

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Zoom
March 14, 2022 — 5:30 PM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Phil Chester (Town Planner); Andrew Eckman (Resident State Trooper); Bernard Dennler (Office Manager to the First Selectman)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2.0 Discuss and act on calling a special town meeting

The Selectmen discussed calling a special town meeting for Thursday, March 24 for the purpose of approving expenditure of surplus for capital items. P. Chester spoke about the need to appropriate \$20,068 from the Open Space Account for the preservation of the Andrews Farm on Cook Hill Road. This makes up the difference between the appraised value and the state's preservation offer. P. Chester said they have done this several times. R. Chesmer said it is important to do to make sure the land gets preserved and that the difference in value is a deficiency in the state's program. B. Petrie said she supports it but wishes it could have been brought forward to the Selectmen sooner.

K. Smith MOVED the following: Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-1, et seq., public notice is hereby given to the Electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Lebanon that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut, to consider and act upon the following:

1. Consider and act upon authorizing the use of General Fund Balance to fund the following capital projects:

- Replacement of Outdoor Basketball Court for \$65,000*
- 27 Breathing Apparatus Pack Replacement (incl. RITs, compressor) for \$445,000*
- Dead Tree Removal for \$60,000*
- New Fieldstone Wall at North Lebanon Cemetery for \$30,000*
- New Police Cruiser \$70,000*
- New DPW Director Truck - Ford F-250 w/Plow for \$15,000 (in addition to existing funds)*
- LES/LMS – Phase one of Asbestos Abatement tile/wall board replacement and projected contingency for \$160,000*
- New Over-Rail Mower for \$125,000*

2. Consider and act upon releasing up to \$20,068 from the capital budget Open Space Account #220-00-461-2701-0060 for the purpose of preserving 104-acre Andrews' Farm located at 234 Cook Hill Road

B. Petrie SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

3.0 Discuss and act on the hire and appointment of a constable

A. Eckman requested the Selectmen authorize the hire of a constable to replace a constable who had left the department.

K. Smith MOVED to appoint Kevin Dowd as a constable, pending the completion of all pre-employment procedures, per the non-union wage matrix. B. Petrie SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

4.0 Discuss and act on authorizing use of ARPA funds for purchase of fiber optic-related equipment

B. Dennler presented a request for ARPA funds to complete the fiber optic installation project. The funds would be used to purchase equipment including the necessary backup battery supply.

B. Petrie MOVED to authorize \$4,414.00 from ARPA for the purchase of fiber optic-related equipment from Black Rock Technology Group. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard W. Dennler III

Office Manager to the First Selectman