Lebanon, Maine Select Board Town Office Conference Room Minutes – Meeting Thursday. August 27, 2020



Members Present

Others Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman
Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman
James Duprie
Dede Bruce
Mike Purdue
Deb Wilson
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman EXCUSED
Laura Bragg

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5:30 Pledge of Allegiance

5:32 Selectman Cole read a statement to the Public. Selectmen Cole motioned to allow a 5-minute time limit per person for public comment, which can be extended by the Chair. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent).

5:37 JT Harmon updated the BOS on the status of the Fire Department.

5:39 Public Participation - Mike Purdue introduced himself and provided a brief introduction on his run for Senate.

5:44 Selectman Cole spoke to JT Harmon and complimented his work on two documents that he developed and that Chief Flynn will be in town on Thursday 9/3/2020 through the weekend.

5:47 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of August 13, 2020 as written. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent). Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of August 20, 2020 as written. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent). Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of August 24, 2020 as written. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent).

5:48 Paperwork – Chair Russell motioned to appoint Jeremy Bradshaw in the position of Planning Board member until June 30, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Lizotte. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent). Chair Russell motioned to appoint Don Leuchs in the position of Conservation Commission member until June 30, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Cole. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent). Selectmen Cole motioned to accept the Annual Commercial Municipal Solid Waste Haulers Application/License form to be implemented 60 days from today (10-26-2020). Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent).

6:06 Selectman Lizotte discussed the status of the Hebo Hybo gate closing. Landowners are to be contacted.

6:07 Laura Bragg presented her concerns about the write in ballot procedure followed for the 2020 Budget Committee Members. After much discussion it was determined by a straw poll that the Board was evenly split on the issue. The issue will be readdressed when all board members are present.

6:21 Selectman Cole expressed the resident's concerns about cars speeding through the Village area, mission was held and it was determined that Selectman Cole would reach out to State Police and ask for additional attention to that area. Selectman Cole addressed the write in ballot situation and suggested placing a question on the ballot to have the current method of having write-ins reversed. Selectman Cole addressed the Comprehensive plan and shared with the BOS the changes that were made in preparation to put it on the November ballot. Selectman Cole motioned to put the Comprehensive Plan on the ballot, there was no second to the motion.

6:33 Vice Chair Philbrick addressed Selectman Cole about the overdue find project that she had been working on. Selectman Cole brought the BOS up to date on the issue and made a motioned to send out a letter to those having and overdue fines. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent). Selectman Philbrick advised the BOS on the status of the bridge CIP and the upcoming expenditures that will be charged to the account to support the New Bridge payments. The upcoming additional expenditures that will be in the 2021-2022 budget were also touched upon.

6:44 Chair Russell discussed the latest events that have occurred at the weekly Board of Selectmen's Meetings and requested everyone be more tolerant.

6:47 Good of the Town - Deb Wilson discussed Fire Station Volunteers.

6:55 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) for Personnel matters. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent).

7:40 Chair Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent).