

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

Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Chairman  
James DuPrie – Vice Chairman  
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman  
Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman  
Michael Walsworth - Selectman

Others Present

Deborah Wilson  
Chris Gilpatrick  
Daniel Norwood  
Scott Couture  
Brett Scott  
Matthew Bourgeois  
Ben Thompson

SLB  
MLW  
CL  
HP

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

- 1) 6:00PM Pledge of Allegiance
  - a) Chairman Philbrick allows Daniel Norwood to speak before his scheduled agenda item slot because Mr. Norwood has a prior commitment to attend to.
  - b) Mr. Norwood questions the handling of the library event on 10-15-2022. (The event in which the Librarian was hosting and invited Mr. Norwood to attend and help. The purpose of the event was to help older adults fill out the application for Property Tax Stabilization) Mr. Norwood questions the reasons for canceling the event stating it was not a political event but instead an event to help senior citizens. Vice Chairman Duprie in conversation with MMA and ethics explained that because the event wasn't clearly outlined who was holding the event that there was a question where taxpayer dollars were going to be spent. He also explains that the advertising of the event has very strong political bias.
  - c) Vice Chairman Duprie reads into the record his "statement" formally asking to be removed as lead of the marijuana project.
- 2) Public Hearing
  - a) Dozia Farms- CANCELED
- 3) Department Head
  - a) NONE
- 4) 6:42PM Public Participation
  - a) Deborah Wilson- Meet the candidates Sunday, October 23 at 6-8PM at Trains Tavern.
    - i) Trunk or Treat October 29, at Salmon Falls Campground at 5:30PM. The campground requesting for it to be a drive-thru event.
    - ii) Beggars' night is October, 30<sup>th</sup> put on by Jeff Adams on his road here in Lebanon.
    - iii) Haunted Mansion located on TM Wentworth Rd
    - iv) School House Lane has a light show walk called NYTE
    - v) Carol Harris on Oak Hill Road has animated figures and candy.
    - vi) There is an active shoot training in New Hampshire. It is put on by the Department of Homeland Security.

- vii) Ms. Wilson mentions that she has acquired a shed turned into a farmstand for the food donations she collects for the people of the town. Eddie B's towing is willing to help transport it for her.
- b) Chris Gilpatrick- clarifies that the NYTE walk is up on Prospect Hill and not on School House Lane. He asks the board the following questions:
  - i) What are the steps to occupancy permit?
  - ii) Why aren't there any culverts on Dixon
  - iii) Are there any driveway permits for Dixon?
  - iv) Why is the road commissioner having the brush cut on Dixon Road? Why not cut the brush on Center Road?
  - v) What's going on with the Fire Station addition? Can it be used? Are there building permits and inspections?
  - vi) Why is the town paying for roadside mowing in October? Mowing Shapleigh?
- c) Matthew Bourgeois- hasn't heard from the Marijuana Enforcement officer after trying to reach out.

#### 5) 7:00PM Agenda Items

- a) Selectman Walsworth requeues himself and leaves the room because of upcoming discussion about
- b) Scott Couture-Dozia Farms Cultivation license- Mr. Couture because the town does not have an active marijuana enforcement officer the town cannot sign off on licenses and inspections. July 14<sup>th</sup> paperwork was submitted, walkthrough was on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. 1-million-dollar insurance bond was a delay, then delay after delay after delay. Mr. Couter is pleading for a resolution.
- c) Brett Scott- marijuana- Trying to open a facility in Lebanon in the same building as Dozia Farms. It is completely separated off from the Dozia Farms. They are trying to establish a packaging facility. OCP sees it as regular caregiver activity with zero canopy. Asking for guidance on who to contact with the operations of the business.
- d) 4x4 – Vermontster -11/5 event- The selectboard will address this in public hearing next week 10-27. It will be a one-day event with no music.
- e) **7:25PM Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to accept the BYOB permit for the 4x4 Vermonter event on 11/5. Chairman Philbrick seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

#### 6) Unfinished Business

- a) Install lights at Park and Ride on 202- Tuesday the poles are to be delivered
- b) Performance reviews- COMPLETED/REMOVE
- c) Covid Funds- NOVEMBER
- d) Transfer Station- Selectman Walsworth as the board to come together with a list of what they would like Pat Smith to look at and what direction to move in. Vice Chairman Duprie mentions that we should be looking into establishing the committee again. Requesting to put on the agenda for 10/27 and how to establish the committee.
- e) Ethics Complaints- NOVEMBER
- f) Foreclosure Property and Station 2- Separating to two different items

- g) Snowplowing contract- REMOVE
- h) Fire Station 1- Selectman Walsworth, Chief, and Selectwoman Boucher will be meeting with engineer firm on 10-25 to discuss scope of work for renovating Station 1 along with building a new station.
- i) 7:51 Chief Flynn calls in to ask if he is needed to discuss direction of the fire station and answer questions. The board respectfully appreciates his input but are satisfied at the time.

7) Individual Selectman Issues

- a) Selectman Lizotte- Mentions Goding Road is washing out driveway claims it is not the responsibility of the town. Smith Road has three beaver damns flooding the lawn. The homeowners are having the beaver damns removed.
- b) Selectman Walsworth- An update of Fielding's and that they are moving forward with the bulk tank.
- c) Selectwoman Boucher- Solar proposal from Revision Energy, looking into other places as well.
- d) Vice Chairman Duprie- none
- e) Chairman Philbrick- Union negotiations are on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  - i) Used car dealer uses dealer plates for their vehicles and what a dump sticker. They cannot obtain a dump sticker because they're car registrations are not town registrations which by ordinance is the only way to obtain a license. Follow up with the suggestion to look into it.
  - ii) The board agrees to continue the scheduled workshop for October 22, at 8AM.
  - iii) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to post the four fire trucks on the website for auction for three weeks of times. Selectman Walsworth seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passes.**
  - iv) A warden for the upcoming election on November 8, 2022 is \$300.00 plus \$100.00 for training and consultation.
  - v) **Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to pay the November 8, 2022 Election Warden a stipend of \$300.00, plus an additional \$100.00 stipend for increase training and consultation due to the 1<sup>st</sup> time election experience by the Town Clerk and Registrar of voters. Vice Chairman Duprie seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
  - vi) The board addresses Mr. Gilpatrick questions earlier in the meeting. Selectwoman Boucher will contact the Road Commissioner about any unanswered questions.

8) Review of Minutes

- a) **Vice Chairman DuPrie makes a motion to accept the minutes from September 1, 2022. Selectman Lizotte seconds the motion. vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- b) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to accept the minutes for September 8, 2022. Chairman Philbrick seconds the motion. Vote taken, Chairman Philbrick, Vice Chairman Duprie, Selectman Lizotte, and Selectwoman Boucher vote in favor, Selectman Walsworth abstains due to an excused absence during meeting, motion passed.**
- c) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to accept the minutes for October 13, 2022. Selectman Walsworth seconds the motion. Vote taken, Vice Chairman Duprie,**

Selectwoman Boucher, and Selectman Walsworth in favor. Selectman Lizotte and Chairman Philbrick abstains due to excused absences during the meeting, motion passed.

9) Paperwork

- a) Letter of request to roll over 6 hours of vacation time for office manager training on October 21, and October 25.
- b) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to accept the roll over six hours of vacation time. Chairman Philbrick seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- c) A time off request needs one more signature. The leave has already been taken.
- d) **Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to grant a partial abatement that has been granted in the amount of \$1,509.88 in property taxes and \$45.30 in outstanding interest for the 2019/2020 tax year pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. 841(2) in case 2022-1. Vice Chairman DuPrie second's motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- e) Junkyard permit for Kevin Hartford. There are 2-3 years of records on the property. Selectman Russel and Chairman Philbrick went to inspect for the initial permit.
- f) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to grant a permit for a junkyard. Selectman Walsworth seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- g) The following meeting there was a complaint from last week's selectboard meeting about the planning board meeting taken place earlier that week and the complaint has been forwarded to Vice Chairman Duprie who covers the Planning Board.
- h) Ben Thompson raises his hand to comment on a driveway on Goding Road that the town ruined when grading the road and it should be of the responsibility of the town to fix.
- i) **Selectman Walsworth makes a motion to censure Vice Chairman Duprie. Selectman Walsworth rescinds his motion.**

10) Items requiring Executive Session

- a) **8:57PM: Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters. Selectman Walsworth second's motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- b) **9:08PM Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to leave executive session. Selectman Lizotte seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- c) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to enter into public session. Selectman Lizotte seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- d) **Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to create a serial number system for all employees and confidential matters of the town. Vice Chairman Duprie seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- e) **9:13PM Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) To address a Union complaint. Selectwoman Boucher seconds the motion. Vote taken all in favor, motion passed.**
- f) **9:23PM Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to leave executive session. Chairman Philbrick seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- g) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion to return to public session. Selectwoman Boucher seconds the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.**
- h) There are conversations about "the statement" that Vice Chairman Duprie read into the record.

- i) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion that the board accept his resignation as lead of the marijuana project effective immediately. Selectman Lizotte seconds the motion. Vote taken, no one votes in favor.**
- j) Ms. Wilson raises her hand to say that Vice Chairman Duprie was not elected to be a marijuana enforcement lead on the project.
- k) **Vice Chairman Duprie makes a motion that the board accept his resignation as Selectman. No Second.**

**11) Adjournment**

- a) **9:52PM Chairman Philbrick makes a motion to adjourn. All in favor.**