

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2013
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 6, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Number in Attendance: 155

First Selectman Joyce R. Okonuk called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Al Vertefeulle, seconded by Jan Van Woerkom to nominate Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called - motion passed.

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Robert Slate to wave the reading of the warning of the meeting. Vote called - motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Phil Johnson to bring item 1 to the floor *“Consider and act upon the proposed 2013–14 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Lebanon in the amount of twenty three million five hundred nineteen thousand five hundred twenty six dollars and no cents (\$23,519,526.00) for the General Town Government, Board of Education, Special Revenue Accounts and Capital Expenditures with Revenue Estimates of seven million two hundred seventy three thousand one hundred fifty eight dollars and no cents (\$7,273,158.00) and the remainder to be raised by taxes with an estimated mil rate of 23.9 mils, representing a 3.45% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes”.*

Liz Charron, Chairman of the Board of Finance, explained the proposed 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget, and Glen Coutu, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance explained the Proposed Capital Budget. Charron further explained that the proposed mil rate of 23.9 mils would increase taxes by \$60 for a property with a \$200,000 assessment.

(a copy of the proposed FY 2013-14 budget and proposed capital budget follows these minutes)

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 1 passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Kevin Cwikla to bring item 2 to the floor *“Consider and act upon approving the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.”*

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk explained the line items as listed in the proposed FY 2013-14 Local Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. Okonuk further noted that in order to apply for grants under the State of Connecticut CIP, the municipality must have a program approved at the annual town meeting in place.

(A copy of the proposed FY 2013-14 CIP follows these minutes)

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 2 passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Phil Johnson to bring item 3 to the floor
“Consider and act upon An Ordinance Concerning the Recovery of Fees Due to the State of CT for Delinquent Motor Vehicle Taxes.”

Tax Collector Joyce Hofmann spoke to the question as follows. Under Connecticut State Statutes, the Town of Lebanon is required to report delinquent motor vehicle taxes to the Motor Vehicle Department. The Town is also required to pay to participate in this mandatory program. The proposed ordinance will allow the Town to recover some of the fees paid to the state by assessing a \$2.00 fee on all delinquent property tax or installment thereof on a motor vehicle and whose delinquency has been reported to the Motor Vehicle Department.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 3 passed

Consider any other business proper to come before said meeting.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance were questioned why the budget was not sent to Referenda.

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk responded as follows. We are a Town Meeting form of government. All issues to come before the town may be decided through Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen’s decision to bring the Proposed FY 13/14 Budget to a Town Meeting vote was due in part to the low attendance at the Budget Public Hearing, the low proposed mil rate increase, and the lack of public feedback on the budget.

Moved by Keith Laporte, seconded by Norm Leclerc to adjourn at 9:00 PM.
Vote called ---Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu CCTC
Town Clerk