

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2020**

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Members Present

Charles Russell, Jr. – Chairman Selectman
Paul Philbrick – Selectman
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Corinna Cole – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Vice Chair **(EXCUSED)**

Others Present

James Duprie
Karin Gerrish
Chris Gilpatrick
Deb Wilson
Tammy & John Millette
Dana Coull

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

5:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Ernest "Butch" Lizotte, Jr. sworn in as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.

5:34 Karen Gerrish addressed the BOS about the conduct of Chairman, Chuck Russell. Ms. Gerrish is upset about Chair Russell's remarks on social media. Ms. Gerrish read a letter with the screenshots of the conversation. Ms. Gerrish wants to put the BOS on notice as to the Chairs inappropriate behavior. Chris Gilpatrick addresses the BOS about a FOAA request regarding the Code Enforcement file on Chair Russell. Deborah Wilson addresses the BOS about the situation with Ms. Gerrish and Mr. Gilpatrick. Ms. Wilson will submit a written FOAA to the FOAA Officer. Mr. & Mrs. Millette discussed concerns about the Noise Ordinance that passed. Chair Russell addressed the issue of Karen Gerrish and Chris Gilpatrick by saying that he would apologize to Ms. Gerrish if she was offended, it wasn't his intention to offend her. Chair Russell also states that his comments between himself and Chris Gilpatrick were his and not as the Chair. Chair Russell feels he should be able to speak as an individual and not be taken as the opinion of the BOS. Chair Russell stated that he will refrain from posting something like that in the future. Chair Russell wanted it known that Mr. Gilpatrick made nasty comments and used horrible language in his attack against Chair Russell.

6:02 Selectman Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of July 2, 2020 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Russell, Cole & Philbrick voted). Selectman Philbrick motioned to accept the minutes of July 9, 2020 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Russell, Cole & Philbrick voted).

Chair Russell motioned to appoint Jennifer Griffin as the E911 Municipal Coordinator & Addressing Officer. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chair Russell motioned to appoint David Salvatore as the Building Inspector. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The BOS discussed the town owned mobile home in Colonial Park that needs to be destroyed. The BOS will put this out to bid. Chair Russell will write the bid.

6:16 Selectman Philbrick discussed outstanding issues with the fire department - the utility truck, ATV, purchase orders and the holiday pay question. The BOS agrees that the holiday pay issue can wait until the new Chief is hired. There was discussion about purchase orders and items, per Chief Hooper's report, that don't need pre-approval in order for the Chief to purchase. The BOS decided that JT Harmon will need to comply with the purchase orders as he is in an interim role. Selectman Philbrick addressed the 2 write in candidates that had the most votes for Budget Committee. Selectman Philbrick advised the BOS that because no one was running in those spots, it has been the practice of the BOS to have the people with the most votes take that office. Selectman Philbrick states that the Town Attorney has advised that this is legal. The two winners of the vote would be Laura Bragg and Chris Gilpatrick, Jr. The BOS will table this until next week. The spending freeze is now over as the budget has passed. Selectman Cole addressed the complaints about the ATV situation. Selectman Lizotte voiced his concerns on this matter.

Selectman Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Matters and 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) for Legal Matters.

6:58 Selectman Philbrick motioned to adjourn. Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.