

**Lebanon, Maine Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
January 20, 2022**

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Members Present

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

Others Present

Bethany Patstone
Deborah Wilson

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

6:04 Pledge of Allegiance

6:06 Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2022 as presented. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:07 Paperwork – Warrant for 2/8/22 election (marijuana) – Chair Philbrick read the warrant aloud. The Board signed the Warrant. There were 3-time off requests presented and signed. There was a training request signed. A Quitclaim Deed was presented and signed. A winter road contract for Matt Leggett M&K was signed. Chair Philbrick read a resignation letter from Don Leuchs of the Appeals Board. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the resignation of Don Leuchs of the Appeals Board. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chair Philbrick addressed the one application we received to fill a seat on the Appeals Board. Chair Philbrick asked Deborah Wilson if the alternate wanted to move up to a full seat and Ms. Wilson said they did not. Tillman Estes applied for the Appeals Board and he will take Mr. Leuchs place and the term will expire June 20, 2022. Selectman DuPrie motioned to accept the application of Tillman Estes immediately. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The All American Investment Group requires the BOS signature that we received a document (regarding leasing of fire truck). This is not to sign the lease, simply to acknowledge receipt of a document. The BOS reviewed and approved, Chair Philbrick signed the document.

6:20 Public Hearing for 4x4 Snow Bog Event 2-19-2022. Selectman DuPrie motioned to open the Public Hearing for 4x4 Snow Bog Event. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Chair Philbrick addressed the new procedure for this type of event in order to streamline the process for all public hearings. First point is that there is a quorum. Chair Philbrick asked if any one had a conflict. Selectman DuPrie disclosed that he works for Just Chevy Trucks building engines and his employer is a co-resident of the lot. Selectman DuPrie doesn't feel this is a conflict and the BOS agrees. Bethany Patstone spoke about the event – she stated that the starting time will be 8:00 am and will be done by 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Ms. Patstone stated that the EMT's have been scheduled. Chair Philbrick asked if anyone had any comments or questions – there were none.

6:25 Selectman DuPrie motioned to close the Public Hearing. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The permit was signed by the BOS.

6:26 Old Business – the list was reviewed and updated.

6:31 Individual Selectman Issues – Selectman DuPrie reviewed the quotes for repairs to the generators. One of the generators is at its end of life and the parts are being discontinued, this will need to be replaced. There isn't money in the fire budget to purchase a new generator this fiscal year. The generator located at the school (town owned) needs \$305.26 worth of repairs and the board agrees this needs to be done. Selectman DuPrie motioned to authorize the repairs for a cold weather kit on the generator at the school. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. The generator at Station 1 is running and the one at Station 2 is not running (Carl Broggi). Selectman DuPrie updated the BOS on his research about expanding the Town Hall. Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that the State has certain dates that municipalities must be open to accept Petitions. There are a couple of days that will require the Clerks to be available which are not normal hours. The date is Wed. 5/25/2022 and we will open from 1:00pm to 5:00pm to be in compliance. Also, we will need to be open until 5:00pm on Friday

1/21/2022 for nomination papers. Chair Philbrick advised the BOS that the Critical Dates for the June Election is hanging on the wall in the conference room. Chair Philbrick discussed the Fire Chief wanting to put propane heaters in the trailer. The cost for 3 heaters is \$7093.76 and the cost for 1 heater is \$3354.16. Selectman DuPrie would like 2 more quotes. The Chief will get 2 more quotes. There was discussion about the new fire truck – lease vs loan. The Lease Company said the documents will be in the mail tomorrow 1-21-2022. The BOS will review the lease terms and send it to legal for review. Chair Philbrick answered a phone call from the Fire Chief regarding the fire truck.

Chair Philbrick discussed the budget for highway – there was discussion by line item and the Budget Committee cutting the road budget for salary, plowing and other line items. The BOS discussed this and will present an opposing budget because they do not feel that the cuts are good for the town. The BOS discussed the numbers they would like to use. Road Commissioner Gerrish would like to sell the backhoe or put it out to bid. Selectman DuPrie motioned to authorize the Road Commission to sell the backhoe. Selectman DuPrie withdrew his motion after discussion. Chair Philbrick advised that the loader has a major leak and Road Commissioner Gerrish feels that it is not worth repairing. The BOS and Commissioner will discuss this. Chair Philbrick would like to review the General Government Budget for presentation to the Budget Committee next week. The Treasurer will come in to assist.

7:15 Public Participation – Deborah Wilson advised the BOS that the Appeals Board has money in the training budget and she would like to utilize it. There are 3 people who haven't had training. Ms. Wilson would like the Appeals Board to be trained on Administrative Appeals.

7:21 Deborah Wilson stated that there will be a fundraising event to raise money for the American Legion – it will be a flash mob. This will be on 2/26/2022 at the American Legion. Corinna Cole will be helping organizing the event. Ms. Wilson stated that there were 2 major fires in town and the townspeople and business owners stepped up to help – thank you to all. Ms. Wilson would like everyone to come vote on February 8, 2022 at the Lebanon Elementary School. The Absentee Ballots are available now.

7:30 Budget Workshop – the Treasurer and the BOS discussed the General Budget by line item and discussed the numbers. Discussion was lengthy – Association Dues, Repairs & Maintenance, Office Equipment, Elections, Pay, Office Supplies. There was lengthy discussion about the quotes to replace PC's and a server – they are obsolete and need to be taken care of so staff can work. More discussion, wages, overtime, association dues, workers compensation, office supplies, office equipment, light bill – we are not saving what we expected because the cost has risen, building maintenance and other line items discussed as well. This will be presented to the Budget Committee at their meeting on Wednesday 1-26-2022.

9:30 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.

9:44 Selectman DuPrie motioned to exit Executive Session. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

9:45 Selectman Adams motioned to adjourn. Selectman DuPrie seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.