Lebanon, Maine Select Board Town Office Conference Room Minutes – Meeting Thursday, September 24, 2020



## **Members Present**

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**Others Present** 

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED Corinna Cole – Selectman Jeffrey Adams – Selectman TARDY Teri Poirier & Spouse Dede Bruce James Duprie

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5:35 Pledge of Allegiance

5:36 Chairman Russell read a letter from Brenda Kielty, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maine which was forwarded to us by Harrison Thorp of the Rochester Voice. The letter was about public access and shutting the door to the conference room.

5:40 Thank you to everyone that has donated to the Fire Department and the donations keep coming.

5:45 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of 9/17/2020 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent)

5:46 Selectman Russell motioned to sign the Offer letter for the part time, temporary Registrar on an as needed basis with no benefits at the rate of \$16.88 until after the Presidential Election. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent)

5:50 Teri Poirier of Center Road asks that she be put on the Agenda next week as well. She states she has tried for six weeks to be placed on the Agenda. She has many items to address. Chairman Russell says no to this request and states she can come back the week after. Ms. Poirier states he is violating her civil rights and she and Ms. Wilson have reciprocal orders of protection. Ms. Poirier discussed complaints made against her by a neighbor and her being respectful of them. Ms. Poirier states that she is grandfathered for her events because she has been doing this since 2014. Chairman Russell disagrees and asks they Board how they feel. Vice Chair Philbrick disagrees and Selectmen Cole states that she doesn't know but thinks Ms. Poirier would have to follow the Ordinance. Chairman Russell states that there has been an Ordinance since 1972 or 1973. There was discussion of Chair Russell pointing Ms. Poirier in the direction of the Events Campground License. Ms. Poirier and Chair Russell discussed the social distancing at Ms. Poirier's events. Ms. Poirier states Chair Russell wasn't concerned about the events at 4x4 Proving Grounds.

6:30 Chair Russell motioned to open the Public Hearing for General Assistance. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent). Discussion about the documents. Chairman Russell motioned to sign the Appendices A-H 10/1/2020 – 9/31/2021 and the GA Ordinance. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent). Chair Russell motioned to close the Public Hearing for General Assistance. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent).

immediately. Chair Russell motioned to vacate the Teri Poirier fine. Selectmen Cole seconded. Vote taken 1 in favor (Cole); 2 against (Russell & Philbrick) (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent). Ms. Poirier insists she is grandfathered. Ms. Poirier asks the BOS for permission to add "NO LOITERING" signs in front of her property at no expense to the town. Vice Chair Philbrick states that he is ok if it doesn't add more obstacles for the plow trucks to avoid. Chairman Russell motions to allow Ms. Poirier will put the signs on the existing No Parking signs at her expense. Vote taken 2 in favor (Philbrick & Adams); 1 against (Russell). (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams absent). Ms. Poirier addressed Flat Rock Road and the campground putting up No Parking signs on both sides of the road. She would like them removed. Vice Chair Philbrick states that there needs to be enough room for campers to pass each other on this section of the road. Selectman Cole will look into this issue. Discussion of dates for Recall Election, limit on public participation, Chairman Russell's interview with the news media and the poor treatment of Selectman Cole.

7:25 Chair Russell stops Ms. Poirier

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7:40 Chair Russell read the Warrant for the Recall Election 10/21/2020. Chairman Russell motioned to change the time of the election to be held from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams not present)

Chair Russell read the letter from the Town Attorney with her recommendations regarding the Recall Hearing. The recommendations because of COVID are to hold the meeting via ZOOM, hire Mr. Spencer as moderator and hire an outside neutral person to put together the ZOOM meeting. Selectman Philbrick motions to accept the attorney's recommendations regarding ZOOM, Mr. Spencer and hiring an administrator for ZOOM meeting. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams not present)

7:45 The BOS went through Old Business.

7:50 Selectmen sign the Hearing Notice and Warrant for the Recall Election. (Selectmen Lizotte & Adams not present)

7:50 Selectman Adams arrives. Selectman Cole states that her neighborhood would like to put up a sign that reads — Under 24 Hour Surveillance. The Board agrees that this is fine as longs as there is nothing else that the plow trucks need to avoid. Selectman Cole thinks that it would be a good idea to put a sign-in sheet out front. The reason for this is that if there is COVID exposure, we would be able to contact people that may have been exposed. The BOS feels this is a good idea and Stacie Gillespie should put something together. Selectman Cole discusses that one of the Appeals Board members feels that he isn't able to attend the meetings because of lack of precautions taken for COVID. Discussion of rules regarding the appeals board. The Chair of the Appeals Board will reach out to Stacie Gillespie, HR to discuss.

8:15 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to adjourn. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectmen Lizotte not present)