

Lebanon, Maine
Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2022

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Members Present

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

Others Present

Chris Gilpatrick	Ben Thompson
Chuck Russell	Deborah Wilson
Freeman Sprague	Joe Jennings

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

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

6:01 Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Minutes of 4-7-2022 as submitted. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:02 Paperwork signed – Select Board Letter for Town Report signed. Warrant/Referendum for 6-14-2022 signed. Certification of text for Appeals Board Ordinance for June vote – corrections to be made.

Agenda - The Board discussed foreclosed property on Chick Road and options available. FOIA Officer read statement about procedures for FOIA and misinformation provided by a resident at the previous Select Board meeting. The Municipal Officers Certification of Official Text of Board of Appeals Ordinance, Town of Lebanon Maine was signed and attached to the document. Proposed assessing contract – Selectman Lizotte & Selectman Adams had no comments. Selectman DuPrie inquired about the time limit for inputting the data required. Chair Philbrick to have the contract put into finalized form for review and signature. ATV Route – Selectman Adams & Selectman Lizotte to meet with Tom Potter to discuss ATV situation.

6:45 The unfinished business list was reviewed.

6:47 Individual Selectmen Issues – Selectman Adams advised that it is time for Babe Ruth sign ups. Selectman Adams will address the Constable issue at next weeks meeting. Selectman DuPrie advised residents that there is a man pretending to be the Animal Control Officer but he is not. The man is heavy set, balding with gray hair and in his 50's and has been seen driving a 4-door sedan. If you see this man, contact ME State Police Trooper, Adam Schmidt as he is investigating. If you are able, get a plate number. Chair Philbrick discussed the Citizens Petition for the Charter Committee. The Municipal Officers MUST put this on the ballot. Due to timelines, it isn't eligible to be put on the June ballot but it is for the November ballot. Selectman DuPrie motioned to put the Charter Commission Petition on the ballot. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The Select Board discussed the date for the Public Hearing and they have decided on Saturday, May 14th.

Deborah Wilson discussed an apprentice program in Maine through the Career Center in Springvale. Ms. Wilson addressed the Board about the Appeals Board case with Mr. Bergendahl and the recent meeting. The met with Mr. Bergendahl and no conclusion was made. Ms. Wilson advised that she received an email from Mr. Bergendahl through the Land Use Clerk in which Mr. Bergendahl withdraw his appeal in full. Mr. Bergendahl stated that he was contacted by a Select Board member who advised him that he wouldn't be able to win the variance and it would cost a lot of money in Superior Court and

he would ultimately loose. Ms. Wilson states she spoke to 3 out of 4 Select Board members and they advised it wasn't either of them. Ms. Wilson as the Land Use Clerk to send a letter to Mr. Bergendahl telling him that he should reach out to more than 1 selectman as this information wasn't based on the entire board. Ms. Wilson also advised him to reach out to his attorney and she would give him until Friday 4-22-2022 to decide what he wants to do so he can be re-heard if he wishes without getting charged extra.

7:15 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A). Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

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

7:45 Selectman DuPrie motioned to enter into Executive Session for discussion of Confidential Records pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F). Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:58 Selectman DuPrie motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

7:59 Selectman DuPrie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.