

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2021

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Members Present

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

Others Present

James Duprie
John Bozak
Joseph Howes
Gerard Lavoie
Dan Blanchette
Ruth Gutman
Brian Wolfinger
Deborah Wilson

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

5:36 Pledge of Allegiance

5:37 Conservation Commission (Agenda Item) – Several members of the Conservation Commission were present and asked the BOS to assist in finding a compromise to the gate situation at Hebo-Hybo. There were several ideas such as clean up days, trail cameras etc. The Commission and Selectmen are going to ask landowners to meet with the Conservation Commission and the BOS to see if they can come up with a mutually agreed upon solution – even if only for a trial period. Selectman Lizotte will get the names of the abutters to Chairman Bozak.

6:15 Public participation -Deborah Wilson stated that she has had comments about the Budget Committee Meeting and not being able to see who is speaking. Residents are asking if the person speaking could name themselves.

6:17 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes of 2/11/2021 as written. Selectmen Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:18 Paperwork – time off request, training requests, Quit Claim Deed, BOS Letter for the Town Report. Appointment Papers on hold.

Chairman Russell presented a 3-year tax abatement or a one-year tax abatement for Map U17 Lot 293. The majority of the Board – Cole, Lizotte and Philbrick in favor of 1 year. Two in favor of 3 year – Russell and Adams. Chairman Russell motioned to abate 1 year for Map U17 Lot 293. Vote taken 3 in favor Philbrick, Cole & Lizotte. 2 against Adams, Russell. The Board granted 1 year Tax Abatement for Map/Lot U17-041 for 2020 – Reason Per Select Board Chair. Tax abatement for \$107,000.00 in valuation and \$1,695.95 in tax dollars on real estate.

The Girl Scouts requested to have a drive-thru cookie sale on 4/3/21 at the Transfer Station. Selectman Adams motioned to allow the Girl Scouts to have a drive through cookie sale. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The Budget Committee and Marijuana discussions are moved to next week.

6:34 Old Business – entire list updated.

6:36 Individual Selectmen Issues – Vice Chair Philbrick went through the list of Relief Agencies that the Budget Committee wants to reduce funding amounts. York County Community Action – discussion about how much they do for the people of Lebanon and the amount of money spent helping those people. The BOS disagrees with cutting monies from them. There was discussion about Kids Free to

Grow and a lack of understanding about what they do. Lynne Davis will reach out to them for clarification and to ask for numbers specific to Lebanon. The BOS discussed the Budget Committee wanting to cut the budget for Animal Control as they don't spend all their money. The BOS would like to leave it where it is because it seems they are being punished for being fiscally responsible. Chairman Russell spoke with Mary Kinney, Animal Control Officer, and she expressed her frustration over this. Selectman Lizotte brought up the email received from residents that don't feel the BOS is a political board. The resident doesn't feel it is the board's place to discuss national or state politics, their job is to run the Town. Chairman Russell states that he feels it is a political board and if the public wants to come in for public participation, they can talk about what they want. Chairman Russell stated that Kyle Fitzsimmons gave a much different account of what happened as to what he has been charged with. Selectman Adams states that he and Dave Adam will be putting together a Little League Program and more information to come from them.

7:20 There will be a USDA Food Drive on 2/25/2021 at Eddie B's Towing from 9:00am until they are gone.

7:38 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 M RSA § 405(6)(A). Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:58 Chair Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried