

Special Meeting of the Board of Warden & Burgesses  
of the Borough of Litchfield with the Board of Selectmen for  
the Town of Litchfield  
Minutes June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Litchfield Fire House, 258 West Street, Litchfield, CT.

**Present:** Gayle Carr, Warden; Wolf Boehme, Senior Burgess; Elisa Bauer, Next Senior Burgess; William Buckley, Burgess; Rebecca Parilla, Burgess; Dirk Patterson, Burgess; and Olga Rella; Clerk.

**Also Invited:** Denise Raap, First Selectman; Board of Selectmen: Jeffrey Zullo, Jodiann Tenney, and John Bongiorno.

**Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by G. Carr; Warden of the Borough of Litchfield at 6:02 pm.

**II. New Business:**

a. Connectivity Grant and Sidewalks

G. Carr shared that W. Buckley has done a great job putting pressure on contractors. He is working with the Town of Litchfield to get better pricing on materials. W. Buckley shared that the separate 3 sidewalk projects are each going to bid soon and they should begin the work by the beginning of fall. He added that he hopes to have one inspector covering all 3 jobs. There was a discussion of many sidewalks needing repairs and to be completed. J. Raap asked to notify the Center School when work begins.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to invite Ed Fabbri to the discussion as a citizen with knowledge of the new parking law that went into effect on 10/2025 and J. Raap second. All in favor, motion approved.

E. Fabbri shared that the new law that passed prohibits 20 feet from a stop sign, cross walk and intersection. He also spoke about the loss of parking spots on the Green. There was also a discussion about raising the cross walks, the state is piloting it on state roads. G. Carr asked if Litchfield could get in the pilot program. G. Carr is concerned about the loss of parking, what can the Town of Litchfield do about it. J. Raap asked if she could get a copy of the Heritage Green Revitalization Plan, G. Carr will send a copy. G. Carr proposed to continue this conversation at a later date. G. Carr shared that 20 more trees will be planted this year as part of the implementation of the Heritage Green Revitalization Plan.

b. Policing

J. Raap shared that Litchfield currently has 2 Resident Troopers and that they have the funds for a 3rd. She is waiting to hear if they can get a 3rd Resident Trooper. W. Buckley shared that policing of parking violations is needed, people are parking on sidewalks and grass areas. J. Raap added that if they don't get one they will look into other avenues. The Borough and the Town can work together on cost sharing. D.

Patterson shared that there is no ordinance to collect tickets from violations.

c. Farmer's Market

They are happy with where it is.

d. Community Field Oversight

G. Carr shared that the Borough does not own it or have financial responsibility for it. The Borough can regulate it but need to go to HDC for any permanent change of any structure.

### **III. Old Business:**

a. Signage

R. Parilla and J. Tenney worked on inventory of all the signage. They shared that they have too many signs around the Green and some are getting old and worn looking. The post office has signs for 15 minute parking, 30 minute parking and 2 hour parking, there are many signs and nobody to enforce them. The Borough to look into this. Both Boards agreed that some signs need to come down, many no parking and outdated signs. G. Carr asked if the Borough bought the signs could the Town install them.

b. Parking Fees

There was a discussion about implementing a paid parking structure, other towns have it. D. Patterson asked what is the purpose for it, to gain revenue, would need enforcement. There would still be free parking behind Town Hall but would charge for parking around the Green during peak season.

Both Boards agreed that it would be a good idea to meet more often. The next joint follow up meeting will be on Tuesday November 17 at 6 pm.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Adjournment: A **Motion** for adjournment was made by W. Buckley and second by R. Parilla. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm: G. Carr, Warden Borough of Litchfield