




Lebanon, Maine
SELECT BOARD-FIRE MEETING MINUTES
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
8-23-2023

 Paul Philbrick – Chairman	Fire Chief Joe Stefano
 Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman	2 Dept. Members
 Michael Walsworth - Vice Chair	
 Richard Harlow III – Selectman	
 Kevin Edwards – Selectman	

For complete meeting minutes please view the meeting in full at <https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLebanon>

12:45 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motioned passed 3-Yes (Philbrick, Harlow, Walsworth), 0-No, 0-Abstain.

4:00 PM

Board recessed to 5:25 PM.

5:25 PM

Chair Philbrick motioned to exit executive session. Seconded by Selectman Harlow. Motion passed 3-yes (Philbrick, Harlow, Walsworth), 0-No, 0-Abstain

Chair Philbrick motioned to enter into Executive Session for Consultation with Legal Counsel Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E)- Marijuana. Motion passed 3-Yes (Philbrick, Harlow, Walsworth), 0-No, 1-Abstain (Walsworth). Vice Chair Walsworth left the room.

5:50 PM

Chair Philbrick motioned to exit executive session. Seconded by Selectman Harlow, Motion passed 3-Yes (Philbrick, Harlow, Edwards), 0-No, 0-Abstain

Selectman Harlow addressed the settlement agreement with the Bragdon Parties.

Selectman Harlow made a motion to approve the settlement agreement between the Town of Lebanon and the Bragdon parties and to duly authorize Paul Philbrick as Chairman of the Board to sign for the settlement agreement for the Town. Selectman Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-yes (Philbrick, Edwards, Harlow), 0-No, 0-Abstain

6:00 PM

With all members of the Select Board present and representatives from the Fire Department, Matt Cook from Allied/Cook Construction and Andrew C. Hyland from Port City Architecture presented their proposal to the those in attendance for the designing of the proposed fire station for the Town of Lebanon. Discussion was held after the presentation in regards to the specifics of their process and pricing.

7:00 PM

Vice Walsworth presented to the those in attendance pricing and design proposals for manufactured housing to be used as temporary living quarters/Chief's office. Four vendors submitted quotes. Discussion ensued about the different floor plans and pricing being offered by the various vendors and delivery/set up options.

7:30 PM

The Lebanon Budget Committee members joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Walsworth distributed sample questions for the Committee to review.

Vice Chair stated to the Committee the manufactured housing option selected by the Select Board and Fire would cost \$229,324.00.

The meeting was recessed from 7:45 pm to 7:50 pm.

Discussion was held with all in attendance participating in regards to the shutdown of station 2, heating of station 1, possible other building solutions, repairing/revamping station 1.

Vice Chair Walsworth did a brief recap of how the Select Board and the Fire project team came to the conclusion to purchase a manufactured unit.

Code Officer Furbush shared with those in attendance areas of concern he identified at Station 1 and explained some of the codes that come into play if station 1 was to be refurbished.

Budget Committee member Thersea Hartford asked questions about the proposal to purchase the housing and questioned the use of ARPA funds for this purpose instead of the unrestricted fund.

The Budget Committee voted not to act upon any of the questions that were presented that would be considered for the November ballot, but would entertain them on August 30, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

The Budget Committee voted 0- yes, 3-No, 3-Abstain, to recommend the article for the September 9, 2023 Open Town Meeting which would address the purchasing of the temporary manufactured housing for the fire department.

Proposed Article: To see if the Town of Lebanon will vote to appropriate up to the sum of \$245,000.00 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, to purchase temporary living quarters for the Fire Department in the form of a manufactured structure. (Total sum includes set-up costs and a fire sprinkler system)

Discussion was held by those present on how to proceed; it was decided to adjourn the Budget Committee meeting.

9:21 PM

The Select Board briefly discussed whether to proceed with the September 9, 2023 Open Town meeting. The general consensus was to do so.

Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Seconded by Selectwoman Boucher. Motion passed 4-yes (Philbrick, Walsworth, Boucher, Edwards), 0-No, 1- Abstain (Harlow)