

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Minutes –Meeting  
Monday, May 1st, 2017**

Members Present

Selectman Heath - Chairman

Selectman Nadeau

Others Present

Deborah Wilson - Resident

Dana Coull – Guest

Mary Lane - Resident

Bettie Harris-Howard - Resident

Ben Thompson - Resident /Assessing Agent

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Heath made the motion to open the meeting at 3:02 pm. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

Chairman Heath presented an updated version of the “Rules of Procedure for Public Participation at Town of Lebanon Board of Selectmen’s Meetings”. Resident Mary Lane asked what has changed. Ms. Wilson asked Chairman Heath if there were any additions or deletions to the procedure. Chairman Heath stated that there were changes on the second page and read it aloud. Discussion took place.

Mary Lane stated that some of her neighbors had not received a notice from the State about the Naiad meeting taking place on Thursday May 4th and if someone could contact Mr. McPhedran about this. Mr. Thompson stated that a member of the committee for the European Naiad should be contacting Mr. McPhedran. Mary lane said that she would contact Mr. McPhedran herself.

Chairman Heath made the motion to accept the new “Rules of Procedure for Public Participation at Town of Lebanon Board of Selectmen’s Meetings”. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

Ben Thompson asked if there has been any research and or answers to the accusations made concerning employee start times. Chairman Heath replied that there had not been. Mr. Thompson asked Selectman Nadeau if he had done research. Selectman Nadeau stated that “nobody was late.”

Ms. Wilson noticed that the minutes from 4/20/2017 were signed on 4/28/2017; this was not a meeting date. Chairman Heath said he would look into it further.

Chairman Heath asked if there were any more questions. Ms. Wilson stated that the meeting went well on Saturday despite the low attendance and would like to thank those who did attend. Chairman Heath said that he wished more people would take an interest in the Town and thanked Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Wilsons asked if there was a finish date on the tax payment plan and if the payments are not completed by the end date if the Town then owns the property and if it will go to auction. Chairman Heath asked Selectman Nadeau to answer this question. Selectman Nadeau stated that if the party breaks the agreement, then the Town owns the property. Ms. Wilson asked if there will still be an auction on June 30<sup>th</sup> and if so, who makes the notifications.

Selectman Nadeau stated that the information is not put in place as of yet. Chairman Heath added that if there is to be an auction, notices will be sent and placed into the newspaper, on the website, transfer station at the town office, etc.

Chairman Heath asked if there were any other questions.

Mary Lane brought up the concern of ongoing/open ended business and will the new board know what they are. Chairman Heath replied, "Have they in the past?"

Five quitclaim deeds were signed.

Mr. Thompson addressed the Board in regard to his contract as the Assessing Agent. Mr. Thompson has requested something in writing that state his services are no longer needed or he would like to re-negotiate the current contract for time remaining until the end which is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Much discussion took place between Mr. Thompson and the Select Board. Chairman Heath stated that he was not going to renegotiate.

Ms. Wilson wanted to know the reasoning to halt Mr. Thompson from completing the previous Selectman Assistant duties in regard to assessing. Selectman Nadeau stated that money is tight. There is going to be a new board and I don't want to leave them with no money. Chairman Heath stated that we vote bottom line on all departments we don't transfer money from one department to another, only from contingency. Selectman Nadeau said "stop there". Chairman Heath said "I'm running this meeting, no you" and asked for the Treasurer.

Chairman Heath made the motion to move \$ 23,000.00 from contingency to the Highway Budget. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The Vote was taken. The vote carried.

Ms. Wilson asked if the Highway Dept. was over budget. The Treasurer stated that not as of yet, but there are still six weeks left of this fiscal year. Chairman Heath said that the Select Board, not in a meeting, separately agreed to this. Ms. Wilson stated that she would like to voice her disagreement.

Dana Coull inquired about a "basket of papers" that were Christine's which were on the table, then moved to the cabinet and were last seen in the office. He wanted to know where they were and if there were any correspondence between Christine and the Town Lawyers. There has to be something important in there. Interim Assistant Jenn Griffin answered Mr. Coull stating that she had sorted the papers and the only pressing matter was handled in an Executive Session.

Ms. Wilson wanted to know about the complaint forms she had filled out and when she would have her Executive session with the Select Board. Mr. Thompson stated that there was no need for an executive session. Chairman Heath said that if she wanted a meeting with Tom they will set it up.

The Prospect Hill Cemetery Mowing bid was announced. The agreement went to the lowest bidder which was T&M Landscape. Chairman Heath made the motion to accept the T&M Landscape bid for the Prospect Hill Cemetery mowing. Selectman Nadeau seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The vote carried.

Mr. Coull asked where the money will come from for this. Chairman Heath did not know. Selectman Nadeau stated that the money would come from the funds turned over by the town of Milton.

Ms. Wilson stated that only the interest from the account can be used and it can only be used for those plots which have contributed to the account. Chairman Heath said that he would look into it.

Chairman Nadeau made the motion to close the meeting at 4:08 pm. Chairman Heath seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The vote carried.