

# Lebanon Budget Committee

## Meeting Minutes

11-18-15

Members Present - Jeri Basko, Laura Bragg, Judy Churchard, Corinna Cole, Chris Gilpatrick, Chip Harlow, Nancy Neubert, Skip Wood

Selectmen Present - Chairperson Thompson

Dept. Heads - Mary Kinney, Rebekah Thompson, Shirley Mathews

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlow at 6:32. 11-11-15 minutes were discussed and accepted as corrected by unanimous vote 8 - 0.

### Animal Control Officer

ACO Mary Kinney presented her budget. This budget is the same as last year. The payroll taxes seemed to go in and come out of the expense detail reports. Both Mary and her Deputy Carol Harris receive \$.52/mile for travel. Phone stipends the same as last year - \$25.00/month for dumb phone, \$35.00/month for smart phone. Both Mary and Carol receive these stipends. The town is still using Kennebunk Animal Shelter but are paying per animal this year to try and keep costs down. Kennebunk charges \$100/week for cats, \$240/week for dogs. The town has an animal welfare account where town fees for dog registrations are kept. It is unclear where the account is for the fees. These funds are supposed to go towards the ACO budget.

**Total Budget: \$21,730.**

### Lebanon Festival

Rebekah Thompson presented this budget. There was some discussion about the new town gathering ordinances and how these would affect budgets of departments such as the Festival who hold events with a lot of people. Selectman Thompson said that they would waive the application fees for town departments but they would still have to provide water, portapotties, first aid and parking attendants. Since the Festival received town money last year they will not be charging Lebanon residents booth fees this year. The budget for this department is \$2,000. with \$500. of that amount being collected in donations

**Total Budget: \$1,500.**

### Summer Camp

Shirley Mathews presented her budget. Last year there were 48 children in the program. They are mandated by the state to have an 8 - 1 student/counselor ratio. The proceeds from t-shirt sales goes back to the summer camp program. They will be ordering more shirts. This program is self-funded through the camp fees. **There will be no tax appropriation for this department.**

**Total Budget: \$14,985.**

### Relief Agencies

Selectman Thompson presented this budget. The increases in this budget are due to the York County Shelter and American Red Cross. These agencies send request letters to the town asking for a certain amount in donations. There is no senior citizen lunch program at this time.

**Total Budget: \$13,408.**

### **Questions for Selectmen**

1. Payroll taxes for the ACO budgets go in and out on the expense detail reports.
2. Clarification of what account the dog registration fees go into.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday December 2. Departments that night will be Recreation, Insurance and Code Enforcement Office. Judy Churchard motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Laura Bragg. With a unanimous vote (8 - 0) the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Neubert  
11-29-15

Approved 12-2-15