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**Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Town Office Conference Room  
Minutes –Meeting  
Thursday, September 17, 2020**

Members Present

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

Others Present

James Duprie  
Dede Bruce  
Crystal Adams  
Deborah Wilson  
Mel Warren

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

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5:35 Pledge of Allegiance

5:36 Chief Flynn gave update on work being done at the Station and thanks the volunteers and public for their support. Chief advises the board that there is much more to come including a cooking area, quiet area and break room. Chief thanks Paul Philbrick for helping with budget. The Chief discussed adding overnight EMS crew and pay scale. There was discussion the budget is the budget as voted on by the people, but possibility of moving funds. However, there was a Referendum previously voted on to add an overnight person, this was voted down. The Chief advised that this will hurt the town as they will not be able to give the service the town deserves and will result in more money spent on mutual aid. Chair Russell offered to sit with the Chief to crunch numbers. Chief addressed the issue of the Commander vehicle. Chief states he didn't want this vehicle as it was out of service and had many issues so he is driving the pickup. Chief gave the vehicle to the Code Department. Chair Russell states he was to bring it to the BOS but forgot. Selectman Adams states that per the insurance policy, it is ok to have volunteers in the stations. Selectman Cole addresses draft document for Education Agreement and asks Chief to review and implement. Chief Flynn asks the BOS if he can proceed with the Grant Writer? Selectman Adams motioned to hire the Grant Writer for the Fire Department. Chair Russell seconded. Vice Chair Philbrick states that the money is to be taken from the Fire Department Budget, Outside Services and it is ok to pay with the credit card. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:05 Public Participation – Discussion about the Recall Special Election which is schedule for be held at the Lebanon Elementary School on 10/21/2020 from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. The Public Hearing for the Special Election will be held on 10/3/2020 and venue to be determined. There was a question about why the election can't be held on November 3, 2020 with the Presidential Election. Vice Chair Philbrick states that per the Town Recall Ordinance and the Town Attorney, the last day the election could be held would be November 2, 2020 and waiting until November 3<sup>rd</sup> would leave the Town open to a challenge and lawsuit. There was discussion about the letter Selectman Cole wrote to the Editor of the Rochester voice and if she wrote it as representative of the Town. Mr. Duprie would like a motion for censure as a condemnation of the action. Selectman Adams motioned to censure Selectman Cole for the letter she wrote to the editor of the Rochester voice and disparaging comments. Chair Russell seconded. Vote yes – 3 (Selectmen Adams, Russell, Lizotte) and Opposed – 2 (Selectman Philbrick & Cole). Motion passed.

7:35 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of 9/10/2020 as written. Selectmen Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:35 Paperwork, reviewed and signed. Tax Commitment, overdue fine letters. Chairman Russell motioned to purchase computer for Land Use Clerk for a total of \$1708.99 (includes shipping and BEK set up and software) for total of \$1708.99. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:45 Discussion on the Budget Committee Appointment Process. The positions will be posted on the Town website and people will contact the Selectman's Assistant, Lynne M. Davis to schedule interviews for the October 1<sup>st</sup> BOS Meeting. The applications for Volunteer/Board Members are on the Town website. The BOS will interview the candidates, go into Executive Session for discussion and come back to open meeting for decision on who will be appointed.

7:50 Chair Russell motioned to open public hearing for Minors Diner Special Amusement Permit. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Questions, answers and review of documents. License signed. Chair Russell motioned to close the public hearing. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:10 Old Business – Selectman Cole informed the BOS that there have been conversations with the snowmobile club parking and this is progressing slowly. Selectman Lizotte states that he reached out to CMP and hasn't received a call back. Chair Russell motioned to hold the Recall Hearing on 10/3/2020 at 10:00 am with the location to be determined. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chairman Russell motioned that Selectman Cole not be allowed to read the letter to the editor out loud during the meeting. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken 4 in favor; 1 opposed (Cole). Motioned passed.

8:18 Selectman Issues – Vice Chair Philbrick addresses the purchase of another Selectman's computer. Vice Chair Philbrick states that with the purchase of the Land Use Clerk's computer system there is \$750.00 left in the budget. Vice Chair Philbrick motions that the Town purchase a laptop for \$390.00 per the BEK laptop quoted previously. Selectman Adams is opposed because there could be an emergency and it won't leave much money. Selectman Lizotte feels the same. Vote taken; 1 in favor (Cole); 4 opposed. Motion failed. The process for the Recall Special Election is read aloud. There was discussion as to where to hold the hearing. The attorney has been consulted about researching a place.

8:45 Selectman Lizotte has nothing this week. Selectman Cole would like to address using Roberts Rules for conducting the meetings. Selectman Cole motioned to use Roberts Rules of Order for meetings. No second. Selectman Cole addressed mask safety and that in the BOS meeting room members don't wear masks. Selectman Cole motioned that everyone wears masks in the BOS Meetings. No second. Selectman Cole motioned to read the letter out loud. No second. Selectman Adams feels that the Chief has the right to give the fire department vehicle to the code department. Selectman Adams discusses the School budget, that the students do the Pledge of Allegiance and the curriculum. Vice Chair Philbrick states that it would be best if Selectman Adams would first reach out to our representatives on the School Board.

9:21 Thank you to all the volunteers that have stepped up for the Fire Department and Chief Flynn.

9:28 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A). Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

12:00 am Chairman Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken 3 in favor (Russell, Philbrick, Adams); 1 opposed (Cole). (Selectman Lizotte left the meeting at 11:30 and wasn't present for vote). Motioned passed.