

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
October 28, 2021

J. Philbrick
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Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman
James DuPrie – Selectman

Others Present

Laura Bragg
Michael Walsworth
Jim Cray
Deborah Wilson
Jeri Basko

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

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

6:02 Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Minutes of October 9th, 14th and 21, 2021 as submitted. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:03 Paperwork Signed – time off requests, Quit Claim Deed for foreclosed property – taxes now paid in full. The BOS signed abatements and supplementals for accounts R17-009; R17-010-12; R08-023-001; R07-127; R09-063-B. Junkyard renewal for Hartford signed.

6:16 Agenda Items – Michael Walsworth discussed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance – discussion about the Budget Committee's influence or responsibility in reference to this Ordinance. Mr. Walsworth stated that the Budget Committee only has responsibility to the budget process but not thru the Ordinance itself. Mr. Walsworth discussed Ethics Complaints. Mr. Walsworth feels that Selectmen DuPrie advising people to pay the fees, then contact an attorney to negotiate them to a lower fee, is unethical and against the best interest of the residents of the town. Selectman DuPrie states that he believes this will save the town money and that it is important for people to know their legal options.

Jeri Basko updated the BOS on the School Bond. During a meeting last week, the following information was provided: The tax burden per resident will be: 1st year \$53 per \$100,000 assessed; the second year and every year after will be \$154.00 + 53.69 per \$100,000 assessed – this will be for 20 years.

6:35 Old Business all items reviewed – bids for the Fire Stations & job descriptions for Highway Department added to the list.

6:47 Individual Selectmen's Issues – Selectman Adams has a draft of new fees for the Transfer Station for review. Selectman DuPrie discussed our current coverage by BEK and what may or may not need updates. There was discussion about the possibility of using the American Legion as a space for BOS meetings. The Legion will be on the agenda for 11-4-2021 for discussion. Vice Chair Philbrick provided a copy of the Select Board Bylaws for final review.

Deborah Wilson addressed the BOS about the Appeals Board and that they are short members for the winter. Discussion on how to resolve the issues. Ms. Wilson also requested that the Appeals Board be allowed to refund \$ spent by someone coming before the BOS that was then cancelled. Selectman DuPrie motioned to refund \$248.55 from whatever account works – Selectman DuPrie withdrew his motion.

7:24 Public Participation – Michael Walsworth asks the BOS to vote to Establish a Charter Commission, provide updates on the Ethic Complaints & to develop a uniform standard for Public Hearings. Mr. Walsworth states that this town is very divided and it is up to the BOS and its leadership to help bring people together, not further divide. Deborah Wilson advised that she spoke with Chuck Russell and others about the new fire truck not being purchased yet. Ms. Wilson asked why the delay as she feels the funds are available. Chair Philbrick stated that there are issues that the BOS cannot divulge just yet. Ms. Wilson asked when this would be resolved, the BOS advised that probably not until June – this is on hold. Jeri Basko asked about fire being bill for uncovered shifts.

Chair Philbrick asked if the BOS is comfortable using the same budget sheets as we have in the past, everyone agrees to stay the same. Chair Philbrick stated that the budgeting process should begin. There was more discussion about the Charter Commission and the BOS feels that this should be done through a Citizens Petition.

8:05 Good of the Town – Per the Fire Chief, the Fire Department participated in SCBA training and they did a great job and they did a superior job on a critical care/CPR incident. Thank you to the Rec. Department for the great job with Trunk or Treat.

8:10 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) for Personnel Matters. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:30 Selectman DuPrie motioned to adjourn. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.