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**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

Members Present

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

Others Present

James Duprie
Dede Bruce
Deborah Wilson
Teri Poirier
Mike Walsworth
Tim Bragdon
David White

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

5:33 Pledge of Allegiance

5:34 Public Participation – Deb Wilson has been the subject of negative posts on Facebook and would like the BOS to support her. Chair Russell says that there isn't anything the board can do in a matter such as this.

5:38 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of 10/1/2020 as written. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent)

(5:40 Technical difficulties with live stream. Video back on at 5:50)

5:41 Paper signed –Abatements and Supplementals listed below.

Supplemental Tax Bill Map/Lot: R11-012-A000 Ownership Correction
Supplemental Tax Bill Map/Lot: R12-014-A000 Ownership Correction
Supplemental Tax Bill Map/Lot: R05-031 Ownership Correction
Supplemental Tax Bill Map/Lot: R05-070-A000 Ownership Correction
Supplemental Tax Bill Map/Lot: U10-111 Ownership Correction

Abatement for \$160,000 valuation & \$2536 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R10-073
Tax exempt property
Abatement for \$22250 valuation & \$352.66 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: U06-014-ON
Homestead omitted at commitment
Abatement for \$154000 in valuation & \$2440.90 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R08-029-B000
Home built after 4/1/2020
Abatement for \$22250 in valuation & \$352.66 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R15-035-C000
Homestead omitted at commitment
Abatement for \$60000 in valuation & \$951.00 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R11-012-A000
Incorrect Ownership
Abatement for \$204970 in valuation & \$3248.77 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R12-014-A000
Ownership correction
Abatement for \$5340 in valuation and \$84.64 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot: R03-025-C000
Veterans Exemption omitted at commitment
Abatement for \$30000 in valuation and \$457.50 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R10-12 Building
burnt in March 2020
Abatement for \$5340 in valuation and \$84.64 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R14-017-C000
Veterans Exemption omitted at commitment
Abatement for \$55000 in valuation and \$ 871.75 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R05-031
Incorrect Ownership
Abatement for \$45000 in valuation and \$713.25 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R05-070-A000
Incorrect Ownership
Abatement for \$64623 in valuation and \$1024.27 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot U10-111
Incorrect Ownership

Abatement for \$5340 in valuation and \$84.64 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R12-038

Veterans Exemption omitted at commitment

Abatement for \$148000 in valuation and \$2345.80 in tax dollars on real estate Map/Lot R15-035-D000

Building permit confusion – home on lot 35-C

5:53 Update on the Fire Department by Chief Flynn

6:14 Mr. Bragdon requested an extension on his building permit that expired May 7 2020 due to COVID issues. Chair Russell motioned to extend the permit for 6 months from today. Selectman Cole raised issues that it would be better to extend 1 year from May 7, 2020. Vice Chair Philbrick stated he isn't sure the BOS has the authority to do so. Chairman Russell withdraws the motion. The BOS will speak with the attorney to find out what can be done and address this at next week's meeting.

6:18 Teri Poirier asked Chair Russell why he discriminates against Charleez Hill and herself. Discussion of the interview on channel 13 and not all BOS members aware of this. Chair Russell states that Ms. Poirier's time is up as these are things that have been discussed at the meeting 2 weeks ago.

6:24 David White speaks about people getting there facts straight.

6:30 Mike Walsworth discussed the way the meetings are conducted. Feels that the 5-minute rule leaves the town open to lawsuits. Mr. Walsworth feels that these meetings should be run and attended with respect for the office.

6:35 Selectman Lizotte would like to put the lock on the Hebo Hybo gate, provide keys, have the Fire Department be one the key holders and mail a letter to the one landowner that we have been unable to reach about coming to get a key. Selectman Lizotte motioned to put lock on Hebo Hybo gate and notify landowners. Keys will be given to Game Wardens, Fire Chief and landowners of Hebo Hybo. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent)

6:45 Individual Selectman Issues – Selectman Lizotte said he asked a couple of people why they signed the Recall Petition. Selectman Lizotte was told they thought it was to force the clean-up Chair Russell's property. Selectman Cole wanted to clarify that when she called the insurance company about the fire department, she was hoping to get an inspection, as she would do for her own home. This did not cost \$20,000.00 as people are saying. She stated that the cost for the engineer report and the air quality test combines is a total of \$9357 and has proven to be very beneficial. Selectman Cole has questions about the rollout on marijuana. Selectman Cole feels that the BOS should discuss this together. Chair Russell explains that there are legal issues and a Town Meeting will need to be held to move forward. Vice Chair Philbrick states that 2 members of town boards and 1 department head will not come into the Town Office due to the lack of COVID precautions. There are new mandates and the BOS will discuss this at next week's meeting. Discussion about the report from the State that the Town's assessment ratio is 77%. A change in the certified ratio affects tree growth values, CMP values, homestead exemption and other exempt amounts. This percentage will only continue to decline until the current assessing work is completed. Mr. O'Donnell will be scheduled to come in to discuss this in greater detail in the near future.

7:05 There will be a few Halloween Events. The Lebanon Rec. Department will do a Drive Thru trunk or treat at the KOA Campground on Flat Rock Road This will be held on 10/24/2020. Colonial Mobile Home Park will hold a traditional walk-in the dark without hand to hand disbursement. Anyone that would like to decorate and participate may be able to as some residents in the park are offering their lawns for people to set up and decorate a tent this will be held on 10/30/2020. Darlene's Pizza will have a trunk or treat in the field if anyone would like to participate and this will be held on 10/31/2020. Victims Incorporated in Rochester NH will help Lebanon residents. This organization has been helping Lebanon residents all along. They have a need for donations.

7:20 Representative Ted Kryzak called in to discuss the homestead exemptions. Rep. Kryzak also discussed the budget crisis that the State will face in the next 2 to 3 years. Rep. Kryzak said if anyone has questions, he can be reached at his email address TKRY@METROCAST.NET

The BOS will address the Budget Committee openings in Executive Session next week.

7:35 Chair Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Adams absent)