

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 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

Matt McGowan	Dana Coull
Adam Cyr	Jim Cray
James Duprie	Jerry Kibbey
Tim Bragdon	Ron ???
Deb Wilson	

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

5:30 Meeting opened. Pledge of Allegiance.

Briefing from Fire Chief – discussion about protective clothing and they will be re-furbishing a jacket that was found in good shape. They will purchase pants in order to make another complete uniform. Purchase orders were presented, explained and signed. The Chief states that they will work on a PAR list per Chairman Adams suggestion. The Chief presented the Call Report for October. Chief provided an update on the cardiac arrest call from last week – the patient is sitting up and speaking. Chief inquired about the status of a Lebanon Shelter and the costs and manpower associated with this. The Chief is in the process of writing 2 grants. One is for a mechanical CPR device. The other is for a video laryngoscope. The Department received the radio grant check. The Fire Department will be doing a Christmas Tree Bonfire at the Proving Grounds on 1/18/19 as a Fundraiser. The Fundraiser is for fire equipment. This will be a community event and the Boy Scouts will be in attendance as well. They will be accepting Christmas tree donations.

5:50 Planning Board left a written update which was read out loud by Chairman Russell. The Planning Board is currently working on: Fielding's Oil, Fortin, Sewall Shores, Code Enforcement and November's expired Permits. Vice Chair Adams asked about the rules for a handicapped ramp. Deb Wilson explained because it doesn't meet requirements, it must come to the Board of Appeals for a variance. There are fees involved. One of the fees, for publication in the paper, can't be waived. However, the resident can request the application fee to be waived.

5:55 Public Participation – Tim Bragdon inquired about his Occupancy Permit. Chairman Russell advised Mr. Bragdon that the BOS is seeking a legal opinion but will get back to him as soon as possible. Mr. Bragdon asked to be on the Agenda for next week's meeting and the Chairman agreed.

6:00 Mr. McGowan discussed the issues/questions about him having a campsite on property. Mr. McGowan reports that the waste has been removed by Lapierre Septic. Chairman Russell reads the Ordinance that governs the situation. Chairman Russell also states that Mr. McGowan has 3 campsites on the property. Mr. McGowan states that no one resides at the property and that he only stayed there for 83 days. Mr. MacGown states that the campers are being stored but no one lives in them. Mr. MacGown also states that there are many campsites all over town and feels he is the only one that is being harassed. Chairman Russell states that the BOS only finds out about these issues through complaints. Vice Chair Adams asks if Mr. MacGown would like to inform the town of where the other sites are, Mr. MacGown declined. Mr. Cyr states that he is the one who complained. Mr. Cyr states that there is more than one campsite and that there is an illegal structure. Mr. Cyr advises that the Ordinance states no more than one recreational vehicle but there are 3 on the property. Mr. Cyr states that Mr. MacGown and buddies are currently living there. He states there are 3 vehicles there every

day- blue, silver and black. Mr. Cyr states the cars come to the property every evening and leave every morning. Mr. Cyr says that he doesn't know if the waste is being disposed of, but that he is still in violation because there is no written plan per Ordinance. Mr. Cyr also reports that there is a woodstove in one of the campers and that this poses a safety concern. As there is no access to water and Mr. MacGown has blocked the road this causes emergency access to be a concern. Chairman Russell provides the deed and the exhibit to Mr. MacGown and explains that he can not block the access as there is a right of way and easement. Mr. MacGown will set up an appointment with the Code Enforcement Officer.

6:18 Selectman Bragg motioned to accept the minutes of 11-7-19 as written. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:20 Review of paperwork - training and time off requests signed. Chairman Russell motioned to accept the Request for Payment Policy. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The selectmen discussed the Purchase Order for the hot box for the highway department. The account on the purchase order has no funds in it. Selectman Philbrick states that there is money in the roads budget, and that the road commission can move money but the BOS has to approve it first.

6:34 Selectman Philbrick motioned to Appoint Corinna Cole to the Cannabis Committee. Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken - 3 in favor (Adams, Russell, Philbrick) - 1 opposed (Bragg) - 1 abstained (Cole)

6:35 The 2019-2020 Winter Road Contracts were presented and signed – this year's contractors are Bob Frizzell Construction, James Shorey, Warrens Property, Rodney Sanborn and Walt Colby. There is a contract for Scott Gerrish – Selectman Bragg doesn't feel that the Road Commissioner should be plowing – Selectman Cole agrees. The BOS will speak with the Road Commissioner. Selectman Bragg presents the Settlement of 2018 taxes for uncollectable personal property tax in the amount of \$153.99. The BOS signs.

The Board reviewed and signed the following abatements and supplements:

Abatement on R13-025-1 due to correction of ownership an abatement for \$35000.00 in valuation and \$546.70 in taxes (tax year 2019-2020). Supplemental bill for 2019-2020 for property tax due to omission or incorrect assessment – supplemental real estate tax statement attached.

Abatement on R05-071 due to correction of ownership to brother-in-law an abatement for \$50000.00 in valuation and \$781.00 in taxes (tax year 2019-2020). Supplemental bill for 2019-2020 for property tax due to omission or incorrect assessment – supplemental real estate tax statement attached.

Abatement on R13-025-1 due to correction of ownership an abatement for \$35000.00 in valuation and \$535.50 in taxes (tax year 2018-2019). Supplemental bill for 2019-2020 for property tax due to omission or incorrect assessment – supplemental real estate tax statement attached.

Supplemental tax bill (tax year 2019-2020) for R03-039-9A for omission or incorrect assessment

7:05 The BOS discussed the status of the Old Business list. Selectman Bragg advised the BOS to review the Noise Ordinance and make changes or recommendations so they can come together and discuss.

7:10 Selectman Bragg wants everyone to attend the FREE Patriotic Concert on 11/19/19 at 7:00pm presented by the Noble HS Band. Selectman Bragg states that she reached out to Superintendent Connelly and he is more than willing to come to a BOS meeting and update us on what is happening in

the school district and answer questions. Vice Chair Adams announces a Community Day presented by Fresh Vibes with Santa present. He would like 3 Selectmen to serve. Selectman Philbrick discussed Quality Fuels concerns with the contract for the General Assistance Fuel. They would not be able to deliver evenings or weekends. Quality Fuel would also like to deliver fuel weekly to the Fire Department until they get to know the usage. Selectman Philbrick shared a letter from O'Donnell and Associates – the BOS will need to speak with Mr. O'Donnell. Chairman Russell has a phone meeting with John O'Donnell on 11-19-19. There has been a request for return of escrow monies. This request must go through the Planning Board and the Treasurer will need a letter stating that it is okay to release funds. Also, the Treasurer will need to be sure that all monies expended by the Town come out of the Escrow funds and then remaining balance will be refunded. Chairman Russell advised that Nobel is presenting Fiddler on the Roof this weekend.

7:30 Selectman Bragg motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(F). Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.