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Lebanon, Maine
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2024

HP Paul Philbrick – Chairman
SB Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman
Michael Walsworth - Vice Chair (left mtg @6:24)
CH Richard Harlow III – Selectman
KE Kevin Edwards – Selectman
Chief Stefano
Scott Gerrish – Road Commissioner arrived 7:00

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6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call – all present

Fire Chief discussion of the grant from the Gosselin covered additional 5 sets of gear. The remaining funds must be spent on equipment, gear etc. Chief advised that engine 5 has an electric issue. The Chief discussed a fire engine that Buxton is selling. The cross-band install should happen on 4/11. Vice Chair Walsworth watched the Buxton Town Meeting and they will put a referendum on the town meeting ballot regarding the fire engine – they are looking for \$30,000.00. Selectman Harlow asked where the money would come from. Chief advised the board that he has cut the staffing in order to save money – trying to avoid a shortfall in the budget. There will be 2 on day and night. The department was notified that they have been accepted in the York County User Group – have 30 days to pay. Chief has ordered 900' of hose. Chair Philbrick asked if the latest donation funds included the previous fire engine purchase of \$10,000. Chief stated the funds were only to be used for equipment.

Added Doc Brown on the Agenda for 4-4-24.

6:40 Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Selectman Edwards seconded. Vote taken 4-0

6:55 Selectman Harlow motioned to exit executive session. Selectman Edwards seconded. Vote taken 4-0 motion passed.

6:55 PM Board discussed when to vote on the recommendations for the upcoming June ballot, all Board members should be present at the time of voting. Tentative date set for the April 4, 2024 Select Board meeting and the signing of the warrant to take place at the same meeting.

7:00 Scott Gerrish, Road Commissioner, discussed purchasing a brand-new loader with some attachments. The Road Commissioner would auction off the current loader and backhoe which could bring \$40,000.00. This would go on the November ballot.

7:20 PM Public Participation

1. Selectman Harlow read a letter from a resident in regards to the school board action on the requested SRO Officer for the Lebanon Elementary School. Board discussion followed in regards to the COP Grant that is currently opened for applications.

7:30 PM Individual Selectmen Issues

1. Selectman Harlow: Informed the Board that there will be Marijuana Public Hearings upcoming. Updated the Board on the site visit of the potential location for the proposed new fire station.
2. Selectwoman Boucher: Informed the Board and public of the upcoming Easter event scheduled for April 7, 11-2. Informed the Board that clean-up days are scheduled for: Little League field on April 13, Babe Ruth field on April 20 – being held in conjunction with Town clean-up. Shared with all that the Town Librarian has glasses available for viewing the solar eclipse.
3. Selectman Edwards: Informed the Board about information pertaining to building a “Tiny Home” in Maine.
4. Chair Philbrick: Reminded the Board of the upcoming Auditor’s visit. Provided to the Board information in regards to harassment training for town employees. Shared with the Board Three Ponds Protective Association offer to meet with the Board. Shared with the Board a letter received from the Federal Government in regards to ARPA fund reporting.

7:47 PM Codes and Land Use

1. Code Officer Furbush and Land Use Clerk Griffin addressed the Board in regards to land use violations they are currently involved in and were now seeking Select Board approval for moving forward on the presented cases. Select Board agreed to allow the Code Officer to proceed with his proposed actions.

Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed the list. Revised “COVID” Fund Plan to “Board meeting ongoing – ARPA funds to be committed prior to December 31, 2024. Revised Comprehensive Plan to November Ballot.

8:15 PM Review of Minutes

1. **Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the March 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectwoman Boucher. Motion passed 3-0-0 (Edwards abstained)**

Paperwork

1. Board signed a time off request.
2. Board reviewed a proposed letter for the town report.

8:28 PM Items requiring Executive Session

1. **Selectman Harlow moved that the Select Board go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

9:00 PM Chair Philbrick motioned to exit executive session. Seconded by Selectwoman Boucher. Motion passed 4-0-0.

9:01 PM Board resumed a previous discussion held earlier in the evening in regards to an available used fire engine.

1. **Selectman Edwards motioned to have Chief Stefano submit a sealed bid to the Town of Buxton, Maine for the amount listed in the letter from Chief Stefano to the Town of Buxton Board of Selectmen referencing the used fire truck offer. Money to be taken from the Emergency Vehicle C.I.P. Motion seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

9:05 PM Chair Philbrick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion passed 4-0-0.