

**Lebanon, Maine
Select Board Workshop
Town Office Conference Room
Minutes –Meeting
April 10, 2023**

Members Present

TP Paul Philbrick – Chairman
EL Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman
Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman
MW Michael Walsworth – Vice Chair
RH Richard Harlow III - Selectman

Others Present

Kevin Edwards
Deborah Wilson

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLebanon>

6:10 PM Pledge

Vice Chair Walsworth discussed Transfer Station repair procedure issues.

Chair Philbrick discussed the cemetery bid, renewal.

Matt Leggett via call in with Vice Chair Walsworth updated the Select Board on the Baker Grant and Cemetery Road ATV access progression

6:18 PM

Agenda – Fire Station – Plan of Action

Select Board discussed the need to set a direction.

Select Board discussed various options including existing stations, new station, location, process

Select Board discussed the needs of Station 1 and proposed doing preventative maintenance using the Building Fund CIP for major repairs. Limit investment in the building to a minimum. Looking at 2 to 4 years out to keep operational.

Select Board discussed the needs of Station 2 and proposed to isolate two bays for heated storage, including wash room for fire gear. Purchasing a temporary generator to run the furnace during power outages. Potential spending of up to \$5,000. Same situation as Station 1 looking to keep operational for another 2 to 4 years.

Select Board discussed the aspects of a new fire station

2-to-4-year process

Potential location

Total estimated cost may be in the \$2.5 to \$3 million dollar range

Advantages/disadvantages of including a community center into the project

Funding options, ARPA, grants, loans, bonds

Process- selection of location, surveys, engineered concept and construction plan, site work, foundation, building

Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for April 12, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Vice Chair Walsworth to provide a referendum question for the 2023-2024 ballot

Question to include allocating ARPA funds for the initial steps of the construction of a new fire station, approximately up to \$500,000 of the \$581,784.81 of the uncommitted ARPA Funds.

Selectman Harlow recommended contacting the Senator's and Representative's offices of our State to start the process for obtaining a federal grant. Also contact our local State Representative for support and assistance.

Discussion ensued on the necessity to put the engineering work out for bid

8:11 PM

Chair Philbrick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Lizotte. Vote carried 5-0.