## Board of Selectmen **SPECIAL MEETING**

March 21, 2013 -7:00 PM

NOTE: Due to no room availability at Town Hall, change of meeting location was posted on Town Hall front door and meeting moved to Community Center.

## **MINUTES**

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at the Lebanon Community Center at 7:05 PM. Selectmen present included Linda Finelli and John Bendoraitis. Also present was consultant Patrick Chagnon, Resident Trooper Dave Southworth, Officer Brice Padewski, Bd of Ed Chairman Darcy Battye and Bd of Ed Facilities Chair Jim Mello.
- 2.0 Patrick Chagnon, President of Blueline Risk Management Group was invited to Lebanon by the First Selectman to provide an overview of the types of risk mitigation services his organization offers to municipalities and boards of education. The Blueline Group was established in 2009 and was the brainchild of Patrick Chagnon, a retired state police officer who has had an extensive career working with state and federal agencies. He oversees a staff of professional veterans from all aspects of the first responder community. They have worked nationally and internationally to provide physical security assessments, asset protection services and specialized training.

In light of the national concerns for school safety following Sandy Hook, and as a follow-up to a prior meeting held with school and town staff to discuss school and public building safety, Mr. Chagnon was brought in to explain the types of services that could be provided to Lebanon to assess safety in school and town buildings and to assist local staff and volunteers with the development of improvements in these areas. His firm does not sell nor do they recommend any type of specific security systems, hardware, software or equipment.

Following Mr. Chagnon's presentation and the Q&A that followed, he was asked to submit a proposal to the town with some recommendations and the costs associated with those recommendations for our review.

3.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman

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