and should remain this way going forward. He indicated the Committee does a good job of preparing a good product for the town. He asked Committee members to remember they are here for the town.

## **5. PUBLIC INPUT**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Douglas

*Move to adjourn the meeting*

**SECOND:** by Mr. Brunelle

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**Recorded by:** Michele E. Flynn, Recording Secretary

**Approved:** February 10, 2018