

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
February 25, 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
Nick Wyman
Dede Bruce

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5:36 Pledge of Allegiance

5:37 Public Participation – Deborah Wilson would like everyone to know that the Marijuana numbers are not final, this is still with the attorney. Nick Wyman questions the BOS as to why it is taking months to get the marijuana ordinances and fees finalized. Mr. Wyman questions the legal fees and potential conflict of interest with the attorneys we are using. There was discussion of potential conflict with Chair Russell working with Tier One. There was discussion about donations by the marijuana businesses to the fire department and fire department corporation.

6:15 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of 2/18/2021 as written. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:16 Paperwork – the BOS signed a training request and a Quitclaim Deed for R10-023 as they paid the past due taxes.

6:17 Old Business reviewed.

6:18 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman Lizotte states that someone cut the lock and the chain on the Hebo-Hybo Road. Selectmen Lizotte will be setting up cameras to catch the person/people who did this. Chair Russell advised the board that Scott Gerrish, Road Commissioner is willing to assist in policing this area if they are to open it back up on a trial basis. Chair Russell also advised that the Sanford ATV Club would like to assist and use this as part of their trail system. Selectman Lizotte states that ATV's are not allowed in this area and he doesn't want to allow them. Selectman Lizotte states that the ATV's are a large part of the problem. Selectman Adams and Vice Chair Philbrick feel the landowners should decide this issue. Selectman Cole would like to add \$1500 in grant writing to each department, for example Highway and Transfer Station. Each department would get a grant writer familiar with those topics. Chairman Russell and the BOS feels this is a good idea. Selectman Adams states that he and Dave Adam will be having a Lebanon Babe Ruth team with information to follow. Chair Russell is working on the recycling issues. The Town is in a contract with Waste Management but Chair Russell is gathering information and numbers from ECO Maine. Chair Russell is suggesting that the Town put \$100,000 aside to convert to Eco Maine and if we don't end up converting the monies could go to the General Fund. Vice Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that Legal is now over budget and we can't operate in the negative. Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to move \$10,000.00 from contingency to legal. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Vice Chair Philbrick discusses the Park Committee request to be put on the ballot – the BOS will discuss this next week. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed changes to the

Fire/Rescue budget. Chief reports that the truck that was just purchased is having repairs. Vice Chair Philbrick addressed our workers comp insurance company, MEMIC raising rates and that the board underbudgeted \$10,000. The BOS asked about switching insurance companies. Vice Chair Philbrick stated that he doesn't think it would be advantageous to do that at this time. Vice Chair Philbrick reports that the BOS misunderstood the O'Donnell plan for the reevaluation. The monies that have been paid didn't include the remainder of the additional site work needed to complete the project. O'Donnell would like a 3-year contract in order to ensure that the project is finished. The BOS agreed to sign the contract as the reevaluation needs to be completed and we have invested a lot of money thus far. The homestead exemption monies have declined and will continue to do so. The State has recommended the reevaluation for many years and will eventually step in and force this.

7:16 Good of the Town – Deborah Wilson advises that there will be a USDA food box giveaway at Eddie B's on March 3, 2021 starting at 10:00 am and will continue until all boxes are gone.

Vice Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that the heater is being worked on as the manifold is rotting and needs to be replaced. Vice Chair Philbrick also advised that we are working getting 3 quotes in regards to the water filter system.

7:26 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Matters. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:16 Selectman Adams motioned to adjourn. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.