

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
October 10, 2019

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Members Present

Charles Russell – Chairman
Paul Philbrick –Selectman
Laura Bragg - Selectman
Corinna Cole - Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Vice Chair (tardy)

Others Present

James Duprie
Deborah Wilson

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

5:00 Meeting opened. Pledge of Allegiance.

5:01 Chairman Russell motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Vice Chair Adams not present.

5:40 Chairman Russell motioned to open the General Assistance Public Hearing. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Vice Chair Adams present for this). Selectman Bragg motioned to close the Public Hearing regarding General Assistance. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Bragg motioned to adopt the 2019-2020 General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:47 Department update from Chief Merrill. Discussion of purchase orders, P Gagnon has agreed to drop price on oil and propane. This months' call sheet will be available next week. Chairman Russell spoke about Dead River giving a quote on fuel and also offering ½ price service. Vice Chair Adams asked about looking into the oil companies in town for quotes. The JR Firefighters will be having a car wash at Fresh Vibes on 10/12/19. There will be a Food Drive & Coats for Kids on 11/9/19 at the Hen House. Chief Merrill advised the BOS that the Fire Dept. has been awarded a grant from Firehouse Subs for \$19,579.39 to purchase 11 Portable Radios.

Deb Wilson informed the BOS that there will be a Toys for Lebanon Kids fundraiser on 12/1/19 from 6:00pm – 10:00pm at Trains.

6:00 Planning Board not here for their update. Deborah Wilson states that she was concerned about the Planning Board meeting and them discussing CEO Officer by name and negative comments. James Duprie spoke about the Cannabis Committee having an additional opening with the resignation of a member. He would like to appoint two full members and none for the alternate position. The Board agreed and will look at the applications next week.

6:15 Vice Chairman motioned to accept the minutes of 10-3-19 as written. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:16 Paperwork reviewed and signed.

6:21 Motor Vehicle fees raised for first time in 20 years, agent fees for the Town Revenue. Selectman Philbrick motioned to accept the increase in fees as TRIO implemented and the State of Maine passed. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Chairman Russell will look into the Oil/Propane numbers. Vice Chairman Adams will contact local companies.

The BOS reviewed the town email addresses in order to make room for the new Cannabis Committee. Vice Chairman Adams motioned to purge the old town email addresses and assign the new Cannabis Committee members with their email addresses. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:50 Selectman Philbrick would like to hire a local attorney to complete the transfer of Forest View Cemetery. Vice Chairman Adams motioned to hire a local attorney to complete the transfer of Forest View Cemetery. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Selectman Cole discussed the paving bids. Chairman Russell explains that the contracts were extended by the Road Commissioner as time was a factor. Chairman Russell points out that selectmen have extended contracts in the past with the mowing – as with Gilpatrick Property Services and others. There was discussion that the costs have increased for paving materials for as much as 30-40% and that staying with last year's contract was a good decision. Vice Chairman Adams explains that the Road Commissioner is an elected official and there is a very distinct separation between the Commissioner and the Selectmen. The Selectmen are only in control of the money and if the Road Commissioner is within budget the Selectmen need to pay the bills. Selectman Cole motioned for paving bids to go out. No second.

7:06 Selectman Bragg motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) for Personnel Matters. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:30 Selectman Bragg motioned to exit Executive Session and enter into regular session. Vice Chairman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Selectman Bragg wanted to clarify that the Town does not get to choose who gets a Liquor License in Town. This is brought up due to this being on the Ballot for the November election. Selectman Bragg feels that the Town should get legal advice on the marijuana issue. Selectman Cole would like to discuss interviewing for the CEO position. Vice Chairman Adams would like the BOS to get together for pre-screening first.

8:50 Selectman Philbrick motioned to adjourn. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.