

Lebanon Budget Committee  
March 23, 2022  
Lebanon Town Hall

- Present were Jeri Basko, Chris Gilpatrick Sr, Mike Walsworth, Robert Travers, Chip Harlow, Elaine Hartford, Theresa Hartford, Corinna Cole, Chris Gilpatrick Jr. Also present were Selectmen Butch Lizotte, Jeff Adams, James DuPrie, and Paul Philbrick, and Deborah Wilson was present via phone
- Meeting started at 6:04
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeri Basko
- Minutes: Motion made to accept minutes as read by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Chris Gilpatrick Sr. The chair allowed Corinna Cole to vote as Deborah Wilson was absent. All voted in favor.
- Voting
  - Referendum 2: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to appropriate up to the total sum of \$250,653 from the received marijuana licensing fee revenue to be used for the municipality's costs associated with the marijuana permit procedure and marijuana enforcement per the latest approved revision of: Lebanon Adult Use Marijuana Business Ordinance, Lebanon Registered Caregiver Licensing Ordinance or Lebanon Medical Marijuana Business Ordinance. (This includes enforcement personnel, outside services, equipment and legal services). 5 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain
  - Referendum 3: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$802,762.00 for government expenses for the town office including elections, Assessing Agent and the Selectmen wages and expenses? Insurance is now included in General Government. 6 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain
  - Referendum 4: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to pay the Selectmen \$13.00 per hour plus expenses? 6 Yes 1 No 2 Abstain
  - Referendum 5: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,879.00 for the operation of the Animal Control Officers and expenses? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
  - Referendum 6: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for legal fees? 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
    - While discussing this question, Deborah Wilson arrived to meeting via phone
  - Referendum 7: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the contingency fund? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
  - Referendum 8: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,811.00 for the combined department budgets of Codes and Land Use (which includes code enforcement officer, planning board, appeals board and conservation commission)? 7 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain

- Referendum 9: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$528,973.00 for the operation of the Lebanon Transfer Station? 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 10: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$768,211.00 for operation of the Highway Department plus State DOT (Department of Transportation) revenues? 5 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain
- Referendum 11: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to pay the Road Commissioner a salary of:
  - The Select Board Recommend \$48,150.00 1 Yes 8 No 0 Abstain
  - The Budget Committee Recommend \$40,000.00 6 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain
- Referendum 12: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,200.00 to place in a Paving Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of road reconstruction and paving of Town owned public roads? 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 13: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to place in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for necessary bridge repairs and replacements of Town owned bridges? 7 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain
- Referendum 14: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,677.00 to cover the cost of the Emergency Dispatching for the Emergency Services Department and for radio tower rental? 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain.
- Referendum 15: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$663,792 for the operation, upkeep and purchase of equipment and supplies for the Lebanon Fire and EMS Department?
  - During discussion, Mike Walsworth made motion to move \$8,000.00 from Employee Reserve Fund to Outside Services-Medical Director in Lebanon Fire & EMS budget to increase total budget from \$655,792 to \$663,792 and seconded by Chris Gilpatrick Jr. 8 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain
  - Chip Harlow made motion to create new referendum question to pull \$9,000.00 from General Fund to move vent system from Station 2 to Station 1 and seconded by Chris Gilpatrick Sr. 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
  - At this point, Chris Gilpatrick Sr. made motion that Deborah Wilson vote abstain due to conflict of interest and seconded by Robert Travers. After discussion 1 Yes 1 No 7 Abstain
  - After motion failed, 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 16: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Communications Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing communications equipment for the Lebanon Fire and EMS Dept? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 17: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to place in the Protective Clothing Capital Reserve Fund for purchasing Protective Clothing for Fire & EMS? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 18: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to place in the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Funds for purchasing Fire and EMS SCBA Equipment? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

- Referendum 19: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to place in the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for purchasing Fire and EMS equipment? 7 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 20: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to appropriate 30% of the Ambulance Billing Revenue received by the Town of Lebanon to be placed into an Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve for purchasing emergency vehicles for the Fire Department? 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 21: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,299.00 for the operation of the Martha Sawyer Community Library? 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 22: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for General Assistance? 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 23: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,346.00 for the restoration and maintenance of cemeteries throughout the town as mandated by Maine State Law, 13 MRSA §1101 (which includes the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Memorial Day ceremony and the decoration of Veterans graves as mandated by Maine State Law, 30-A MRSA §2901)? 7 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 24: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to place in the Salmon Falls River Watershed Protection Capital Reserve Fund? This fund to be used for the protection of the Salmon Falls Watershed, which includes Northeast, Milton and Spaulding Ponds. Current protection activity is European Naiad eradication efforts. 6 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain
- Referendum 25: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to place in the Building Capital Reserve Fund to include upgrades and modifications as well as large scale repairs of municipal buildings or grounds totaling \$10,000 or more? 7 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 26: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,084.00 to place in the No Spray contract Central Maine Power Capital Reserve Fund? 6 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 27: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to set an interest rate of 1% per state law as the rate to be paid back to taxpayers who pay amounts in excess of amounts finally assessed and authorize any such interest paid or abatements granted to be charged against the annual overlay, which is not to exceed 5% of the total assessment as per State Law (36 MRSA §506-A)? 8 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain
- Referendum 28: Shall the Town of Lebanon allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes prior to the tax commitment date and to charge interest on unpaid taxes at the rate of 4% per annum, and to set the date when taxes are committed for the fiscal year 2022/2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) and payable as of October 17, 2022, or 45 days from the tax commitment whichever is later and April 17, 2023? Interest will be collected after October 17, 2022 and April 17, 2023, respective to billings due dates. 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 29: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to place any unexpended funds from the prior year into the unassigned restricted fund-balance? 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

- Referendum 30: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to authorize funding at last year's (2021-2022)) level for the General Government, Emergency Services, Codes & Land Use, Animal Control, Transfer Station and Highway Departments whose new appropriation is not approved by this year's referendum vote, until such time that any new funding must be authorized before the next tax commitment? 3 Yes 4 No 2 Abstain
- Referendum 31: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to appropriate all monies received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Lebanon Trail Riders Club for maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails are open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable for that purpose?
  - After discussion, Elaine Hartford made motion to remove ballot question from ballot and seconded by Mike Walsworth. After discussion, 8 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain
  - As this point, Robert Travers made motion to extend meeting until voting is finished and seconded by Chip Harlow. All voted in favor.
- Referendum 33: "To see if the Town of Lebanon will vote to appropriate up to the total sum of \$100,000.00 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the Federal Government, for the purchasing of ten (10) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units for Fire and Ems. 7 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 34: Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,000.00 to be placed in an Employee Reserve Fund to allow the Select Board to address employee salary adjustments brought on by the current aggressive labor market? These funds cannot be used by the Select Board for creating new positions or making promotions? 7 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain
- Referendum 35: "Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be placed in the Fuel Reserve Fund to allow the Select Board to cover unknown electrical, heating oil, propane, and vehicle energy price increases not covered by the annual budget for the individual Town departments? 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- Newly created referendum question to move \$9,000.00 from General Fund to move vent system to Station 1. 5 Yes 4 No 0 Abstain

Motion to adjourn made by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Robert Travers. All voted in favor.