

**Lebanon, Maine**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Town Office Conference Room**  
**Minutes –Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

Paul Philbrick – Chairman	Chief Stefano
Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman-Excused	
Michael Walsworth - Vice Chair	
Richard Harlow III – Selectman-Excused	
Kevin Edwards – Selectman	

*For complete meeting minutes please view the meeting in full at <https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLebanon>*

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call – Present are Paul Philbrick, Michael Walsworth & Kevin Edwards

Fire Dept update from Chief Stefano. It was a busy day today – 2 alarm fire, 5 or 6 calls and a lithium battery fire. Chief advised to keep lithium batteries out of structures or vehicles. Chief updated the board on the SAFER grant which covers cost of employee wages and benefits. Unfortunately, you would need to be requesting at least 6 employees which we are not. The Fire Dept. will not apply per advice of the grant contact. Chief thanked Senator King, Senator Collins, Congress woman Pingree, State Senator Harrington for their letters of support.

Vice Chair Walsworth discussed an ambulance and that gas would be a better option than diesel.

Chief discussed purchase for gear and thanked the Gosselin Foundation for their donation for this purchase. There was discussion of the budget and the wages now until June. The budget is very limited and the department may need to go to 2 and 2 on duty to stay within budget. Chair Philbrick stated that the payroll could be \$13,000 short and won't make it to 7/1 – just not enough in the budget to get to year end. There may need to be a special meeting so that we don't run out of money or go over. There will be a site review for 631 Carl Broggi Highway with Allied. The purchase of the mobile home would need to be first.

7:08 Individual Select Board Issues – Vice Chair Walsworth discussed information from U Maine regarding ticks. You can send the tick for testing as to what kind of tick it is for free. If you want to know if the tick is a disease carrier you can pay \$20 to find out. Vice Chair Walsworth would like to take an accounting class – Plan for the future. The board is ok with that.

Chairman Philbrick discussed the New Bridge project. Milton voted this down. The State may still have costs, we will wait to hear.

7:29 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No change

#### REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. **Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to accept the Select Board Meeting minutes for March 14, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

#### PAPERWORK

1. Board signed 2 requests for time off.
2. Board signed a Training Request for a member of the staff.
3. Board signed a Certificate of Appointment for Election Warden – Lynne Davis
4. Board signed a letter of certification of appointment for Election Clerks: Democrat – David Harriman, Barbara Wallace, Elaine Baker, John Randazzo, Anne Constatine, Kellie Couch, Kathleen Peterson, Republican- Autumn Bridges, Roxanne Bumford, Ellen Lee, Katherine Chasse, Wayne Hopkins, Jennifer Griffin, Unenrolled- Kristin Meader, Lynne Davis

#### 7:42 PM ITEMS REQUIRING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. **Chair Philbrick motion that the Select Board go in to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

8:30 PM

1. **Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 3-0-0**