

**Lebanon, Maine
Select Board
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
May 11, 2023**

Members Present

Paul Philbrick – Chairman **EXCUSED**
Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman **Arrived 6:01**
Michael Walsworth – Vice Chair
Richard Harlow III – Selectman

Others Present

Julie Curran Kevin Edwards John Bozak
Karen James Rickie Pelletier
Joey Smith Matt Leggett
Kurk Flynn Deborah Wilson
Joe Stefano Dottie Bebris

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

5:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Great Falls Construction presented their RFP Services plan. They have been contracted to prepare the RFP so that they and all others can bid the project. There was discussion as to the process and time frame. (Documents attached).

5:40 Chief Flynn discussed the informational meeting on Saturday, May 13th to discuss the proposed new Fire Station.

6:01 Selectwoman Boucher arrived.

6:05 Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to enter into an Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (A) for Fire. Selectman Harlow seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Selectman Harlow motioned to Exit the executive session. Selectwoman Boucher seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.

6:36 RE-Entered public session.

6:38 Public Participation – John Bozak of the Conservation Commission discussed a meeting with the previous board regarding a grant from the ME Forest Service. Mr. Bozak worked with a Forester and he provided a 10-year Forest Plan for the Community Forest in Lebanon. The cost is \$1500.00, one the Town pays for this, the State will reimburse \$750.00. Mr. Bozak has talked with the State and they are pleased with the plan that was submitted.

Unfinished business list was reviewed and updated.

6:41 Rick Pelletier discussed a comment made by Chairman Philbrick regarding complaints about the work of M&K Property Services when they had the mowing contract a couple of years ago. Mr. Pelletier would like to know what the issues were so that he can correct them this time. Chairman Philbrick wasn't in attendance to answer questions. Selectman Harlow motioned to address Mr. Pelletier's question. Selectwoman Boucher seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. Vice Chair Walsworth stated that Chair Philbrick only stated that there were complaints about the companies that held contracts a couple of years ago. Deborah Wilson discussed yard sales that are upcoming. Ms. Wilson updated the Board on the work at the Transfer Station. Ms. Wilson stated that there will be need to use the water and

electricity when the power washer arrives. Matt Leggett would like to have the ATV Grant be put on a ballot for a vote, so that the Board can accept grants and grant monies. Mr. Legette stated that when he bid for the Mowing Contracts, there were guidelines so he could make an informed bid. Mr. Legette feel that this is not what is being done to construct a new Fire Station. The Board is asking the voters to spend millions of dollars and there are no details as to what that money will buy.

7:00 Individual Select Board Issues – Selectman Harlow discussed his feelings of the need for a Fire Station Committee and what that would look like. Selectman Harlow discussed the Marijuana Ordinances and providing a red-lined copy. Selectman Harlow discussed an establishment in town with a tier 4 grow. They would like to be scheduled for a public hearing. The details are similar to East Coast Cannabis. Mel Warren had the license and allowed Tier One to use it for their business. This situation is similar in that Allen Gee has the license and would like to allow Sunrise Ag to use it for their business. The question is, should we allow them to proceed as was done with East Coast Cannabis? The board discussed this and stated that the public hearing could be scheduled for 6/15/23 after the Town Election. Selectman Harlow motion to schedule the public hearing on 6/15/23. Selectman Lizotte seconded. Vote taken 3 in favor (Harlow, Boucher, Lizotte). 1 abstained (Walsworth) 1 absent (Philbrick). Motion passed. Selectwoman Boucher discussed signs for ATV's. Selectman Lizotte discussed ATV complaints and the board stating they didn't want to hear from the same people. Selectman Lizotte stated that he lives on the route where they come off the power lines, so he is constantly living with the issues. Vice Chair Walsworth discussed that the Board is able to accept grants. The issue with the Grant that Mr. Leggett is addressing is that the Board would need to enter into a contract for this grant. Selectman Harlow & Lizotte do not believe that the Board has or should have this power. Vice Chair Walsworth discussed emails and the Board should not be responding to emails with the entire board addressed as this creates a quorum. Vice Chair Walsworth apologized for needing to leave the meeting before he lost his temper and broke the unity of the board.

7:50 Paper work - time off requests signed. The Board signed the Quit Claim Deeds below: (they previously addressed these at the last meeting, but there was not a Notary Present)

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The Board signed payroll change forms.

8:05 Selectman Lizotte motioned to adjourn. Selectman Harlow seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.