

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021

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Members Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman
Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman

Others Present

James Duprie
Deborah Wilson

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

5:30 Pledge of Allegiance

5:32 Review of Minutes – Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of December 28, 2020 as written. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of December 3, 2020 as written. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Adams motioned to accept the minutes of January 3, 2021 as written. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:36 Paperwork – Chair Russell read the letter from ME DOT regarding the Highway Preservation Project – Lebanon, Sanford, Route 202. This letter will be posted on the Town website. Chairman Russell read a letter from Chip Harlow regarding the speed limit on Center Road. This is posted incorrectly at 35 mph; the State mandates the speed limits and it should be 45 mph according to the State.

5:50 Chief Flynn presents a purchase order for hose to the BOS for signature. Chief also gives an update on the Fire Department.

5:51 Budget Committee Alternate Position – Deborah Wilson applied and the BOS read the application. Ms. Wilson gave a statement as to why she should be appointed. Christine Torno applied and the BOS called her. Ms. Torno's application was read and she gave a brief statement. The BOS will discuss this in executive session this evening.

5:55 Old Business – Changes made were removing the Purchasing Policy and the Sharp Program from the list. Sharps will need to be disposed of at a participating hospital as we don't have a Police Department.

6:05 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman Adams discussed the issues of vaccinations that he brought up last week. Selectman Adams states that the Town of Stuben Maine voted to not enforce the Governor's mandate for masks. Selectman Adams would like the BOS to do the same. The BOS will reach out to the Town Attorney for legal advice on this matter. Selectman Cole addresses legal fees in the town budget and how high this is. Selectman Cole feels we should use Maine Municipal whenever possible. Vice Chair Philbrick feels we should stay within the Chain of Command due the current climate. Chair Russell and/or Selectman Adams will reach out to Rep. Kryzak for advice. Selectman Cole addressed making the Road Commissioners phone number public. (this was public previously but the Town phone list omitted it and it will be corrected) The Road Commissioner can be reached directly at 207.457.8039. Selectman Cole spoke to the American Legion and they are will to let us use the building

for emergency shelter if needed. The Legion is in need of \$5,000 for the septic system. Chief Flynn state that he needs to be involved in any emergency shelter talks. Deborah Wilson states that she has been training for emergency shelter with the Red Cross. Chief states that he is the EMA Director and that the school is the designated emergency shelter. He will be working on grants for this as the shelter needs supplies. The Legion will need to raise the \$5000 but the Fire Department is willing to volunteer manhours for any labor they may need. Selectman Cole raised the issue of the lights not working in the front office. There is a need to get an electrician to look at this issue as they keep shorting out. Selectman Cole addressed a resident complaint on River Road regarding a junkyard. Chairman Russell stated that he and Vice Chair Philbrick inspected this and it passed. Selectman Cole states the resident is saying that the "junk" is spilling onto their property. This is a civil matter and the resident will need to proceed with the Court. Selectman Cole wanted to make it clear that there is not "list" pertaining to the Chief. Selectman Cole simply goes by notes of general information. Vice Chair Philbrick addressed the BOS as to the information needed for the Town Report. Chairman Russell will prepare this for the BOS. Selectman Adams will work with JT Harmon regarding a report on the Fire Department. This information needed is for last fiscal year. Vice Chair Philbrick presented the BOS will the final prices for the Cemetery plots. Chair Russell feels that the prices should be higher for non-residents. Vice Chair Philbrick states that the Employee Reviews MUST be done. The BOS will have a Budget Workshop on Monday, January 28th at 8:00 AM at the Town Office.

7:10 Chief Flynn will have a virtual tour of the Fire Department so that residents can see the changes. The Chief thanks everyone for their support. Chair Russell wants taxpayers to know that just because the parking lot is full of cars, not all of those people are being paid.

7:20 Good of Town –Selectman Cole wants everyone to know that the Town Newsletter is available at the Town Office and the Town website.

7:30 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) and for Legal Matters Pursuant to 1 § MRSA 405 (6)(E). Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:20 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The regular meeting. Chairman Russell motioned to purchase a 1997 Simon Duplex Truck – pump truck – 1000 gal from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles in Brunswick, ME for the sum of \$10,000 to be taken from the CIP Fire Truck Fund. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:33 Selectman Adams motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.