

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
December 2, 2021

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Members Present

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

Others Present

Deborah Wilson
Steven Wanog (sp?)
Mike Walsworth
Chief Flynn & Freeman Sprague

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

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

6:01 Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the minutes of 11-18-2021 as submitted. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:02 Paperwork signed – time off requests, Appointment of Autumn Bridges as full-time member of the Planning Board – Chair Philbrick motioned to appoint Autumn Bridges to the Planning Board from an alternative to a full member. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. O'Donnell & Associates submitted abatements and supplements for the BOS to sign. Presented and signed abatements/supplements for R10-069-E, VBR-000-0006, AND VCO-000-0010. Chair Philbrick discussed the BOS Bylaws which were agreed on by the BOS 11/18/2021 – BOS signed today. Selectman Philbrick presented a document regarding current CDC COVID Guidelines. Jeff would like to wait 1 week. The BOS discussed why it is needed. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the CDC COVID Guideline Memo dated 11/16/21. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:21 Auditor Bids – there were a total of 3 sealed envelopes – 2 were letters stating that they are not able to bid at this time. The only bid was from RHR Smith which stated the fee would not exceed \$12,500.00 per year and is a 3-year term – 2020, 2021 & 2022.

6:27 Old Business -Chief Flynn asked about the insurance company mandating station repairs and what the repercussions of not having it done on time are? Michael Walsworth asked why the town has 2 stations and why do we pay to run them both? Chief Flynn stated that one is for housing vehicles. Deborah Wilson asked about the vehicles that should be put out to bid – Chiefs old vehicle and a fire truck. There was discussion that the town will get more money in scrap than they will if the sell the vehicles. The Old Business list was reviewed. Captain Sprague to provide potential scrap prices to the Select Board.

6:50 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman DuPrie discussed a new lawsuit that has been filed and it has 2 points - 1) Marijuana Adult Use and 2) Impact Fee Ordinance. The lawsuit asks the court to prevent the Town from collecting impact fees and to revert to the fees that were presented on 6/2021. Selectman DuPrie stated that the town attorney doesn't feel we would win in court. Selectman DuPrie states we will hold a special election to revote on the fees. Chair Philbrick congratulated Marcy Polletta, Librarian, for being awarded 2 grants. The first is for \$2500 and the second is for \$5000. So far this year she has received \$13,000.00 in grant money! Chair Philbrick discussed the Select Board Public Meeting Room Fact/Finding and Resolution/Recommendation Committee and a document that guides the Committee on what is required of them, Chair Philbrick referred to this as a Charter. There was discussion on the specifics. Selectman DuPrie motioned to formally accept volunteer applications for

Select Board Public Meeting Room as a fact finding and resolution/recommendation Committee to operate under proposed charter. Chair Philbrick seconded. After much discussion, Selectman DuPrie retracts his motion. Selectman DuPrie started a second motion and retracted that as well. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept volunteer applications from 12/6/21 through 1/10/22. The Committee will be seated from the applications on 1/13/22 by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the "Charter" as modified. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chair Philbrick asked the BOS if the paperwork from the Comprehensive Plan Committee can be disposed of – this is random paperwork not the final product. The BOS agrees that it can be disposed of.

7:45 Public Participation – Steven Wanog (sp?) thanked Fire & EMS for the call they responded to on 10/28 for his wife. Chief Flynn updates the BOS that there are grants being worked on for radios and a tanker. Chief also states that he has no more money in vehicle maintenance and he will be taking vehicles out of service. Selectman Adams asked if the original truck that was spec'd is still valid. Chief stated it is not. Selectman Adams motioned that Chief purchase a Fire Truck. No Second. Selectman DuPrie would like to see any documentation on a fire truck before he would support it. Michael Wadsworth states that the new lawsuit is the same as the Injunction he filed. Mr. Walsworth stated that it is an Ethics Violation by Selectman DuPrie to be the contact for marijuana as Selectman DuPrie was the Chair of the Cannabis Committee and wrote the fees – against the advice of the Cannabis Committee members. Mr. Walsworth feels that Selectman DuPrie should recuse himself. Selectman DuPrie rebutted Mr. Walworth's claims. Mr. Walsworth filed an Ethics Complaint and stated that he presented this in Public and it should remain in public, not in Executive Session.

8:20 Deborah Wilson reminds everyone that Toys for Lebanon Kids is taking donations and applications. Ms. Wilson also discussed upcoming Christmas events.

8:30 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

1043 Selectman Adams motioned to come out of executive session. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

10:45 Selectman DuPrie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.