

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
March 11, 2021

Members Present

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

Others Present

James Duprie	Sean & Kerri Moser
Jim Cray	Shannon Smith
Jerry Kibbe	Chris Stokes
Nick Wyman	Laura Bragg
Deborah Wilson	Bruce Wood
Kathy Sheedy	Jen Barley

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5:41 Pledge of Allegiance

5:42 Public Participation – Sean & Kerri Moser discussed the issues with drainage coming from Center Road into their yard and the neighbor's yard. This issue has been going on for years and there is a document that is filed in the registry of deeds that shows that the issue was supposed to be corrected by the town. The BOS agrees that this has already been decided by a court per the documentation presented that the town is responsible to install the proposed drainage system as indicated on the subdivision plan and that they will take Jennifer Griffins suggestion to use an Engineering Firm to verify the drainage design on the print is adequate for the current situation. Deborah Wilson asked the BOS for permission to do a voluntary toll booth at the Transfer Station on 4-3-10 from 10:00am – 3:00 pm in support of the American Legion Auxiliary. James Duprie asks if he can campaign at the Transfer Station and the BOS states he must remain outside the fence.

5:55 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes dated 2-25-2021 as written. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:55 Paperwork – time off and training requests signed. J&S Masonry offered to extend their contract for another year at the same price (as per allowed in the current contract). Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to extend the J&S Masonry contract 1 more year. 2 in favor (Philbrick & Lizotte) - 2 opposed (Russell & Cole). Selectmen Cole motioned to put the contract out to bid. NO second.

6:00 American Legion asked about waiving permit fees. Vice Chair Philbrick will do some research to determine if the BOS has the authority to do that. Deborah Wilson states that for appeal board fees, it is an Appeals Board decision and they would need to come before them. Ms. Wilson states that as the Chair of the Appeals Board she will recuse herself as she is the President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion. The Legion would like to know if they can proceed with work in the basement without permits. They have been advised to go the Code Officer. Mr. Cray asked for flags. Lynne Davis will order 500 per this request.

6:10 Chief Flynn & Impact fees –Chair Russell discussed his opinion that the town does not have the fire equipment to support the large businesses that are coming into town and impact fees are a great way to bring money in for equipment. Chair Russell reports that his idea is to charge impact fees for new business or new licenses and new residential building. Chair Russell would like to raise \$350,000 for a new Fire Truck and \$100,000 for fire fighter equipment. Selectman Cole asked if impact fees could be used for highway? Chief states that he has a quote coming for 2 trucks in 1 for ½ the price of 2 new

trucks in the approximate amount of \$500,000. Chief states that this would be a minimal cost to the Town and save the town money in the long run. (This discussion was interrupted to allow the Little League organizational committee to present their information as previously scheduled.)

6:45 Little League presented the preliminary agreement between them and Coastal Riptide. They will submit the final document when they have it.

7:10 (Previous Fire discussion continued) Chief & Vice Chair Philbrick state that monies from ambulance billing goes into the general fund. It was shared with the BOS that the City of Sanford uses a percentage of their ambulance income to finance their purchases of emergency vehicles. It was suggested to the board to consider adopting this practice. Chair Russell states that a percentage of this money could be put in a CIP for Fire and used to pay for fire trucks and equipment. No action was taken by the BOS at this time. Selectman Cole asked the Chief about the grant writer and that they should be using them for more grants per the contract.

7:33 Marijuana Ordinances – 3 new ordinances presented for the BOS to review and discuss next week. Nick Wyman asked questions about the ordinances and the process this has gone through. Mr. Wyman would like to read through and ask questions and share ideas about these. Chair Russell told him to call him directly or send his information to the Selectmen's Assistant so that the BOS can review his information prior to the meeting on Thursday.

8:10 Old Business – the entire list was reviewed. Selectman Lizotte stated that he toured the property with the forester and he is going to get estimates as to the value of the wood on the land. Vice Chair Philbrick asked that the Mr. & Mrs. Moser issue be placed on the list.

8:15 Individual Selectman Issues – Selectman Cole would like to put the Town Manager on the ballot for June. The BOS doesn't support this. Selectman Cole asked if anyone has looked into the elderly tax break. The entire BOS has not. Vice Chair Philbrick doesn't support this as it shifts the tax burden to another segment of the population. He shared that there are other programs such as the circuit breaker program offered by the tax for property tax relief for the elderly. His mother has had success with them. Vice Chair Philbrick said that they needed to clarify and approve some budget items. The BOS agrees with the changes that Vice Chair Philbrick presented. Vice Chair Philbrick went through some changes that the Road Commissioner sent over. Chair Russell was brought a complaint about Indian Lake Shores. Chair Russell explained that in 1981 the Town took the roads of Indian Lake Shores as town roads – per peoples vote. There is a small section of Whitten Way that is called Whitten Way Extension and posted as private. However, going back to 1966 and looking at deeds since the 1981 election, there is no mention of Whitten Way Extension. The complainant would like this posted as a town road as it was adopted in a previous election. There is an issue with people parking in the road way and the State Police can't address it as it is now posted as a private road. The BOS agrees that this is NOT a private road and is part of Whitten Way. They will let the Road Commission know about this and correct the signs and ask him to look at the current state of the road. They will put up no parking signs so that State Police can enforce illegal parking.

8:50 Good of the Town – Deborah Wilson advised that the Ryan House Project Auction (online) is from 4/19 – 4/25 however you can sign up now. Ms. Wilson would to schedule Meet the Candidates Night for May 1, 2021 outside at the Town Office. The board agrees. An anonymous donor has donated 50 Easter Baskets (nut free) and the giveaway will be at Station #2. Ms. Wilson asked the BOS if she will be allowed to have the Lebanon Clean Up day this year, the BOS said yes.

9:05 Selectman Cole motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A). Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.