

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020



Members Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman
Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman ARRIVED 6:45
Corinna Cole – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman

Others Present

Dede Bruce
Deborah Wilson
James Duprie
Misti Perry

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5:36 Pledge of Allegiance

5:37 Ms. Perry discussed a road issue on Herskom Lane – the Highway Department will cold patch and repair, Chairman Russell to follow-up with the Road Commissioner. There is not enough money in the current budget to pave the road. Selectman Cole advised that Tom Place and Christine Torno reached out about the jersey barrier and dead-end signs that were to be placed on Upper Barley Road. Deborah Wilson discussed an Appeals Board case and completing requests made by DEP referencing this property.

5:51 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of 10-8-2020 as written. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Lizotte absent and Selectman Adams abstained as he was absent last week)

5:52 Paperwork – time off requests signed. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the charges for a/c and unit's refrigerant removal. It is currently costing more money to have them removed than is collected for accepting them. There is a local company that will do it for less. Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to have Michael Kiley, Heat Rite be the vendor for the a/c and refrigerator removals. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried (Selectman Lizotte absent). Vice Chair Philbrick informs the BOS that Laura Bragg advised the Town Office Clerks about a grant for election money. Deputy Clerk Andrick applied for the grant and was awarded \$5,000.00 to be used exclusively for 2020 Elections. Selectman Cole motioned to accept the \$5000.00 grant from CTCL (Center for Tech and Civic Life). Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken 3 in favor (Philbrick, Cole & Russell) - 1 abstained (Adams) (Selectman Lizotte absent). Request for FOAA training for Treasurer, Office Supervisor, Code Officer & Selectman Cole approved.

6:05 COVID protocols – Vice Chair Philbrick discussed people, (planning board member, appeals board member and department head) not feeling comfortable coming in to the office due to the lack of 6' distancing and face coverings. Selectman Adams states that it has been proven that face coverings do not help nor protect the person wearing it. Selectman Adams states that he doesn't feel people should be forced to wear a mask. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed options for people to be able to attend meetings remotely, as outlined in the Governors Executive Order. There was discussion as to whether this could be done with the Appeals Board. Vice Chair Philbrick will reach out to the Attorney for advice. Selectman Cole feels we should follow the Governor's Order in order to protect staff and public. Selectman Adams states he is against masks. Selectman Cole can put an OPTIONAL sign in sheet for COVID tracking in case there is a breakout, so we can let anyone that may have been exposed know.

Discussion was held in regards to employees traveling out of the area during the COVID emergency period. The Board was unable to reach a consensus on this issue. Selectman Cole discusses the cleaning and disinfecting of the office with the fogger that the Town purchased. Chair Russell will either use the fogger or speak to Code Officer about doing it.

6:35 Old Business List reviewed

6:36 Deb Wilson mentioned an email that was sent to the BOS about a Solid Waste Grant and asking if Chair Russell and she could prepare a new application and submit it on behalf of the Town. Chair Russell said that he will work on this. Selectman Adams stated that the minimum wage is going up to \$12.15 in January. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed putting the metal roof on the 202/Blaisdell Corner Fire Department per the Insurance Company. Vice Chair Philbrick will work on the bid specs to start the process. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the permit issue that came before the BOS last week. Vice Chair Philbrick feels this decision should solely be the Code Enforcement Officers decision. The BOS agrees. Vice Chair Philbrick mentioned the ECCO Maine recycle program and where we stand. If the Town is going to change from Waste Management, the BOS will need about a year to prepare for that. Chair Russell will reach out to the attorney regarding the Waste Management contract. Selectman Adams motioned to keep all cell phones and/or recording devices out of Executive Sessions and placed in another room. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; Vote Carried. (selectman Lizotte absent). Selectman Adams motioned to not allow any selectmen to be poll or ballot counter for any election. Vice Chair Philbrick stated that this is already a law/rule. Selectman Adams withdraws his motion. Selectman Adams stated that elected officials should not be assisting in preparing absentee ballots for distribution.

6:45 (Selectman Lizotte arrived) Selectman Cole presents a picture of an overflowing collection of food for the Backpack Program. Selectman Cole thanks everyone for their donations. Selectman Adams thanks Chris Stokes for the new infield at Stuart Field and the dugouts will be repaired shortly. Deb Wilson advised that Phil Newton would like to assist with that as well. Ms. Wilson will give Mr. Newton contact info for Selectman Adams. Upcoming Halloween events: Lebanon Rec. drive thru Halloween at KOA on 10/24/2020. Colonial Mobile Home Park traditional Halloween 10/30/2020. Darlene's Pizza Trunk or Treat on 10/31/2020. Thank you to York County Food Services for the donations of chicken and the volunteers who picked up, delivered and passed it out.

7:10 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 § 405 (6)(A). Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:20 Chair Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.