

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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Members Present

Charles Russell – Chairman Selectman
Paul Philbrick – Selectman
Laura Bragg – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Vice Chair

Others Present

Kurt Zeller
Randy Oakley
Crystal Adams
Rep. Kryzak
Deborah Wilson

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

6:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Russell read the email forwarded by the Town Attorney regarding the Governor's chief legal counsel that the Memorial Day Weekend event by the 4x4 Proving Grounds would violate the current Executive Order as well as other Orders, such as the quarantine restriction. Chairman Russell states that he personally feels the event should be allowed. Chairman Russell states that as an Elected Official he must do what is best for the Town so as to avoid a costly law suit and change his vote to no. Chairman Russell Motioned to retract the permit issued to 4x4 Proving Grounds due to the Governors Executive Order. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Discussion by Kurt Zeller that he has canceled the event and monies have been refunded. Randy Oakley spoke to his opinion that they are being forced to follow Orders they don't agree with. Vice Chair Adams states that he believes the current orders go against the Constitution and this is not Nazi Germany. He states that he took an Oath to uphold the Maine & US Constitution and he feels that they are being bullied into submission. He will not change his vote. Deb Wilson spoke to the event for Honoring Graduates that was also addressed by Governor's Counsel as to a violation of the current orders. This event had been cancelled once it was learned that the School District was holding a graduation. Rep. Kryzak advised the Board that once Town Counsel advises you of something and you choose to go against that advice, the Town is no longer liable but you are as individual. Rep. Kryzak advises to follow the Town Counsel's advice and do not get the Town involved in a legal battle. Vote taken 2 opposed Selectman Cole and Vice Chair Adams and 3 in favor Selectman Bragg, Selectman Philbrick and Chair Russell. Permit Retracted.

7:12 Chairman Russell motioned to adjourn. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.