

Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
January 27, 2022

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Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Vice Chair
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Jeffrey Adams – Selectman EXCUSED
James DuPrie – Selectman

Others Present

Chief Flynn
Deborah Wilson
Mel Warren

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

6:04 Pledge of Allegiance

6:05 Review of Minutes – With Selectman Lizotte present. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Minutes of 12-9-2022 as submitted. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:05 Paperwork – Training requests, time off request, Massage Permit Re-signed (correct dates), Memorandum for a pay rate increase for the Transfer Station employee who just completed the probationary period and a Tax Abatement for R15-003-F for a Missed Homestead Exemption. All signed.

6:10 Old Business – Chair Philbrick provided copies of the proposed changes to the Appeals Board Ordinance in reference to increasing the number of Alternates per the Appeals Board Chair request – this will be discussed next week. The entire list was reviewed.

6:16 – Selectman Lizotte asked about the Budget Committee and the Select Board doing workshops together. Selectman Lizotte asked if the Select Board will meet as a Board without the Budget Committee and Chair Philbrick stated that they would. Chair Philbrick would like to have a Workshop at the end of this meeting to review budgets for the Transfer Station and General Government.

6:20 Public Participation – Deborah Wilson discussed the meeting last week and her not being allowed to speak. Ms. Wilson would like to know why she wasn't allowed to speak and would like Selectman DuPrie to apologize. Chair Philbrick wants to research something and address this next week. Ms. Wilson would like a list of the computers that are being replaced as discussed at Budget Committee and doesn't feel she should have to do a FOAA request. Chair Philbrick stated that Selectman DuPrie had advised at the Budget Committee Meeting he would bring that information to the Budget Committee Meeting next week.

Chief Flynn addressed the Fire Departments plan for the anticipated storm this weekend. Chief hasn't decided if he will open the Emergency Shelter but he will open it if we lose power. If anyone has issues during the storm, call 911 and the Fire Department will respond. They may be out on a call but will respond. You may not be able to reach anyone by calling the fire station as they may be out on calls, but call 911. Chief address the generator at Station 2 and the fact that it isn't operational. Chief advised that he purchased carports for the staff as a covered walkway between buildings. The Chief may use the carports to park vehicles under for the storm. Chief advised that the new truck should be here in a couple of weeks.

7:35 Good of Town – Deborah Wilson thanks the Chief and his staff for their service. Ms. Wilson thanked Dan Boivin for the donation of folding chairs to the American Legion. Chairman Philbrick advised everyone that the Election is February 8th and absentee ballots are available now.

6:43 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A). Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:44 Selectmen DuPrie motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:45 Selectman DuPrie motioned to go back into public session. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Chair Philbrick presented the General Government budget to the board with the proposed budget numbers discussed with the Budget Committee last Wednesday evening. The Board reviewed each of the line items and discussed them as needed. The electricity line was reviewed using the latest billing from Central Maine Power to determine what adjustments needed to be made to budget for the latest rate increases. The health insurance line item was also adjusted to support the current rates and expected price increase over the coming year.

Upon completion of the General Government review, the Board then moved on to the Transfer Station budget. The key area of concern on this budget was the electricity once again, since the CMP bill for the month of January was almost triple of the December bill with minor increase in usage. The other line items were reviewed and proposed numbers were assigned to them in preparation of this Wednesday's upcoming Budget Committee meeting.

9:00 Selectman Lizotte motioned to adjourn the meeting. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.