SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 1, 2016
MINUTES

A special town meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at the town meetings of the Town of Lebanon was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Lyman Memorial High School 917 Exeter Road. Audience 11.

First Selectman Betsy Petrie called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Betsy Petrie then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by John Bendoraitis seconded by David Scata, to appoint Brian Green as moderator.

Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by John Bendoraitis, seconded by Betsy Petrie, to wave the reading of the call of the meeting.

Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Betsy Petrie seconded by Brian Kuerbitz to bring item 1 to the floor. “Consider and act upon authorizing the transfer of $40,000.00 from Fund Balance to Fund 200, capital account 220-00-430-2786-0030-0001 for the Public Works Garage Site Assessment.”

Board of Finance Chairman, David Scata, stated that this transfer had been previously approved by the Board of Finance for remediation costs associated with the Public Works Garage and site.

Moderator Green called the question: “Consider and act upon authorizing the transfer of $40,000.00 from Fund Balance to Fund 200, capital account 220-00-430-2786-0030-0001 for the Public Works Garage Site Assessment.” Vote called – Motion Passed

Moved by Betsy Petrie, seconded by David Scata to bring item 2 to the floor. “Consider and act upon approving the transfer from the Fund Balance to the Town Vo Ag Equipment account 100-00-000-2289-0000, to close out the deficit of $27,749.00 in the Board of Education Vo- Ag grant.”

Board of Finance Chairman, David Scata, stated that this deficit has been outstanding for a number of years and it was the recommendation of the town auditor to transfer these funds to the Town Vo Ag Grant to close out this deficit.

Moderator Green called the question: “Consider and act upon approving the transfer from the Fund Balance to the Town Vo Ag Equipment account 100-00-000-2289-0000, to close out the deficit of $27,749.00 in the Board of Education Vo- Ag grant.” Vote called: Motion passed.

Moved by Betsy Petrie seconded by John Bendoraitis to bring item 3 to the floor. “Consider and act upon authorizing the entrance by the Town into a lease-purchase agreement in a principal amount not to exceed one hundred five thousand dollars and no cents ($105,000.00) to finance costs related to the acquisition of a 2016 CAT Backhoe, for use by the Town of Lebanon Public Works Department, to authorize the First Selectman to determine the lease-purchase financing provider, to accept and determine the amount, date, interest rate, term and other details of the financing under the lease-purchase agreement, and to take other actions as may be necessary or expedient in connection with the fulfillment of the provisions of the lease-purchase agreement and related transactions; to make certain declarations and to authorize the First Selectman to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of the interest portion of payments under the lease-purchase agreement, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and to authorize the First Selectman and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action and to enter into any other agreements which are necessary or desirable to complete the project and to finance the project through the lease-purchase agreement.”

First Selectman Betsy Petrie stated these funds had previously been set aside for this purchase. This is the language necessary to authorize the First Selectman to engage in this lease obligation.
Moderator Green called the question: "Consider and act upon authorizing the entrance by the Town into a lease-purchase agreement in a principal amount not to exceed one hundred five thousand dollars and no cents ($105,000.00) to finance costs related to the acquisition of a 2015 CAT Backhoe, for use by the Town of Lebanon Public Works Department, to authorize the First Selectman to determine the lease-purchase financing provider, to accept and determine the amount, date, interest rate, term and other details of the financing under the lease-purchase agreement, and to take other actions as may be necessary or expedient in connection with the fulfillment of the provisions of the lease-purchase agreement and related transactions; to make certain declarations and to authorize the First Selectman to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of the interest portion of payments under the lease-purchase agreement, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and to authorize the First Selectman and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action and to enter into any other agreements which are necessary or desirable to complete the project and to finance the project through the lease-purchase agreement."

Vote called: Motion passed

Moved by Betsy Petrie, seconded by John Bendoraitis to bring item 4 to the floor. "Consider and act upon authorizing the re-commitment of the remaining balance of $60,532.98 in the Lake Williams account 100-00-000-2269-0000 for town-related expenses associated with Lake Williams."

First Selectman Betsy Petrie stated the town auditor recommends that the balance for the Lake Williams Dam Account be recommitted since the town has a liability to maintain the dam. The money in this account was paid by the property owners around the lake. The funds would serve to maintain the properties surrounding the dam, to make sure the dam is secure, and the eradication of milfoil.

Moderator Green called the question: "Consider and act upon authorizing the re-commitment of the remaining balance of $60,532.98 in the Lake Williams account 100-00-000-2269-0000 for town-related expenses associated with Lake Williams."

Vote called: Motion passed

Moved by John Bendoraitis, seconded by Betsy Petrie to bring item 5 to the floor. "Consider and act upon authorizing the transfer of the remaining balance of $31,361.93 plus accumulated interest from the WPCA Amston Lake construction account, 229-00-000-4399-0000 to the WPCA Amston Lake assessment account, 236-00-000-4399-0000."

John Bendoraitis, WPCA Member and Treasurer stated the funds remaining in the account is from the construction phase of the project. As this phase has since completed, it is recommended that this balance be transferred to the WPCA assessment account which would be used towards repayment of the USDA Loan.

Moderator Green called the question: "Consider and act upon authorizing the transfer of the remaining balance of $31,361.93 plus accumulated interest from the WPCA Amston Lake construction account, 229-00-000-4399-0000 to the WPCA Amston Lake assessment account, 236-00-000-4399-0000."

Vote called: Motion passed.

Moved by Betsy Petrie, seconded by David Scata to bring item 6 to the floor. "Consider and act upon approving New Transfer Station fees."

Chairman of the Solid Waste Commission, David Geligoff, reported that the company taking the tires for the Town has raised their fees. With the current fees being charged for tire disposal at the Transfer Station, this has resulted in a loss for the town. The Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen a fee increase to $2.00 (from $1.50) for passenger tire vehicles, and a fee increase to $15.00 (from $6.00) for truck tires. The Transfer Station will no longer accept Loader/Tractor/Off-Road Tires at the facility.

Moderator Green called the question: "Consider and act upon approving New Transfer Station fees."

Vote called: Motion passed. (A copy of the approved fees follows these minutes)

Moved by John Bendoraitis, seconded by David Scata to adjourn at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Wieczorek, CTC
Assistant Town Clerk