

Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Town Office Conference Room  
Minutes –Meeting  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021

*Me*  
*HP*  
*JSA*

Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair  
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED  
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman  
James DuPrie – Selectman

Others Present

Deborah Wilson  
Aaron Cavallo  
Laura Bragg  
Chris Gilpatrick  
Jeri Basko

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

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

6:01 Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Minutes of 11-11-2021 as written, Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:02 Paperwork signed – time off, purchase order for shredding. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Memorandum regarding Transfer Station work hours. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the request for reimbursement of unauthorized charges on the town credit card from the Fire Department in the amount of \$9.30. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:08 Selectman DuPrie corrected his previous statement that the case filed in court regarding marijuana ordinances cost the town \$20,000.00 to defend was incorrect. Selectman DuPrie advised that the amount is \$9300.00. Selectman DuPrie inadvertently gave the amount of the entire legal bill for that month which included other matters.

6:09 Jeri Basko presented information regarding Critical Race Theory and how it is being indirectly taught to students K-12 in MSAD 60. Selectman Adams addressed this issue and others about the curriculum being taught. Selectman Adams stated that the Assistant to the Selectmen will pen a letter to the school board asking for the approved reading list and approved curriculum for grades K-12. In this letter, Selectman Adams would also like the School Board to be asked to attend a BOS meeting to address these issues.

6:26 Deborah Wilson addressed Chairman Philbrick about purchasing a fire engine. Ms. Wilson presents her case for purchasing it and refers to an email of 9/8/2021 from the attorney regarding this issue. Chairman Philbrick disagrees with Ms. Wilson's interpretation and states that he will not sign off the purchase at this time as he believes it should go on the June Ballot for a vote. Chris Gilpatrick questions how Ms. Wilson was able to obtain a confidential document from the Attorney to the Chair to the BOS on 9/8. Mr. Gilpatrick also discussed the Commercial Hauler issue and the false information that he is targeting a specific business. Mr. Gilpatrick stated he is targeting ALL the commercial haulers. Mr. Gilpatrick feels that, we as taxpayers, should not be subsidizing private businesses and has addressed this for 20 years. Mr. Gilpatrick reminds Chair Philbrick about the FOIA request of 8-22-2021. Mr. Gilpatrick was advised that he was given all the information available at the time of the request. Per FOIA rules, you can not submit a request asking for information that will become available in the future.

Mr. Gilpatrick addressed LES and he believes we do need a new school. Mr. Gilpatrick states that he agrees the price tag is huge, but the building is basically in ruins. Laura Bragg asked the BOS to consider putting a light at the Park and Ride as it is very dark. Chairman Philbrick found an email from the Attorney to Chuck Russell on 9/8/21 regarding the fire truck, but wasn't able to find one to himself on this date. Chair Philbrick asked that Ms. Wilson provide that to him as he doesn't remember it and isn't able to locate one.

6:50 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session for Legal Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (E) and for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Selectman Adams seconded. Voter taken; vote carried.

9:24 Selectman DuPrie motioned to exit executive session. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

9:25 Selectman DuPrie motioned to adjourn. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.