

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD
July 30, 2013
Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Litchfield was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at the Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium. There were approximately ten people in attendance. Lisa A. Losee, Town Clerk, served as Clerk. First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Diane Knox and seconded by Beverly Manes that Cleve Fuessenich preside as Moderator. There were no other nominations. B. Manes then motioned to close nominations, seconded by D. Knox. Voice vote carried the motions unanimously and C. Fuessenich served as Moderator.

Joe Manes made motion to waive the reading of the Call, seconded by B. Manes. All voted unanimously in favor and the motion carried.

The Moderator read Item I. To amend the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Litchfield, Chapter 11, Planning, Article V, Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials to add a new Sec. 11-97 to provide for membership in the newly formed Northwest Hills Council of Governments, resulting from the merger of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments effective January 1, 2014.

A copy of the Ordinance was made available to all those in attendance and is incorporated into the minutes of this meeting as Exhibit A. Item I was moved by John Torrant and seconded by B. Manes. J. In answer to questions Leo explained that the difference between the two boards is minor with essentially the same effects on the regional area. This merger will combine 11 towns of COGS and 9 towns of LHCEO allowing the region additional benefits including almost 3X the amount of State funding. Administrative structure won't change but will be more efficient. We are the first town to vote on the Resolution. The vote was taken by hand count. All voted unanimously in favor to adopt the new ordinance which will take effect fifteen days after publication of a summary in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §7-157(b).

The Moderator read Item II: To act upon three (3) Small Business Energy Advantage (SBEA) Loan Agreements with the Connecticut Light and Power Company for the Litchfield Center School (#CT12-621935), Litchfield Intermediate School (#CT12-622391) and Litchfield High School (#CT12-618353) at a total cost of \$113,928.59 to be repaid by rebates and estimated energy savings over the course of 48 months.

A copy of the Resolution was made available to all those in attendance and is incorporated into the minutes of this meeting as Exhibit B. Item II was moved by J. Torrant and seconded by Jeff Zullo. Leo explained that a CL&P audit will be conducted. Initial costs will remain the same but investments paid back will show a savings after three years and moving forward. The vote was then taken by hand count. All voted unanimously in favor to adopt and the motion carried.

There being no other business to conduct, J. Manes motioned to adjourn, seconded by B. Manes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa A. Losee".

Lisa A. Losee,
Town Clerk

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RESOLVED: That the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Litchfield be and hereby is adopted:

CHAPTER 11. PLANNING
ARTICLE V. LITCHFIELD HILLS COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

[Add new Sec. 11-97 as follows]

“Sec. 11-97. Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

Resolved, that the Town Meeting of the Town of Litchfield hereby ratifies the action of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials at their meeting of July 12, 2013 to join the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, effective January 1, 2014, and toward that end, the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials formally adopted Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes.”

This ordinance amendment shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §7-157(b).

Adopted at town meeting: 7-30, 2013.

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Effective date: 8-17, 2013.

Recorded in the Litchfield Town Records in Vol. ____ at Pages ____ - ____.

Exhibit B

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RESOLVED: That the Town of Litchfield is hereby authorized to enter into three (3) Small Business Energy Advantage (SBEA) Loan Agreements with the Connecticut Light and Power Company for the Litchfield Center School (#CT12-621935), Litchfield Intermediate School (#CT12-622391) and Litchfield High School (#CT12-618353) at a total cost of \$113,928.59 to be repaid by rebates and estimated energy savings over the course of 48 months; and to authorize the appropriate town officials to execute and deliver any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient for said purposes.