

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 2021**



Members Present

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

Others Present

Mel Warren
James Duprie
Deborah Wilson
Mike Magrath (Karate)
Mike O'Brien (Karate)
Paul Steer (New Bridge)
Chief Flynn
Matt Leggett

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

5:30 Pledge

5:30 Public Participation – Mike Magrath discussed using the Babe Ruth field for Karate classes. Selectman Adams discussed this with him previously. Selectman Adams motioned to allow the Babe Ruth field to be used for Karate. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Cole, Adams, Lizotte and Russell voted yes. (Vice Chair Philbrick didn't vote as he was out of the room on a call with the Town Atty.)

5:35 Selectman Adams motioned to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) for consultation with legal counsel. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Cole, Adams, Lizotte and Russell voted yes. (Vice Chair Philbrick didn't vote as he was out of the room on a call with the Town Atty.)

6:03 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:05 Re-adjourn –to Public Participation. Paul Steer from Milton, NH spoke regarding the New Bridge project between NH & ME Dot. His suggestion is to put a one lane covered bridge so that large vehicles can not pass over. Mr. Steer would like the BOS to put a non-binding referendum question on the June 2021 ballot to get a feel for how people would accept this. The BOS agrees. Corinna Cole, speaks as a resident, regarding petitions being available to be signed at the Transfer Station on Saturday. Deborah Wilson addressed where the petitioners should be due to traffic concerns. Vice Chair Philbrick states there is currently no policy in place and he has this on his list for selectmen issues.

6:36 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of March 25, 2021 as written. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:37 Paperwork signed – training request, time off request, Prospect Hill Mowing Extension for 2021 and Disaster Mutual Aid. There were two Abatements signed:
Selectman Cole motioned to reconsider previous abatements for U17-041 for 2018 & 2019. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chair Russell motioned to grant tax abatements for 2018 & 2019 for U17-041 Trio Account 2934. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Abatement U17-041 for 2019 – Per Select Board Chair for \$1671.34 in tax dollars on real estate.
Abatement U17-041 for 2018 – Per Select Board Chair for \$1637.10 in tax dollars on real estate.

6:48 Old Business – complete list reviewed.

* 6:50 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman Cole provide a list of BOS responsibilities and the possibility of dividing them up in order to take some pressure off Vice Chair Philbrick. Selectman Cole addressed the standing of our audit. Chair Russell advised that we are awaiting information from the auditor. Selectman Cole stated that the vault at the Town Office is not fire proof and the law requires that it be and that the BOS should address this. Chair Russell agrees. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the issues with the Marijuana Ordinances and proper procedure. Vice Chair Philbrick gave the BOS handouts provided by Laura Bragg about how to address Ordinances that are replacing other Ordinances. There is an issue with holding a public hearing for the public to review and question the Ordinances. If there are zoning or district issues this must be a different meeting than the one for the Town meeting. The BOS will need to decide this. There was discussion of the 2 public hearings and the majority feels this option is best for the Town to avoid future issues. The American Legion #214 was omitted from the donation list. Selectman Adams motioned to put the American Legion 214 donation of \$500.00 on the ballot. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. There was discussion about roads and bridges grants. James Duprie stated he did research on this and that a grant writer would cost \$10,000 and then there are costs of approximately \$35,000. Selectman Cole stated that she received an email stating that it would cost between \$2500 - \$3500. Vice Chair Philbrick stated he has a copy of this email. The BOS discussed taking the money from the CIP Bridge monies. Vice Chair Philbrick presented a BOS sign in/out sheet in order for the treasurer to help track time. The BOS looked it over and are in agreement with it. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the town needing a policy on events being held at the transfer station – i.e., Donation collections and petitioners. The BOS discussed several options and they agree that anyone using the transfer station for donation or petitions must move toward the highway side so that no one should be interfering with traffic and transfer station business. Chair Russell will go up there a mark out the areas where people should go. There have been complaints in the past about donation takers being in the way. There is an opening at the Transfer Station and this job will be posted. Chairman Russell motioned to allow the Town Attorney to negotiate a possible settlement with a former employee and draft any necessary documents in accordance with the direction provided by the Selectmen. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken – 3 in favor (Philbrick, Russell, Lizotte) - 2 abstain (Cole, Adams)

7:40 Good of the Town – Chief Flynn inquired about how the monies work if the town votes for them to get a new fire truck. Chief also advised that he will be taking a week vacation but doesn't have time as of yet. He will take the time without pay but would like to donate the monies he would make to the fire fighters.

7:48 Selectman Adams wanted to clarify that Coastal Riptide did not do damage to the Babe Ruth field and did not leave it a mess. The fields condition had nothing to do with Coastal Riptide. Selectman Adams would also like to clarify that he did not run Chris Stokes out of Babe Ruth. Deborah Wilson advises that the voluntary toll booth at the Transfer Station on 4-10-21 is cancelled. Lebanon Clean-up day is on 4/24 and everyone is to meet at the Town Office. The next USDA Food drive is on April 5, 2021 at Eddie B's Towing in Lebanon. The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the Transfer Station on Saturday April 3, 2021.

8:00 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A). Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

9:00 Chair Russell motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.