

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020**

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Members Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman
Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair (excused 6:30 Medical)
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman

Others Present

James Duprie
Deborah Wilson
Dede Bruce
Mel Warren

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

5:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Marybeth Pordon, Town Clerk presented the Certified Copy of the Recall Petition of Charles Russell, Jr. to the BOS. Vice Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that the Town Attorney has asked that the members of the BOS do not comment on this matter while in this room. Chairman Russell objects to the Citizens Petition as he feels it was not done correctly.

5:35 Public Participation – Jenn Griffin addressed the BOS about an Appeals Board Members concerns about the COVID safety precautions not being practiced at the town office. Ms. Griffin asked if the BOS was going put any precautions in place, the BOS said no. James Duprie asked the BOS if people could start getting their applications. Selectmen Cole stated they needed to be finalized and voted on. The BOS agreed that this must happen first.

5:38 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of 8/27/2020 as written. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams abstained as he wasn't present at that meeting).

Paperwork presented – time off and training requests signed. There were two abatements presented for signature that were previously discussed. Account #476 for the year 2019-2020 a correction of acreage, abatement of \$20,000.00 in valuation and \$312.40 in tax dollars. Account #826 for the year 2019-2020 a correction of assessment, abatement of \$68,541.00 in valuation and \$1070.61 in tax dollars.

5:40 Selectman Lizotte is still working on contacting residents about Hebo Hybo. Vice Chairman Philbrick motioned to grant permission from BOS to insure the tractor rental at a cost of \$339.00. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Philbrick mentioned the email from ME DOT regarding the delay in the New Bridge payment. The BOS discussed the issue of the Write in Votes for Budget Committee. Vice Chair Philbrick states that the previous BOS had set a precedent of accepting the practicing of taking the write-in votes for the most votes when no one ran for those offices and there were not registered write-in candidates. Vice Chair Philbrick feels that the BOS should keep to that decision for this past election and if they choose, to stop it after. Chairman Russell said that if the previous BOS did this by Motion he will agree. Vice Chair Philbrick will look into that. Selectman Philbrick brought up the issue of the office being closed for lunch break while we are down a person. Selectman Philbrick feels it would be easier on residents if we remained closed for a set period of time. Selectman Philbrick motioned that the Town Office remain closed from now through November 14, 2020. Selectman Russell seconded. Vote taken – 4 YES; 1 Abstained Selectman Adams. Chair Russell motioned that the credit card limits for the Fire Chief should be \$3000.00 transaction amount and \$5,000.00 overall limit. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Cole is

concerned about the town insurance covering the construction volunteers at the fire department. Her concern is that they don't want the public in the building due to structural issues. Selectman Cole feels we need a licensed contractor and we need to check with the insurance company about the volunteers. Vice Chair Philbrick will check with the insurance company to ensure there are no issues using contractors and volunteer help to repair/improve the Fire Station.

6:15 Boy Scouts will be selling mums through Farmfield Greenhouse <https://www.farmfieldghs.com>

6:20 Selectman Adams would like to discuss the Recall Petition as a resident and not a Selectman. Vice Chair Philbrick reminds the BOS that the Town Attorney asked that they not discuss while in the BOS Meeting. Selectman Philbrick excuses himself for medical reasons at 6:30

6:30 Public Hearing for Trains renewal of license – no comments – the remaining 4 Board members signed the paperwork.

6:35 Chairman Adams motioned to adjourn. Selectmen Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Vice Chair Philbrick not present)