


Lebanon, Maine
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024

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

AJ Pannessiti
Ed Pannessiti

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

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk came in to explain the request for an account which needs the interest and fees removed.

6:04 Roll Call – all present

Selectman Harlow advised that former Chief Ray Parent passed away. There was a moment of silence.

Agenda Items: A.J. Pannessiti discussed his letter of fines and fees. He would like these negated as he states he isn't doing business there. The sign was there for some time before he was notified. Selectman Harlow doesn't want to waive any monies due to the Site Plan Review. There was discussion of Fines and Planning Board. Mr. Pannessiti will give a letter of intent to Jenn Griffin for the Planning Board meeting on May 20, 2024. This will be revisited by the Select Board on June 20th. Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to extend due date to pay fines owed by Mr. Pannessiti. Selectman Harlow seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Harlow stated that the time and expense that Code has incurred needs to be considered. The Board agrees.

Rod Furbush, Code Officer came into the meeting to discuss some Code issues. He previously asked for permission to speak to legal regarding 29 Kennebeck but he misspoke and stated it was 23 Kennebeck. It is not 23. It is 29. The Board is aware of the change and agrees that he can reach out to legal. The Code Officer discussed issues with Southers Construction and a Stop Work Order that was posted. There are fines accruing due to lack of permit. The owner of the property has kicked them off until they obtain a permit. There was discussion as to who is liable for the fine and obtaining the permit.

The Code Officer discussed Blaisdell Corner, Mr. Cole and the spilling of trash, debris spilling over to the Road. There are several issues at this property. Code asked for permission to contact legal, the board agreed. There are issues with Hazen – no

permits since 2015. Also, issues at the very end of Old Ledge Road – Board agreed he can reach out to legal.

7:15

Individual Select Board Issues-

Selectman Edwards discussed a letter from Chief Parent to be signed. The Chief hasn't dropped it off as of yet. The Fire Dept. has a no cost Fire Detector program for residents. During the snow storm there were 106 calls – this was in 1 ½ days. Car 1 is having the repeater installed today. The staffing of only 2 is not feasible. This was done due to budget – they need to have 3.

7:25 PM

SELECTMEN ISSUES

1. Selectman Edwards: Informed the Board about the Congressional Grant concerns that were identified by the Town's grant writer. Addressed the COPs grant. Presented the letter for Chief Parent's family for Board signature – Selectman Harlow read the letter and the Board signed.
2. Selectwoman Boucher: Announced the ballfield clean-ups, Easter Egg hunt, Parks and Rec meeting on April 17, Town Clean-up Day.
3. Selectman Harlow: Informed the Board about upcoming marijuana public hearings. Informed the Board that the selected town office security provider will attend the April 18 meeting. Informed the Board that the fire station designers are working on the new proposed site. Shared with the Board his idea to have a separate FEMA account.
4. Vice Chair Walsworth: Expressed his concern about the number of vehicles located at the transfer station. Informed the Board about smoke, CO, and propane safety alarms. Presented a proposal for checking transfer station stickers at the station. Informed the Board of the damage to the transfer station gate. Discussed with the Board of modifying the snowplowing contracts to address damage to town property. Notified the Board that the gate camera needs repair.
5. Chair Philbrick: Discussed with the Board Waste Management pick-up problems on Wednesdays at the transfer station. Addressed the ballot mailer with the Board. Selectman Harlow to draft the working copy of the mailer. Presented the planning board invitation for a site walk. Informed the Board of the letter received from the auditing firm in regards to a price increase. Informed the Board of the school bond application received from the SAD 60 district.

8:20 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Security: changed action to "in process with selected provider"

8:28 PM

REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. **Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to accept the April 6, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

8:30 PM

PAPERWORK

1. Board signed the Town Report letter.
2. Selectwoman Boucher read the Proclamation for the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks week. Board signed the proclamation.
3. Board signed the Tax Collector's request for Map/Lot R02-019 addressing interests and costs.
4. Board addressed payment of back taxes for lot number R03-033-001C and R03-033-001B.
5. Board signed a CMP Town Pole Permit for T.M. Wentworth Rd.
6. Board reviewed and discussed the management letters received from the auditor for years 2020 and 2021. Selectman Harlow to discuss the letter content with the auditor.

8:40 PM

1. **Vice Chair Walsworth moved that the Select Board go in to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

8:56 PM

1. **Selectman Harlow motioned to exit executive session. Seconded by Vice Chair Walsworth. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **Chair Philbrick moved that the Select Board go in to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(D) to discuss labor negotiations. Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

9:28 PM

1. **Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to exit executive session and adjourn the Select Board meeting. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 5-0-0.**