

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 17, 2015

Selectmen in attendance: Ben Thompson, Paul Nadeau, Royce Heath

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### 4:00 pm – Open Meeting:

- Sue Collins approaches the Board with Assessors Certification and Commitment to Tax Commitment. Papers signed by all three Selectmen Thompson, Nadeau and Heath.
- Discussion moves to an abatement requested by a Lebanon homeowner.
- Contracts are signed by all Selectmen Thompson, Nadeau and Heath for painting and sanding the Town Hall. Contract was awarded to Pete's Precision Painting of Sanford, ME.

### 4:16 pm:

- Deborah Wilson presented an update on the EMS building and flagpole installation.

### 4:20 pm:

- Signing of paperwork continues.
- Susan Collins enters and presents an email to Chairman Thompson.

### 4:30 pm:

- Ron Sands, Northeast Pond Campers Association, along with Tim O'Malley and Dana Coull confront the Board with concerns regarding the reassessment of waterfront properties.
- Mr. Sands feels strongly that they are being discriminated against, stating they pay 6% of Lebanon's taxes.
- Chairman Thompson reminds Mr. Sands that he did speak before the group on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Chairman Thompson presented a copy of several court cases upholding the right of a Town to reassess waterfront property.
- Mr. Sands stated that they receive no services from the town for their 6% contribution.
- Chairman Thompson states the Northeast Pond Campers Association receives the same amount of services that any other Lebanon resident receives with the exception of road maintenance.

### 4:55 pm:

- Shirley Castonguay approaches the Board with an abatement request on her property for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014.
- Was assessed as a ranch in 2000 but it is actually a double wide mobile home.
- Chairman Thompson and Selectman Heath had visually inspected the property on April 2, 2015.
- It was decided to abate Ms. Castonguay on taxes paid because her double wide mobile home was assessed as a ranch.
- The Board awarded her a refund for the year 2013 in the amount of \$1,220.58 with interest of \$36.32 and for the year 2014 in the amount of \$1,254.25 with interest of \$37.63.
- She also raised questions about an abandoned mobile home that she claimed was unlivable. Chairman Thompson and Selectman Heath put a value on the unlivable mobile on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the understanding it was to be torn down or removed. The value stands as the home was there as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 5:45 pm:

- Jeanette Lemay requests approval of a purchase order to have keys made for Kathy Peterson, the new part time front desk employee.
- Ms. Lemay then brings her concerns to the Board about envelopes she has found with money designated for the Lebanon Historical Society and an envelope marked "misc revenue" in the amount of \$2.12. Although not a large amount, all monies need to be handled in the acceptable manner and apparently, these were not. Chairman Thompson assures Ms. Lemay he will look into the matter and discuss with the Board.

- Further discussion revolved around selling goods at the front desk. The Board voted to allow the Lebanon Historical Society to continue placing their publications at the front desk. A motion was made by Chairman Thompson to allow this to occur; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.

**5:57 pm:**

- Jeanette Lemay is to write an inter-office memo in regards to the proper collection of office funds for the Historical Society.

**6:10 pm:**

- CEO Mike Beaulieu informs the Board of an issue with Wiswell Builders and the paving of Moose Lane before construction began. It was agreed Wiswell will lay down the 1<sup>st</sup> layer and the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer (or finish) will be put down on completion of building.
- Mr. Beaulieu states the Planning Board would like a meeting between the Selectmen, Code Enforcement and the Town Attorney.
- He then goes on to discuss the deplorable conditions at 7 Varney Street. For all intents and purposes, it appears the building has been abandoned but there is evidence of possible squatters using the building. The electricity is still on and a tank of gold fish was present along with piles and buckets of cat feces. Animal Control Officer, Mary Kinney has been contacted.
- Mr. Beaulieu feels the building is a hazard. He was accompanied by State Police and Chief Meehan while inspecting 7 Varney Street.

**6:25 pm:**

- Motion to adjourn; all in favor.