

Lebanon, Maine Select Board  
Lebanon Elementary School  
Minutes –Meeting  
Thursday, September 26, 2019

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Members Present

Charles Russell – Chairman  
Paul Philbrick –Selectman  
Laura Bragg – Selectman  
Corinna Cole – Selectman  
Jeffrey Adams –Vice Chair (EXCUSED)

Others Present

James & Sandra Cray	Bethany Patstone
Randy Oakley	508 Productions
JT Harmon	Matt O'Connor
Kurt Zeller	Brenda Zeller
Jason Moodley	Kyle Fitzsimmons
James Duprie	Tina Sinclair
Duane Kimball	Ruth Allard
Dan Allard	Megan Ward
Cynthia Cammul	Dana Coull
Noah Tetreault	Deb Wilson

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

6:30 Meeting opened. Pledge of Allegiance.

Review Minutes – Selectman Philbrick motioned to accept minutes of 9/19/19 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken – 3 YES - Selectmen Cole, Philbrick and Russell. Selectman Adams not present. Selectman Bragg abstained as she was not present at the 9/19/19 meeting.

Proving Grounds – Discussion of 4x4 Event and Music Festival. There were several complaints regarding the Music Festival complaints from townspeople as to the noise and it continuing late in the evening. These complaints were addressed by 508 Productions and they accepted responsibility for the issues and apologized. They stated that if given the chance to have the Festival again they will go to silent music by 9:00pm on Friday and Saturday and by 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm on Sunday. They advise that they will correct the problems. There were no calls to the State Police for this event other than noise complaints.

Discussion of 4x4 Event during Labor Day weekend. Chairman Russell read the Maine State Police report in detail. The report states the call, nature of calls and outcome. Many calls regarding the Proving Grounds for various reasons; fights, injury, noise, overdose, etc. Randy Oakley addressed the State Police report and explanations for each. Mr. Oakley states that the trucks are shut down by dark. He states that they have bands but not extravagant nor large sound systems. The music is shut down by mid-night. Bands are smaller and quieter than that of music festival. States that the major assault at the facility was a female ranger who was intoxicated and having flashbacks. States all State Troopers and Security Staff were needed to control her as she was being arrested. He states that any venue would have had the same problem with this person. There was an OUI on an ATV. Mr. Oakley states that they cut a lock to gain access to the event and they were asked to leave. The State Police were waiting for them and subsequently arrested them. There was a person in a truck with an injured chin when they pulled up to the gate to enter. Mr. Oakley was at the gate and the person stated he had been assaulted. Mr. Oakley called the State Police, however the person stated that he was fine and didn't need the police. Mr. Oakley called the Police back and canceled the call. However, the next day the person filed a police report of assault. Selectmen state that in that instance, the person should not be allowed to cancel the police. Mr. Oakley agreed. James Duprie addressed the number of people allowed on the permit is far less than that of attendees. He states that it was approximately 200% more – Mr. Zeller states that he made decision to allow this. Mr. Zeller feels it is better to let them in to the

event than to send them out into Town upset. There is no ceiling on the permit. Resident raised concerns of the environmental impact. Ms. Zeller and Ms. Patstone state that there are porta-potties and they are emptied/cleaned several times over the weekend. Ms. Zeller and Ms. Patstone dispute that noise from the Proving Grounds is an issue. They feel that they are being blamed for all the noise in town and that isn't the case. Also, there were 30 people that helped clean the grounds – they invited Fire Chief in to see and Chief stated he was impressed at the cleanup. There are round the clock staff, medics, EMT's all paid for by the company. Proving grounds agrees to correct the issues – noise, decibels and bass. Ms. Patstone states that some of the noise is from other campgrounds in the area. 508 Productions states that 2 weeks prior to the music festival, there was a neighboring campground with a band. Ms. Patstone states that it is possible that people are more upset this year as there were 2 noisy events back-to-back.

7:30 Public Participation – James Duprie discussed Mass Gathering Permit and limits added to the document. Deb Wilson states that this would have to be by vote of the people.

7:33 Paperwork – Appointments, time off and purchase orders were addressed and signed. Selectman Bragg questioned why Selectman Cole is being appointed to the Cannabis Committee. Selectman Bragg feels that Selectman Cole shouldn't be taking up a spot since there is such interest in being on this committee. Selectmen Philbrick advised the BOS that they need to do a walk-thru of Kevin Hartford's property prior to signing the renewal. Selectman Russell and Selectman Philbrick will do.

7:40 Old Business – Selectman Cole update on 202 traffic light/blinking light. The State did work a year ago and they work on 3-year cycles. This is a non-issue until time allows. Selectman Philbrick discussed the cherry picker and haul truck taking metal from the Transfer Station. Chairman Russell discussed Eco Maine and getting quotes on hauling and containers. Selectman Bragg updated on the dugout as Babe Ruth. John Fortin from Babe Ruth is available to speak with anyone who would like to help with the repair of the dugout. Selectman Bragg will provide his email to Deborah Wilson as she would like to speak with him regarding volunteers that are willing to assist. Selectman Cole would like a compost area at the transfer station. Selectmen Cole states Mr. Leuchs is considering staying on the Appeals Board. Selectman Bragg motioned to set the Annual Town Meeting date as June 9, 2020. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. 4- YES Selectman Bragg, Russell, Cole and Philbrick. Selectman Adams absent. Selectman Bragg states that the BOS need to get letters to Department Heads for budget information. Selectman Bragg advised that the Budget Committee will start meeting again in January and they will need this for those meetings. Selectman Philbrick states the Budget Committee must have the numbers ready by March deadline. Also, discussed Highway and the plowing and sanding bids. Chairman Russell discussed Mite Jo expansion and Milton asking for our input and support. This would be a significant impact on Lebanon Roads and the bridge if/when finished.

(Vice Chair Adams entered during this time)

8:13 Public Participation – Deb Wilson advises that there is a 30-unit condo complex being built over near Mite Jo as well and that will only add to the road issues. The Lake is already at a low rating as it is in danger. Discussion of dangerous curve at Union School and Smit Road – Selectman Philbrick advises that it is owned in part by Sanford. Chairman Russell will reach out to Sanford Road Dept. for discussion of a warning sign. Discussion of upcoming Trunk-or-Treat on 10/26 and Craft Fair on 11/2. Also, the Noble cross-country team is having a Trunk-or-Treat on 10/30 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Vice Chairman Adams motioned to adjourn. Selectman Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.