

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 2, 2016**

MINUTES

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Lebanon, Connecticut, was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut.

Number in Attendance: 98

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Petrie then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Liz Charron seconded by Phil Johnson to nominate Brian Green as Moderator.

Rick Nelson moved to close nominations. Vote called - motion passed.

Moderator Green reviewed Town Meeting rules and protocol.

Moved by, seconded by Betsy Petrie, seconded by Liz Charron to wave the reading of the warning of the meeting. Vote called - motion passed.

Moved by Al Vertefeuille seconded by Bert Bosse' to bring Item 1 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon approving the proposed 2016–17 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Lebanon in the amount of twenty five million three hundred twenty six thousand four hundred forty four dollars and no cents (\$25,326,444.00) for the General Town Government, Board of Education, Special Revenue Accounts and Capital Expenditures with Revenue Estimates of seven million two hundred forty nine thousand four hundred sixty dollars and no cents (\$7,249,460.00) and the remainder to be raised by taxes with an estimated mil rate of 28.9 mils, representing a 0.9% increase”.* Vote called – motion passed.

Board of Finance Chairman, David Scata, presented the 2016-2017 proposed budget. Superintendent of Schools, Robert Angeli, presented the Board of Education Budget. *(A copy of the proposed FY 2016-17 budget follows these minutes).*

Moved by Kevin Cwikla, seconded by Betsy Petrie to call the question: *“Consider and act upon approving the proposed 2016–17 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Lebanon in the amount of twenty five million three hundred twenty six thousand four hundred forty four dollars and no cents (\$25,326,444.00) for the General Town Government, Board of Education, Special Revenue Accounts and Capital Expenditures with Revenue Estimates of seven million two hundred forty nine thousand four hundred sixty dollars and no cents (\$7,249,460.00) and the remainder to be raised by taxes with an estimated mil rate of 28.9 mils, representing a 0.9% increase”.* Vote called – motion passed.

Moved by Betsy Petrie, seconded by Phil Johnson to vote upon the FY 2016-17 budget by paper ballot. Vote called – Yes 39; No 40. Motion failed.

Moderator Green called the question by show of hands: *“Consider and act upon approving the proposed 2016–17 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Lebanon in the amount of twenty five million three hundred twenty six thousand four hundred forty four dollars and no cents (\$25,326,444.00) for the General Town Government, Board of Education, Special Revenue Accounts and Capital Expenditures with Revenue Estimates of seven million two hundred forty nine thousand four hundred sixty dollars and no cents (\$7,249,460.00) and the remainder to be raised by taxes with an estimated mil rate of 28.9 mils, representing a 0.9% increase”.* Vote called: Yes 87; No 5; Abstentions 0. Item 1 Passed

Moved by Al Vertefeuille seconded by Liz Charron to bring Item 2 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon approving the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.”*

First Selectman Petrie explained the line items in the proposed FY 2016-2017 Local Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Petrie further explained that in order to apply for grants under the State of Connecticut CIP, the municipality must have a program in place that is approved at annual town meeting. *(A copy of the proposed FY 2016-2017 CIP follows these minutes).*

Moved by Kevin Cwikla, seconded by Bob Slate to call the question: *“Consider and act upon approving the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.”* Vote called - Item 2 Passed

Moved by Al Vertefeuille seconded by Bert Bosse' to bring Item 3 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon revising the Ordinance for Establishment of the Water Pollution Control Authority.”*

First Selectman Petrie explained that since the development of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) it has become more challenging to maintain quorum. The Board is large and have been unsuccessful in filling vacancies. The Selectmen has looked at the work the Board does in relation to the work that is necessary it must do now, and it is not as significant as it was when the Board was first formed several years ago. It is recommend this evening to modify the ordinance that would decrease the size of the Board. *(A copy of the proposed Ordinance follows these minutes).*

Moved by Phil Johnson, seconded by Betsy Petrie to call the question: *“Consider and act upon revising the Ordinance for Establishment of the Water Pollution Control Authority.”*
Vote called – Item 3 passed

Moved by Ed Tollmann seconded by Kevin Cwikla to bring item 4 to the floor. *“Consider and act on authorizing the transfer of \$251,053.96 in Capital Account 220-00-430-2789-0030-0000 (Roads and Bridges Improvement Plan) to the newly established Fund 244 (Roads and Bridges Project.”*

Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance Liz Charron explained that for the current FY year, in Capital \$260,000.00 was put aside for Roads and Bridges. At the referendum, there was the question whether the Town wanted to bond for the Roads and Bridges projects. When putting the budget together, it was not known whether the Roads and Bridges project would be approved at referendum. The Board of Finance put aside \$260,000.00 into capital with the full intention that if the project was approved at referendum, the dollars would be moved from capital to the newly created fund that will be used to account for that project. The Board of Finance is asking this evening to vote upon this item to shift the dollars from capital to the new fund that is already being used to work on the Roads and Bridges.

Moderator Green called the question: *“Consider and act on authorizing the transfer of \$251,053.96 in Capital Account 220-00-430-2789-0030-0000 (Roads and Bridges Improvement Plan) to the newly established Fund 244 (Roads and Bridges Project.”*
Vote called - Item 4 Passed

Moderator Green moved to bring Item 5 to the floor. *“Consider any other business proper to come before said meeting.”*

First Selectman Petrie thanked the audience for attending and participating at tonight's meeting, and also acknowledged the many volunteers that serve the Town.

First Selectman Petrie presented a plaque to Ed Tollman in recognition for his years of service as Town Meeting Moderator.

Moved by Jason Hoffman seconded by Phil Johnson to adjourn at 8:47 P.M.

Vote called: Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Wiczorek CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2016 – 2017 (CIP)

To enable the town to apply for grants under the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program, the municipality must have an approved Capital Improvement Program. Below is a list of those items which are proper for that program.

- Project #1: Reconstruct drainage, reclaim and repave Bascom Road. Project costs include design and construction.
Estimated cost: \$900,000 Project to be completed in 2016-17
- Project #2: Replace the culvert under Chappell Road on the Susquetonscut Brook with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$520,000 Project to be completed in 2017-18
- Project #3: Replace the culvert under Tobacco Street on Brousseous Brook with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$565,000 Project to be completed in 2017-18
- Project #4: Replace the bridge over Exeter Brook on Goshen Hill Road with new structure.
Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$572,000 Project to be completed in 2018-19
- Project #5: Construct Public Works Facility in new location including vehicle and equipment storage, vehicle repair, salt/sand storage and office. Study Committee presently gathering design and cost estimates.
Estimated cost: \$5,000,000 Project to be considered in 2017-18
- Project #6: Replace the culvert under Bender Road with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$289,000 Project to be completed in 2018-19
- Project #7: Replace the culvert under Olenick Road with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$259,000 Project to be completed in 2019-20
- Project #8: Replace the culvert under Card Street with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$266,000 Project to be completed in 2019-20
- Project #9: Replace the culvert under Church Road with new pipe structure. Estimate includes design and construction costs.
Estimated cost: \$260,000 Project to be completed in 2019-20

Approved this 22nd day of April, 2016.
Lebanon Board of Selectmen

Betsy Petrie
First Selectman

Glen Coutu
Selectman

John A. Bendoraitis, Jr.
Selectman

**A REVISED ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Section 1

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 103 of the C.G. S., there shall be a Board of commission within and for the Town of Lebanon known as the "Lebanon Water Pollution Control Authority" (hereafter "WPCA").

Section 2

The original WPCA composed of seven (7) members shall now be modified to consist of five (5) members appointed as follows, those currently serving shall complete their terms: The WPCA shall be composed of five (5) members who shall be electors of the Town of Lebanon and who shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Initially, the Board shall appoint two (2) members to serve three (3) years; two (2) members to serve two (2) years; and one (1) member to serve one (1) year with subsequent appointments for three-year terms. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

Section 3

The WPCA shall elect a Chairman and Secretary from its membership; adopt by-laws governing the conduct of its meetings; and may employ an agent or other employees to carry out its duties. The WPCA shall maintain accurate accounts and financial records and render an annual report and others as requested by the Selectmen.

Section 4

The WPCA shall adopt rules and regulations concerning connections to any sewage system giving due consideration to capacity and existing connections and shall also establish fair and reasonable rates for said connections and use of the system after a public hearing as set forth in Section 7-255 of the C.G.S.

Section 5

The members shall serve without compensation. Members are expected to attend all Regular and Special meetings as duly warned. Absences exceeding fifty (50) percent of the warned meetings shall be grounds for removal. A member of the WPCA may also be removed for neglect of duty or misconduct in office by the Selectmen. A member shall be removed only after the opportunity to be heard in person or through counsel before the Selectmen at least ten (10) days prior to which he shall have been given a copy of the charges. The findings thereon shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lebanon.

Section 6

This ordinance shall supersede all previous ordinances related to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.