

# Lebanon Budget Committee

## Meeting Minutes

06/08/2016

*Members Present* – Becky Batchelder, Laura Bragg, Sean Bright, Corinna Cole (Alternate), Bettie Harris-Howard, & Skip Wood.

*Selectmen Present* - Chairman Christine Torno, Paul Nadeau, & Royce Heath.

*Recorders* - Richard Harlow (Video Taping)

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm, the first order of business was to nominate new committee chairs.

*Secretary:* None. Laura Bragg would take minutes for tonight's meeting only.

*Chairman:* Laura Bragg nominated Bettie Harris-Howard, Sean Bright seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*Vice Chair:* Bettie Harris-Howard nominated Sean Bright, Laura Bragg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

All members were given the articles for the June 25th town meeting.

**Article 2: EMS Budget:** Selectmen recommend: \$417,904.00

Sean Bright stated that the payroll taxes did not match up with the wages line.

There was much discussion about the amount. Some members felt the amount needed to be lower in order to pass. Sean Bright stated that he had worked on attempting to cut the budget as well. He suggested a budgetary amount of \$409,673.00 However, after realizing he had made an error in calculation, He then stated that he would send out a copy of his recommended amounts for all the discussed budgets to the committee.

Conversation shifted to talks about the Chief being a full time employee with benefits. The discussions surrounded whether or not the chief should be an hourly or salaried position. The Selectmen said he would be filling in if a shift needed to be covered.

*Budget Committee Vote:* Yes 2 No 4

Approved 2-1-17

**Article 3: Transfer Station:** Selectmen recommend: \$351,331.00

The Selectmen stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> they will close the Transfer Station on Mondays to save money. They may also cut staff, but want to wait and see how busy the Transfer Station will be with only being open three days a week.

*Budget Committee Vote: Yes 5 No 1*

**Article 4: CEO/Health Officer/E-911 Budget:** Selectmen recommend: \$44,903.00

The Selectmen reduced the hours for the CEO, but he still will be a full time employee with benefits. The Selectmen feel his job is a full time position given all the new houses going in. There was much discussion about the town's need to offer good wages to get people to apply here and stay employed with the town.

*Budget Committee Vote: Yes 2 No 4*

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 by Sean Bright, Skip Wood seconded the motion and all were in favor.