

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
January 19, 2021 — 4:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith, Glen Coutu, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber

**Others Present:** Bernard Dennler (Administrative Assistant/Teleconference Host); Valerie Belles (Senior Accountant)

**1.0 Call to Order**

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

*B. Petrie MOVED to enter Executive Session. G. Coutu SECONDED.*

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

**2.0 Executive Session**

**2.1 Executive Session: Strategy and Negotiations regarding Lebanon Green Litigation**

Executive Session began at 4:05 PM. The Selectmen returned to public session at 5:25 PM.

**3.0 Discuss 2021-2022 Budget**

The Selectmen held preliminary discussions about the 2021-2022 budget. B. Petrie and G. Coutu expressed hesitation about keeping the request for the bucket truck and excavator. He said the need for the salt shed is more important. B. Petrie and K. Smith discussed long-term radio infrastructure upgrades and the need to tie together the DPW and Fire Department upgrade. They also discussed modifying the categorization of the “paving” budget line. G. Coutu suggested calling it the “Paving and Maintenance” account. The Selectmen agreed to revisit this the new Director of Public Works. Capital requests from the LVFD were also discussed, including SCBA replacement. K. Cwikla said there is a need for the LVFD to have a small truck as the truck they have occasionally borrowed from the Town is no longer available for that use. B. Petrie said that is not part of the request but she agrees with the need. R. Chesmer suggested the Selectmen discuss the development of walking paths to encourage economic development.

The Selectmen agreed to meet again to discuss the budget on February 18 at 4:00 PM.

**4.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin T. Cwikla  
First Selectman