

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING ~ 5:00 P.M.**

First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present were Selectmen William Dranginis, Diane Knox, R. Christopher Blake and Paul Parsons.

1. Take Appropriate Action to Reduce Selectmen's 2011/2012 Budget by \$15,000

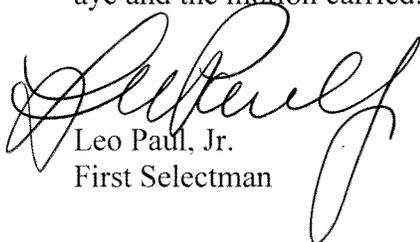
L. Paul informed the Board that even though the public widely supported the proposed budget, the Board of Finance has reduced the Board of Education's budget by \$114,000 and the Selectmen's budget by \$15,000 following the budget hearing. Mr. Paul said Finance Director Karl Fisher met with him and has offered some proposed cuts. Another option that Mr. Paul prefers is to take \$15,000 from Contingency.

Motion: W. Dranginis moved to take \$15,000 from Contingency to cover the budget reduction, and C. Blake seconded.

In discussion, C. Blake said that since the Board of Finance made a motion to reduce Contingency, even though it was defeated, the idea was there that they were looking into it. Without further guidance from the Board of Finance, he felt it would be the best area to tap. K. Fisher said he has done a four-year evaluation on some accounts to determine where the least impact is in case contingency is needed before the end of the year or further savings is needed next year. His analysis also indicates that the Selectmen's budget is a tight budget, as there were such small amounts available in each line item. D. Knox agreed with C. Blake and the motion. W. Dranginis said he would not like to be faced with reducing the Library's budget. P. Parsons said there was not \$15,000 to cut from the budget, and discretionary spending will have to be curtailed. Contingency is probably needed now more than ever, but to avoid causing harm to the operation, he felt Contingency was the best place to take it from.

Vote: Upon voting all voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: W. Dranginis moved to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.


Leo Paul, Jr.
First Selectman