

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Monday March 20th, 2017**

Members Present

Selectman Heath - Chairman  
Selectman Nadeau

Others Present

Mary Lane – Resident  
Dana Coull – Tax Payer  
Chip Harlow – Resident  
Chris Gilpatrick – Mowing bid Applicant  
Anthony Pallar – Mowing Bid Applicant

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Chairman Heath made the motion to open the meeting. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm.

Paperwork/Discussion –

The Select Board was presented with a Quitclaim Deed to sign. Chairman Heath questioned why a name that was supposed to be moved still on the deed. The Treasurer informed Chairman Heath that the name change would be taken care of at the Registry of Deeds.

Town Clerk, Dale Fisk informed the Select Board that this coming Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, is the last date in which the Warrant can be signed.

Proposed wording for the Prospect Hill Cemetery mowing bid was discussed. This will be discussed further at the Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with John Katwick the Prospect Hill Trustee Chairman.

Two e-mails from the State Police in reference to a D.U.I. were presented to the Select Board.

Mary Lane asked Chairman Heath if the Select Board tries to keep awarded bids to residents/businesses in Town. Chairman Heath replied that they would like to, however, they need to make the decision on getting the most services for the Towns money.

Chris Gilpatrick asked the Select Board if the Town still owns a backhoe. Chairman Heath stated that yes, the Town is still owns the backhoe. Mr. Gilpatrick inquired as to why the Town backhoe was not being utilized during snow plowing. Chairman Heath will speak to Road Commissioner , Torno to ask if he had hired an outside contractor.

Dana Coull asked if there was an updated copy of the Town Warrant. Mr. Coull was given the updated copy which was going to be reviewed this evening.

Mr. Harlow mentioned that the school district is not going to have their budget in place for the May 9<sup>th</sup> vote and that it will most likely take place in June. This is due to cuts in State funding and the budget needs to be reviewed again.

Mr. Harlow started to ask a question about the ambulance. Chairman Heath asked if he could wait, it was 5:00 pm and the bids need to be awarded.

Chairman Heath announced the selected companies for the mowing bids.

Chris Gilpatrick of “Gilpatrick Property Service” was awarded the Town Properties mowing bid.  
“J&S Masonry” was awarded the Cemetery mowing bid.

The motion was made by Chairman Heath to accept the Town Properties mowing bid from "Gilpatrick Property Service". Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried. The motion was made by Chairman Heath to accept the Cemetery mowing bid from "J&S Masonry". Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

Mr. Harlow asked to address the Select Board. Mr. Harlow asked if the wording proposed at a previous meeting for the ambulance question was approved. Chairman Heath was concerned that the wording for the ambulance question may not be clear. Chairman Heath does not want anyone to challenge the question.

Mr. Gilpatrick addressed the Select Board in reference to comments that were made on a social media page. Mr. Gilpatrick wanted to assure the Select Board that it was not his intentions to inform the Select Board on the process of sending out and awarding bids. He apologized if he had offended the Select Board in any way. Mr. Gilpatrick was inquiring if the process was the same as in the past and trying to offer that information. The Select Board assured Mr. Gilpatrick that they were not offended at the previous meeting that was held on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Lane questioned the Select Board on the Naiad question on the ballot. She stated that the State recommended that a (3) three to (4) four year appropriation for this issue. Couldn't the Select Board approve to just give the program the money instead of appropriating the amount? If amount needs to be approved by the residents, could the wording on the ballot be similar to the ambulance wording that a certain amount will be raised and appropriated for example (3) years. This way the residents only have to vote on the question once.

Mr. Harlow asked if the State(s) were also appropriating funds for this project. Ms. Lane replied yes, they are. Mr. Harlow made the suggestion of alternate wording for this question on the ballot. Since both New Hampshire and Maine are involved, perhaps something to the effect of, "Does the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 6,600.00 in a combined state effort to eradicate European Naiad".

Selectman Nadeau asked what would happen if the residents voted no. Chairman Heath stated that no money would be given.

Mr. Coull offered that the Milton, NH website has the wording for this question on their website and perhaps the Select Board would like to review it.

Mr. Gilpatrick addressed the Select Board concerning the Fire/EMS buildings. He feels that the buildings are in such disarray due to the lack of routine maintenance and the failure to address issues as they came up. He asked if Chairman Heath thought the residents want to spend \$1,000,000.00 on a new building.

Chairman Heath replied that it is up to the Town to make that decision. The Town needs to make the choice.

Selectman Nadeau does not have an issue with \$ 30,000.00 for repairs in the Depot Road fire house. Mr. Gilpatrick asked if it would actually cost that much. Chairman Heath replied that the entire building has settled. Chairman Heath also offered that the fire house on Route 202 is in need of a new roof.

Mr. Gilpatrick inquired to if the fire house was in fact condemned. Chairman Heath replied that there is no proof of that statement. Mr. Gilpatrick asked if installing a metal roof instead of a shingled roof would be considered.

Chairman Heath made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

Chairman Heath made the motion to open the Select Board meeting with the Budget Committee at 7:00 pm. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

The following were present at the meeting:

Chairman Heath, Selectman Nadeau, Laura Bragg, Chris Gilpatrick, Corinna Cole, Becky Batchelder, Budget Committee Secretary - Becky Beal, Mary Lane, Dana Coull, Ben Thompson, Chip Harlow, Skip Wood, Budget Committee Chair – Bettie Harris-Howard, Judy Churchard, Budget Committee Vice-Chair - Sean Bright, Jeri Basko

The Budget Committee opened at 7:14 pm.

The updated wording for question (8) for the European Naiad was questioned in reference to the combined state effort comment.

Chairman Heath made the motion to leave the wording for question (8) eight, “Does the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 6,600.00 for the eradication of Naiad?” as is. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote passed.

Chairman Heath made the comment that in his opinion, the Road Commissioners budget should not have been cut. Much discussion took place.

Chairman Heath inquired about adding in a line item for a server for the Town. Chairman Heath was informed that the funds to purchase a server were approved under the General Government budget.

Chairman Heath made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.