

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020**

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Members Present

Charles Russell – Chairman Selectman
Paul Philbrick – Selectman
Laura Bragg – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman -EXCUSED
Jeffrey Adams – Vice Chair-ARRIVED 7:45

Others Present

Dan Coull
James Cray
Debra Chase
Susan & Jeff Everett
Devan Eaton
Ben Thompson Deb Wilson

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

5:40 Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Updates – The Proposed Comprehensive Plan is ready to go on the Ballot for vote. The Appeals Board held a site plan review and an Appeals Board Hearing on 2/10/2020.

5:45 Deb Wilson discussed volunteers repairing the dugout at the ball field. The BOS agrees that it is ok to proceed.

5:48 Selectman Bragg motioned to accept the minutes dated 1/30/2020 as written. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

5:48 Warrant – Week of 2/16/2020 \$85,521.59 and this week \$606,849.88

5:50 Paperwork – Time off, & training. Chairman Russell motioned to pay the \$219.00 professional membership fee for the Treasurer. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The BOS signed letters to job applicants.

6:00 ME DOT – discussion regarding the New Bridge project. Discussed that this previously was approved by voters and the cost would be \$130,000.00. The price has increased due to the time that has passed. The cost now is \$145,000.00 and is capped. NH DOT is heading the project and ME DOT is working with them on this. There was discussion, questions and answers regarding the impact of the Mi-The Jo expansion and water park, a rise for boat traffic and the safety of the people that at this point only have one road of escape in an emergency.

6:45 James Duprie will table the Cannabis Discussion until next week due to time restraints and the absence of two selectmen. Chairman Russell discussed a new phone system and the savings of approximately \$154.00 monthly. Chairman Russell motioned to switch to the new phone system with Atlantic Broadband. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:50 Selectman Bragg is looking into an abatement issue. The O'Donnell & Assoc. AP check has been signed and mailed. Selectman Philbrick discussed the \$4800 for repairs to the Transfer Station from 6/2019 being moved to the correct account as it wasn't billed until 8/2019. The BOS agrees it should be moved. Selectman Philbrick asked the BOS if they would like the Treasurer to run a preview AP. The

BOS agrees that should be done. The preview will require 1 signature and then checks will be run. Chairman Russell motioned to have the Treasurer prepare a preview of the AP and get one signature before proceeding with printing the checks. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The BOS has scheduled a BOS Budget Workshop for Monday, February 17, 2020 at 12:00pm.

Chairman Russell motioned to stop all public events at either Fire Station until further notice. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Discussion regarding the Purchasing Policy and the PO Policy as they conflict each other and which to follow regarding Roads. The Policy states that the Road Commissioner doesn't need to complete a PO for items such as sand, salt, cold patch etc. The BOS agrees that the Road Commissioner should not need to obtain a PO for those items. Chairman Russell addresses the front office and the need for the public to leave the building at the end of the BOS Meeting as it is disruptive for the employees and the building closes at 7:00pm. If the BOS is going to make a decision at the end of an Executive Session, they will make arrangements for the public to stay. Chairman Russell addresses the issue of people going behind the counter without permission and interrupting employees work. No resident or Committee Member should be passing by the counter without permission. Chairman Russell wishes the Noble Wrestling Team good luck at the State Championship this week.

Deborah Wilson asks BOS why the Fire Departments can't be used for events, there is a Blood Drive on 2/22/2020. Chairman Russell explains that there are concerns that the buildings are not up to code and they need to be assessed. Chairman Russell states the Blood Drive on 2/22/2020 can be held in the parking lot of the Town Office from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

7:10 Selectman Bragg motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A). Chairman Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:50 Vice Chair Adams motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Bragg seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:51 Selectman Bragg motioned to open the Public meeting. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chairman Russell motioned to have our Human Resource Manager coordinate two (2) independent external investigations of the Lebanon Fire & EMS Department.

1st) The General Condition of the Departments

2nd) The Management of the Departments

Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

8:55 Selectman Bragg motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.