

Litchfield Board of Finance
Annual Town Budget Hearing Minutes
April 24, 2013

Call to Order: Board of Finance Chairman David Geiger called the Annual Town Budget Hearing to order in the LIS Auditorium at 7pm.

Overview of the Proposed Budget for the Town of Litchfield for 2013-2014

Chairman David Geiger opened the hearing by noting that the proposed budget includes \$15,826,545 for the BOE, \$8,398,480 for the BOS and \$3,385,441 for debt payment and capital improvements. Leo Paul spoke about the BOS budget, which represents a 1.87% overall increase compared to last year and Deborah Wheeler made a presentation for the BOE budget, which represents a 1.12% proposed percentage increase over last year's budget.

Chairman Geiger then opened the hearing for questions and comments from the audience. Twenty-two members of the audience raised issues about dental insurance, teacher cuts, bonding for school construction projects, pensions, residents leaving Litchfield and Connecticut due to high taxes, importance of learning other languages, BOE responsiveness to school parents, projected state aid to Litchfield, possibility of supplemental tax increase, technology in middle and high schools, fewer library books, etc.

After everyone wishing to speak had the opportunity to do so, Chairman Geiger concluded the Hearing at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ann Jaacks
Recording Secretary