

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
July 29, 2021

Members Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman
Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
~~Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman~~ excused
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman
James DuPrie – Selectman

Others Present

Senator Joe Rafferty
Becky Batchelder
Matthew Leggett
Deborah Wilson
Chris Gilpatrick
Jeri Brasko

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5:35 Pledge of Allegiance

5:36 Public Participation – State Senator Joe Rafferty re-introduced himself and let everyone know that he is available if needed. Deborah Wilson addressed the BOS about the time frame for recycling at the transfer station. Chair Russell states that it will be 30-60 days before everything is in place.

5:40 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes dated 7-22-2021 as written. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:41 Paperwork signed – time off requests, Budget Committee appointment of Corinna Cole and the abatements below:

2018-19 Abatement for R03-033-006B tax on incorrect building – tax abatement for \$36,500 in valuation and \$558.45 in tax dollars on real estate.

2019-20 Abatement for R03-033-006B tax on incorrect building – tax abatement for \$36,500 in valuation and \$570.13 in tax dollars on real estate. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the abatement for this property And Chair Russell discussed a conversation he had with the Town Attorney regarding this.

2019-20 Abatement for R02-032-0013 missed homestead – tax abatement for \$23,750 in valuation and \$370.98 in tax dollars on real estate.

2020-21 Abatement for R02-032-0013 missed homestead – tax abatement for \$22,250 in valuation and \$352.66 in tax dollars on real estate.

5:46 The Town Clerk, Marybeth Pordon, presented the Certified Petition for the Recall of Charles Russell, Jr., Jeffrey Adams, Ernest “Butch” Lizotte and Deborah Wilson. Vice Chair Philbrick read the Certified Petition and the numbers.

5:50 Code Officer, David Salvatore, discussed fines for the KOA Campground and provided paperwork to the BOS. Chair Russell motioned to impose KOA fines as presented by David Salvatore, Code Enforcement Officer. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. David Salvatore also addressed the BOS regarding fees for Solar Panel Projects. Selectman DuPrie will do research and discuss next week.

6:04 Old Business – all items reviewed.

6:04 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman DuPrie discussed complaints from a resident regarding ATV issues on Emery Mills. Vice Chair Philbrick is also concerned about this and Selectman Lizotte as

well, per an email. Selectman DuPrie discussed the 2018-2019 Audit and items that the auditors have address – 3 open items.

- 1) Trust Fund Origination Documents
- 2) Invoice sign off by Department Heads and/or Selectmen
- 3) Funds over \$250,000 not FDIC Protected.

Chairman Russell addressed the notion that he created the 5-minute time limit for public participation. Chair Russell states that according to the minutes of 8-7-2020 Selectwoman Corinna Cole motioned to have a 5-minute time limit – Chair Russell seconded and the vote was taken and carried. Vice Chair Philbrick presented a letter requesting the Town to join the ME Chamber of Commerce. The BOS agreed this was not necessary. Vice Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that there is a property owner that would like to donate 8 acres (Lord Rd) to the Town for Public Benefit. The taxes are currently paid. Vice Chair Philbrick refers to a letter from MSAD 60 regarding a subsidiary they received and they will be giving monies back to the towns to lower their monthly payments. Vice Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that an attorney will be returning \$1900 of town funds as we no longer use their services.

6:20 Good of Town – Selectman DuPrie advised that the School Board will be having meetings on the construction projects that are being planned. Selectman DuPrie will be at Mel's Diner on Saturday from 10-12 for meet and greet.

Vice Chair Philbrick presented the RFP in order start the bidding process for a new Auditor – the BOS will look over and discuss next week. Vice Chair Philbrick also advised that the Ethics Complaints are being worked on. The policy states that he has 10 business days to respond to the complaints. Vice Chair Philbrick would like to have the written complaints as previously discussed.

6:30 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) for Personnel Matters. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:35 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to adjourn. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.