

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2021 — 5:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES**

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2.0 Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 Correspondence

3.1 Monthly Letter from Troop K

The Selectmen reviewed the monthly letter.

3.2 Police Activity Report

The Selectmen reviewed the activity report.

4.0 Financials

4.1 Monthly budget reports

The Selectmen reviewed the reports.

5.0 Fire Department Report

Chief J. Schall stated LVFD responded to 65 calls for service, approximately two per day. He said several have been concurrent calls. Of 720 calls last year, there were only 5 calls where the LVFD were unable to respond. He said the LVFD may do a pro-seat belt initiative or PSA due to recent fatal accidents with potentially avoidable deaths. He stated the ice on the lakes is very, very dangerous. He also stated the LVFD will be purchasing a small truck using their own company funds.

6.0 Consent Agenda

G. Coutu asked to strike item 6.5 B from the Consent Agenda.

G. Coutu MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

6.1 *Proclamation celebrating centennial birthday of David Chesmer on March 6, 2021*

6.2 *Appointments*

a. *Appointment of Rachel Archer to the Recreation Commission, with a term to expire 02/01/2022*

6.3 *Resignations*

a. *Acknowledgement of the resignation of Scott McCall from the Board of Assessment Appeals, effective February 4, 2021*

6.4 *Approval of Tax Refunds*

ROSSBAUM ELIZABETH K	\$312.78
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$184.15

LERTETA LLC	\$1613.75
NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS	\$3237.64

6.5 Approval of Minutes

Approve the following minutes:

- a. Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. ~~Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Special Meeting~~
- c. Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Special Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Special Meeting

K. Smith *SECONDED*.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.0 New Business

Discuss and act upon:

7.1 Lake Williams Milfoil Contract

Tony Tyler, Kim Kavana, and Diane Marquis of the Friends of Lake Williams discussed the ongoing milfoil issues at the lake. T. Tyler said the weeds are causing problems with water quality. She also presented the latest milfoil treatment contract which the Town and FLW have split the costs of previously. K. Cwikla asked V. Belles how much money is left in the fund from the dam construction's now defunct special tax district. They discussed the pending dam inspection report and costs. B. Petrie suggested a special meeting to just discuss Lake Williams issues. T. Tyler suggested the Town start the process of creating a budgeted line item for lake maintenance. The Selectmen said they were unsure if there would be broad support town-wide for that. T. Tyler made the case that damage to the lake ecosystem could harm home values on the lake which would affect the town's tax base. K. Cwikla said they need to make the case at a Town Meeting. They discussed funding at the \$6,375 figure used previously or a 50 percent match (over \$7,000) as requested by the FLW.

B. Petrie *MOVED* that the First Selectman sign a contract with Solitude Lake Management for \$6,375 with funds to come from the Lake Williams Fund. K. Cwikla *SECONDED*.

K. Smith suggested investigating funds related to open space and conservation.

MOTION CARRIED 4:1

K. Smith voted nay. She stated she supports open space and conservation and would have supported the 50 percent match. B. Petrie said there needs to be a strategy with all three lakes going forward.

7.2 Stormwater Monitoring Contract

B. Petrie *MOVED* to authorize the 2021 stormwater inspection agreement with Anchor Engineering. K. Smith *SECONDED*.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.3 Community Center electrical quotes

The Selectmen reviewed quotes for electrical work at the Community Center needed for the temporary library location.

B. Petrie MOVED award to Stula Enterprises for work \$6530 with funds to come from the Community Center fund. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.4 Hiring a part-time library aide

Matt Earls stated the Library Board of Trustees would like to fill a vacancy for a part-time library aide and had selected a candidate to recommend to the Board of Selectmen for hiring.

B. Petrie MOVED to hire Gwen Haaland as a part-time library aide, effective March 8, 2021, at a rate of \$14.03. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.5 Hiring a senior van driver

D. Battye said the demand for transportation has increased, but she currently only has one driver and had interviewed a candidate to take on some shifts.

K. Smith MOVED to hire Penny McComiskey effective March 8, 2021, at rate of \$14.23 per hour. B. Petrie SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.6 Uncas Health District request for payment

B. Dennler explained that the Uncas Health District has requested payment from the Town as a 10 percent share of the Town's CRF allocation for the July 1 through December 30 period. While Town health departments were eligible for reimbursement and their funds covered by the allocation, regional health districts were not. Therefore, the Uncas Health District was requesting a portion of their municipalities' CRF allocation to cover expenses related to the pandemic.

K. Cwikla MOVED to grant Uncas the allocation of \$5,295.60. B. Petrie SECONDED.

K. Cwikla praised the work of Uncas Health and their assistance in navigating the COVID19 pandemic. G. Coutu asked where the funding would come from. V. Belles said it would come from Fund 248 and that there is enough money between the CRF allocation, the previous reimbursement, and Board of Finance allocations to cover future expenses.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

K. Cwikla MOVED to grant Uncas a one-time allocation of \$5,295.60 from Fund 248 for COVID expenses based on the CRF allocation period July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. B. Petrie SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

7.7 Approve TIP funding for repair of wiring at Public Works

D. Hunniford discussed an issue with electrical wiring and possible lightning strikes that predated him. He said an electrician had come to perform the work as scheduled by the previous facilities director. The Selectmen discussed the history of the issue. They agreed to not approve

the work at this time and to give D. Hunniford more time to investigate pricing and other possible solutions.

NO ACTION TAKEN

G. Coutu MOVED to adjourn the order of agenda and add "Approval of Minutes" as Item 8.0. K. Cwikla SECONDED.

8.0 Approval of Minutes

B. Petrie MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Special Meeting. K. Smith SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 4:0 with G. Coutu abstaining

B. Petrie MOVED to adjourn the order of agenda and add "Reappointment of Conservation and Agriculture members" as Item 9.0. K. Smith SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0

9.0 Reappointment of Conservation and Agriculture Members

G. Coutu MOVED to reappoint Marc Lang, Keith LaPorte, and Alton Blodgett to the Conservation and Agriculture Commission with terms to expire 4/1/2024. B. Petrie SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0

10.0 Old Business

Discuss and act upon:

10.1 Town Email Address Policy

B. Dennler presented a proposed email address policy following the FOIA concerns discussed previously. He asked the Board for guidance on whether to include appointed officials or just elected officials and noted the Selectmen have greater ability to enforce the policy on appointed officials. B. Petrie said she supports town email addresses for all elected and appointed offices. She said the policy may need to state that Town can monitor these addresses. B. Dennler said he would bring pricing to the next meeting for the annual cost of all elected officials vs all elected and appointed officials.

NO ACTION TAKEN

10.2 2021-2022 Budget

D. Hunniford proposed moving the sweeper and the replacement of a truck into the capital request for 21-22. He said the current mechanic's truck could be retired, the Public Works Director's vehicle could become the mechanic's truck, and the Public Works Director would use the new, smaller vehicle.

B. Petrie MOVED to support the First Selectman presenting the budget as discussed to the Board of Finance. G. Coutu SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11.0 Executive Session

B. Petrie MOVED to enter Executive Session at 7:00 PM and to invite attorney Catherine Marrion to participate. G. Coutu SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11.1 Executive Session: Strategy and Negotiations regarding Lebanon Green Litigation

Executive Session began at 7:00 PM and ended at 8:05 PM.

12.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard W. Dennler III

Administrative Assistant

A Proclamation

By the Lebanon Board of Selectmen

Whereas: David Chesmer was born at home on March 6, 1921 in Cheltenham England;

Whereas: David served in the Royal Air Force during World War II as a pilot of a Vickers Wellington long range bomber, flying nighttime missions from North Africa across the Mediterranean Sea to the coast of Greece and Italy;

Whereas: David, after the war, attended the National Institute of Rubber Technology and was a member of the school's original class graduating in 1951 with a degree in chemical engineering specializing in rubber and plastics technology;

Whereas: David emigrated in 1954 from England to Canada with his family on the last voyage of the ocean liner 'Samaria', encountering a severe hurricane mid-way;

Whereas: David moved to the USA in 1955 to take a management position with Cellular Rubber Products in South Windham, which was later acquired by Roger's Corp.;

Whereas: David was instrumental in building Roger's Corp. as the sole supplier of rubber carburetor floats for over 100 million vehicles, virtually every car in the USA;

Whereas: David advanced his career at Roger's Corp. to become General Manager and then Vice President, traveling worldwide on company business;

Whereas: David, upon retirement, used his mechanical skills to start a second career as the plumber at Graywall Farms, managing all aspects of the plumbing system;

Whereas: David, after 30 years, continues to be involved in Lebanon agriculture, advising and monitoring plumbing operations as he celebrates his 100th birthday;

Therefore: **We, the Lebanon Board of Selectmen, hereby proclaim March 6, 2021 a day of celebration in honor of David Chesmer's centennial birthday. In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Lebanon to be affixed this 2nd Day of March 2021.**

Kevin T. Cwikla
First Selectman

Kathleen Smith
Selectman

Glen Coutu
Selectman

Robin Chesmer
Selectman

Betsy Petrie-McComber
Selectman