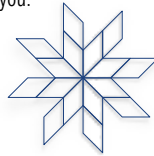




Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023
at 7pm, The Litchfield Community Center.
Please email JillGroodyMusselman@gmail.com
for details and to **RSVP**. Thank you.

Litchfield Housing Trust, Inc.



AGENDA:

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Membership Report
- CHDO Activities
- Election of Trustees
- Other Business



ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

The following slate of candidates is presented by the Nominating Committee.

Continuing Trustees to 2024

John Baker, Cleveland Fuessenich,
Bill Mullee & Kim D'Andrea

Continuing Trustees to 2025

Tim Breslin, Mark Murphy, Robert Petricone,
Sara Musselman & Gary Waugh

Nominees to 2026

Stacie Kavle, Jeffrey Zullo,
Rosemarie Greco, & Rene McGovern

2023 | HOUSING TRUST NEWS



To our new families,

welcome home.

May your home be filled with love,
laughter, good health, and a lifetime of
wonderful memories.

Opening doors for families. Strengthening our community.

Dear Friends,

It has been an inspiring year for the Litchfield Housing Trust and our families. We completed our Gagarin Place development to welcome eight families to their sustainable, energy-efficient new homes. In addition, the Trust renovated one of our original homes and four apartments. We have welcomed eleven new families and eighteen children to Litchfield. The Trust's housing inventory now includes 55 homes of various sizes and ownership structures throughout Litchfield, Bantam, and Northfield.

As we begin the holiday season, the Trust reflects on the generosity of those who have supported our organization. We are truly grateful. Your membership, contributions, and bequests represent a shared dedication to making HOME a reality. Thank you for being so supportive of the Litchfield Housing Trust.

Future Planning & Community Support | The Litchfield Housing Trust is in the planning phase for new projects and welcomes community input and support. Litchfield urgently needs one, two, and three-bedroom units, as evidenced by the hundreds of inquiries and applications we received for Gagarin Place and rental housing. *We invite you to join us and participate in the conversation at our November 29, 2023, annual meeting.* Together, we will continue our mission so future generations may call Litchfield home.



Words of Appreciation

“We couldn't be more grateful to the LHT for allowing us the opportunity of owning our first home, not just any home, a beautiful brand new place to call our own in an otherwise unaffordable town we so longed to stay in. Every day, our home brings us a sense of happiness, warmth and security as well as the opportunity to build many memories in the future.” ~

“Our new home at GP means peace of mind that my girls have a place to call their own. That I have a place to be proud of having. Our home means safety – that no one can tell us to move again. And, our home means meeting new friends.” ~

“Words will never express the immense gratitude my family and I have for being able to purchase a house in Gagarin Place. I never dreamed I would be able to afford a house in Litchfield, never mind a beautiful, brand new house! The houses here are extremely well insulated and energy efficient ... the location of Gagarin Place is ideal, very quiet and peaceful, and the neighbors are always helping me, whether it is borrowing a tool or helping me with yard work. I am truly blessed! Gagarin Place provides my family stability and a safe secure place to raise my children in a town with a great school system and great community support. It is truly a place we hope to call home for many, many years to come.” ~





A Strong Community Is a Diverse Community | Our Trust families serve as volunteer fire and EMS personnel, work on local boards, and teach our children; our families are nurses, healthcare professionals, retirees, and others whose contributions continue to make Litchfield a special place to live and raise a family.

Sustainable & Energy-Efficient | Low monthly operating expenses are vital to the mission of our organization as we build energy-efficient and sustainable housing. Our partnerships with Crosskey Architects, Housing Enterprises, Home Energy Technologies, and Burlington Construction have provided the expertise to further our plans to build homes with low operating costs and zero dependence on fossil fuels. The use of solar will offset heating, cooling, and electrical costs for our families.

Leadership Support | Since 1989, members of the Board of Selectmen have been highly supportive of our work – recognizing the need to preserve the economic diversity of Litchfield. The leadership of Litchfield continues to support the Trust's efforts as we continue to assist the town in implementing the housing and land conservation of its Plan of Conservation and Development. Last year, the Trust collaborated as members of the Litchfield Affordable Housing Steering Committee to strategize and plan for the future needs of our community with an Affordable Housing Plan adopted by the Board of Selectman.

In Appreciation of Our Partners | The Litchfield Housing Trust is pleased to recognize the CT Departments of Housing and Economic Community Development, HUD, Litchfield Bancorp, Torrington Savings Bank, Union Savings Bank, and our community donors for making Gagarin Place a reality. In honor of our founder, Andy Gagarin, and his wife, Jamie, we completed the construction of eight beautiful, sustainable, energy-efficient, and ADA-compliant three-bedroom homes for ownership.

On behalf of the Trust, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our longtime supporters, whose generous contributions have enabled us to make Andy Gagarin's vision a reality. Please consider the Litchfield Housing Trust in your year-end giving as we collaborate with the Town of Litchfield and its leaders to enhance energy-efficient, sustainable, affordable housing for the viability and diversity of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmest wishes for a healthy, peaceful, & joyous holiday season,



Rene McGovern
President

Stacie Kavle
Vice President

Jill Groody Musselman
Executive Director

Please visit our website at LitchfieldHousingTrust.com to learn more, view our sustainable and energy-efficient Gagarin Place homes, download a housing application or call to see how you can volunteer with a project in 2024.

Follow Litchfield Housing Trust on Facebook and Instagram.



For more information about Litchfield Housing Trust, Inc., please call 860.480.9178 or email JillGroodyMusselman@gmail.com.

In Memory of Joyce G. Briggs

In May, we lost a dear friend and community advocate, Joyce G. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs was a founding member of the Litchfield Housing Trust and will be remembered by all who knew her, respected her, and called her friend.



Joyce was steadfast in her dedication to children and families; her passion was creating affordable housing and enhancing the stellar education Litchfield provided its youth.

We are forever grateful for Joyce's unwavering spirit and dedication. In her memory, the Trust is creating a flower garden at Gagarin Place – a contemplative space to sit and enjoy the peonies, roses, and hydrangeas – to listen to songbirds and to reflect on how volunteering enriches a community.

Thank you dearly to those who have donated to the Trust in Joyce's memory. Her legacy and spirit lives on in our hearts and in our mission.

We are truly blessed and forever grateful,

The Board of Trustees,

- Rene McGovern, President
- Stacie Kavle, Vice President
- Sara Musselman, Secretary
- Mark Murphy, Treasurer
- F. Robert Petricone*
- John Baker, Tim Breslin,
- Kim D'Andrea, Cleveland Fuessenich,
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Jill Groody Musselman,
Executive Director

Founding Members Since 1989*

