




Lebanon, Maine
Select Board and Budget Committee
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2023

Members Present

 Paul Philbrick – Chairman
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED
 Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman
 Michael Walsworth – Vice Chair
Richard Harlow III – Selectman

Others Present

Jeri Basko
Chris Gilpatrick, Sr.
Chris Gilpatrick, Jr.
Laura Bragg
Theresa Hartford & Elaine Hartford

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLebanon>

6:10 PM (Delayed start due to technical difficulties)

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Committee Chair Basko opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to the Select Board. Vice Chair Walsworth distributed a document with a summary of the ARPA funds to date along with the proposed wording for a referendum to be added to the June 13, 2023 ballot. The amount of undesignated ARPA funds available is \$581,784.81 at the time of this meeting.

The proposed wording for the referendum: *To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$497,000 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for site surveys and assessments (e.g. soil investigations for septic designs and other environmental studies), engineering and architectural services (e.g. structural studies and building designs), additional funding sources (e.g., grant writer and matching grant funds), initial site work (e.g. lot clearing and leveling), and beginning phases of construction of a new fire station.*

Discussion ensued among the members of both the Budget Committee members and the Select Board on issues of concern: need of a new fire station, status of the current stations, taxes and assessment, funding options, amount of money to include in the article, overall plan, location, engineering involvement, overall estimated cost of the project (estimated guess based on other towns building projects \$2.5 to \$3 million), time frame of starting construction, wording of the referendum.

A call was made to change the wording in the proposed referendum to: *To see if the Town of Lebanon will vote to appropriate up to the sum of \$550,000 from the 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 design of and to begin the construction of a new fire station building: to also include hiring a grant writer.*

The Budget Committee voted: 4- yes, 2- no, 0- abstain. The Select Board voted: 4- yes, 0- no, 0- abstain.

Budget committee voted to adjourn their portion of the meeting. Select Board remained in session.

Chair Philbrick requested a vote on the resignation letter received from the Code Officer. Selectman Harlow motioned to accept the resignation letter. Vice Chair Walsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried 4- yes, 0- no, 0- abstain (Selectman Lizotte not present). Chair Philbrick to notify Human Resources to post the job internally as soon as possible and advertise the opening publicly after the Board reviews/updates the job posting announcement.

7:30 PM -Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion carried 4- yes, 0-no, 0- abstain.