

Lebanon, Maine
SELECT BOARD-FIRE MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
September 21, 2023

<i>PP</i> Paul Philbrick – Chairman	Chief Stefano
<i>Sh</i> Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman	Todd Oulette
<i>MW</i> Michael Walsworth - Vice Chair	
<i>R</i> Richard Harlow III – Selectman	
Kevin Edwards – Selectman EXCUSED	

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4:33 Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion on going forward – RE: Station #1

Vice Chair Walsworth stated that the vote didn't turn out the way they would have liked so now we must regroup and come up with a plan. Selectman Harlow stated that he thought this was done last week. Vice Chair Walsworth stated that this is regarding repairs to station 1.

Selectman Harlow discussed his meeting with Tim Libby who is a concrete/cement guy. Mr. Libby will help and provide the labor. There was discussion regarding what needs be repaired, assessed and how to achieve this. Chief Stefano states he has a punch list from the engineer's report. Selectman Harlow stated that there is no money to do the work on the engineer's report. We cannot fix the building but we can stop further deterioration. Chief read a statement regarding Station #1. The thought is that station 1 can be used for storage.

Vice Chair Walsworth advised that we need to prioritize as we can't stay at Merchant's Row for the long term. Vice Chair Walsworth stated we must focus on getting back to Station 1 – not in the station but alternative housing. This would be an intermediate solution until such time the Town can get a new station. The Board and Chief discussed several repairs and some costs associated with them.

Discussion moved to housing – single wide trailer is the target. Chief asked what the backup plan if that doesn't get approved. Selectman Harlow stated that the voters make the decision by vote. If it doesn't pass, they staff may have to respond from home or where they currently are. This will make response times slower. Lt. Oulette stated that if there is a blizzard it will increase significantly. Selectman Harlow stated that we will not have a choice per the vote. Chief Stefano stated that would likely stop mutual aid due to lengthy response times. Selectman Harlow stated that he is not in favor of any more hand voting. Anytime we have a special election, with absentee ballots and in person voting, the timeframe is 2 months.

Discussion on the single wide trailer cost would be \$66,000 and there are volunteers to do the site work. The public form is on 10/5 at Lebanon Elementary. This is to discuss the cost of the trailer option and take any questions. There will not be a vote on this day.

The Chief advised that the Station is not manned. The Chief will be using the Conference Room at the Town Office as his temporary office.

There cannot be a station on Route 202 per the State.

5:58 Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to adjourn. Selectman Harlow seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.