

**Lebanon, Maine
Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
February 2, 2023**

Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Chairman *HP*
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED
SB Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman
Michael Walsworth – Vice Chair *MW*

Others Present

Dottie Bebris (arrived 6:50pm)

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6:08 Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to re-enter public session. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:10 Unfinished Business – the entire list was reviewed. Vice Chair Walsworth discussed the Transfer Station. He and Selectwoman Boucher met with Pat from Milton who share a lot of information and ideas. There is a Co-op that would be beneficial. Selectwoman Boucher will reach out for more information and the cost to join. Due to the costs associated with recycling, this doesn't seem feasible in the short term. There was discussion of using the \$100,000 that the voters set aside for the transfer station. Possible uses for these funds are to repair the building, the pads, road and a third compactor etc. The \$100,000 that was voted on for the Transfer Station, was not restricted to recycling. Waste Management advised that recycling was never put into the contract.

6:25 Individual Selectboard Issues – Selectwoman Boucher spoke to Civic Plus; the proposal was expensive. This should wait until next year. Vice Chair Walsworth discussed the conference call feature and what type – or lack of- controls we would have. Vice Chair Walsworth advised the public that the Mr. Russell has requested a recount. Based on the closeness of the number of votes between first place and second, this is a reasonable request. Selectman Walsworth would like everyone to know that it is not due to any of the election workers doing something wrong. Chairman Philbrick presented a request from the Treasurer/Human Resource Officer for a laptop to be able to work remotely when necessary. **Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to approve \$2,825.69 for the purchase of a laptop and services for remote work. Chair Philbrick second. Vote taken; vote carried.**

6:45 Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to sign the Fact & Findings for Randy Oakley/Vermonster 4x4. Selectwoman Boucher seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

Chair Philbrick read a letter from Drummond Wilson regarding a rate increase. The increase is \$15.00 and is the first one in 4 years. This will take effect March 1st. This will need to be considered in the legal budget for next year. Chair Philbrick was asked by Chief Flynn to let everyone know that the warming station will be available starting Friday at 5:00pm and ending on Sunday at 10:00am. This will be at the Lebanon Elementary School. The Chief was asked about liability for anyone working at the warming station. In short, Chief is authorized as the EMA officer and has authority by the State, when he has someone working in this capacity, they are then considered an employee of the State and exempt from liability.

6:53 Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to accept the minutes of January 26, 2023 as written. Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. A training request from the treasurer was signed as well as a request for time off for a staff member.

Dottie Bebris advised that there is a large pothole on River Road near the pasture.

6:55 Chair Philbrick motioned to recess until 7:30. Selectwoman Boucher seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.