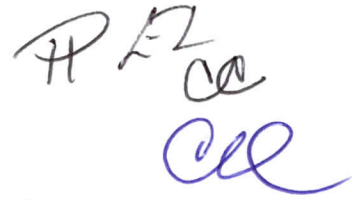


Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Town Office Conference Room  
Minutes –Meeting  
Thursday, October 1, 2020



Members Present

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

Others Present

James Duprie  
Mike Pardue  
Crystal Adams  
Chris Gilpatrick, Jr.  
Dede Bruce  
Deb Wilson  
Michael Walsworth  
Christine Torno  
Laura Bragg

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

**\*\*Technical Issues with live feed – fixed during the meeting.**

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5:37 Pledge of Allegiance

5:38 Kudos to Chief Flynn for all the work that is getting done with the Fire Department.

5:41 Mike Purdue Candidate for Senate 34 stopped in to re-introduce himself.

5:43 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of 9-24-2020 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:44 Paperwork – time off requests and purchase orders all signed

5:45 Deb Wilson gave update on the Appeals Board training.

6:05 Interviews for the Budget Committee Openings. Chair Russell asked James Duprie if he could read the application out loud. Mr. Duprie agreed. Mr. Duprie feels he has a useful skillset. Also, states there could be a possible conflict with Marijuana issues.

6:10 Chair Russell asked Michael Walsworth if he could read the application out loud. Mr. Walsworth agreed. Mr. Walsworth has excellent computer skills; he is a Program Analyst.

6:15 Chair Russell asked Christine Torno if he could read the application out loud. Ms. Torno agreed. Ms. Torno stated she has been very involved for many years with the Town and committees. She also worked in the Town office and currently works for the Town of Waterboro.

6:20 Chair Russell asked Chris Gilpatrick, Jr. if he could read the application out loud. Chris Gilpatrick, Jr. agreed. Mr. Gilpatrick stated he was elected by the people. Mr. Gilpatrick states that he came in to take out write-in candidate papers when he found out that was required. He was told by the Town Clerk that the time had passed but if he could get people to vote for him and he got the highest number of votes for either of the 2 open positions, he would win. The Town Clerk called Mr. Gilpatrick and advised him that he had won one of the seats and Laura Bragg won the other. Mr. Gilpatrick was then advised that this BOS had decided to hold interviews for the position. Selectman Cole showed a document that a precedent had been set to allow the most write in votes to take office. Chair Russell states that yes this was allowed in the past but there no was no formal motion that stated it. Selectman Philbrick told Mr. Gilpatrick that he had defended his right to take the office. Discussion of Mr. Gilpatrick qualifications and potential conflicts.

6:40 Chair Russell asked Laura Bragg if he could read the application out loud. Mrs. Bragg agreed. Discussion of Mrs. Bragg having experience with the Budget Committee and other committees since 1982. Mrs. Bragg states she can commit the time to the Budget Committee and that she supports Mr. Gilpatrick Jr. taking office as they both got the votes.

6:43 Chair Russell asked Deborah Wilson if he could read the application out loud. Ms. Wilson agreed. Ms. Wilson states her application was done last minute as she wasn't able to enter the building because of a legal issue (reciprocal orders of protection) the other party was in the parking lot.

The BOS agrees that the Executive Session to discuss candidates will be held next week. Mr. Walsworth states he feels that the way one of the interviews went was shameful.

6:50 Vice Chair Philbrick informs the BOS that the Fire Chief will be in. Vice Chair Philbrick Motioned to (reads aloud, in full) the document titled ORDER TO RESCHEDULE RECALL ELECTION. Chair Russell seconded. Selectman Cole would like to know why this ' be done on the November 3, 2020 election. The BOS explains the Town Ordinance requirements. Vote taken - 4 in favor (Philbrick, Adams, Lizotte & Russell) – 1 Against (Cole). The Order is attached to these minutes as part of official record.

Chairman Russell states that the original dates were not run through the attorney. Chair Russell states that the blame for the mistake falls on him and Vice Chair Philbrick. The BOS then signs the Warrant for the Election on 10/28/2020.

7:00 Old Business – the list was updated.

7:10 Chief Flynn presents a purchase order for jaws of life in the amount of \$24760.00 and explains why it is needed and that he would like to move money from his CIP so he can pay for this. The BOS states he needs 3 quotes. Selectman Adams motioned to allow the Fire Department to purchase jaws of life in the amount of \$24,760.00 if it is the lowest quote and move the money from FD CIP. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Three quotes provided.

Chief Flynn would like to rent a 60x20 trailer – 3 rooms as an "Emergency Operations Center" though FEMA. The cost for 6 months is \$8900.00 with 100% reimbursed because of COVID. This would be temporary until the Station renovations are complete. Breakdown of repayment is 75% FEMA, 15% State and the Municipality 10% but the State picks that up due to COVID emergency. Could be quick or very lengthy reimbursement time. Selectman Adams motioned to allow Chief to get the trailer, temporary shelter until the work is done. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the issue of overtime.

8:00 Good of Town – thank you to all the volunteers helping the Fire Department.

7:55 Selectman Lizotte discussed roadside mowing. Selectman Cole addressed COVID-19 information from Human Resources. Selectman Cole addressed the BOS about the Executive Session that was held on 8/13/2020 about her complaint. Selectman Cole would like to know what action the BOS plans on taking, i.e. investigation. She feels that nothing has been done. Vice Chair Philbrick stated that he will speak with Town Attorney and then will get back to Selectman Cole.

8:15 Selectman Philbrick Motioned to Adjourn. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.