

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
April 21, 2020 — 4:00 PM
TOWN HALL AND TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES**

Members Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith and Glen Coutu

Others Present: Bernard Dennler (Administrative Assistant); Valerie Belles (Senior Accountant)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

2.0 Discuss and act upon tax deferment program per Governor's Executive Order

K. Cwikla said the Board of Selectmen would adopt a resolution as required by the governor's executive order for the creation of a temporary tax deferment program due to the COVID19 pandemic. K. Cwikla presented a resolution drafted by town counsel.

G. Coutu MOVED to adopt a resolution creating a tax deferment program, included as an Attachment to these minutes, as required by Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7S. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 3:0

3.0 Discuss and act upon Transfer Station operations during COVID-19

The Selectmen discussed the need to accept bulky waste at the Transfer Station while keeping employees safe. G. Coutu said he supported accepting bulky waste but did not want to put the staff at risk. K. Smith said she agreed.

G. Coutu MOVED that the Transfer Station accept bulky waste free of charge up to one pickup truck load per day per person. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 3:0

G. Coutu MOVED to enter executive session at to invite senior accountant Valerie Belles to participate by phone. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 3:0

4.0 Executive Session for purpose of discussing security, safety, and operations during COVID19 pandemic

Executive Session began at 4:12 PM and ended at 5:18 PM.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard W. Dennler III
Administrative Assistant

TOWN OF LEBANON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RESOLUTION
ADOPTION OF DEFERMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut ("Governor") declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State pursuant to General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in response to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies, the Governor issued a series of Executive Orders ("EOs") including EOs directing certain actions by municipal governments during the emergency period; and

WHEREAS, property taxation is a state function granted within certain parameters to local municipalities; and due to COVID-19 the State of Connecticut deems it necessary to make certain changes to the normal deadlines and procedures;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7S ("EO 7S"), requiring each municipality, by a vote of its legislative body, to participate in a deferment and/or low interest rate program, and specifically providing as follows:

"Suspension and Modification of Tax Deadlines and Collection Efforts:

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Chapter 204 of the Connecticut General Statutes or of any special act, charter, home-rule ordinance, local ordinance or other local law, there shall be established two programs to offer support to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents who have been economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Such programs shall be known as the "Deferment Program" and the "Low Interest Rate Program."

Each municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, by determination of its local legislative body, or, in any town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, shall participate in one or both programs and shall notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management no later than April 25, 2020, about which program or programs it is electing to participate in."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Town's legislative body under the EOs, deems participation in the Deferment Program to be in the best interests of the


Town of Lebanon, deferring payment deadlines until 3 months from the tax due date, instead of the usual one month.

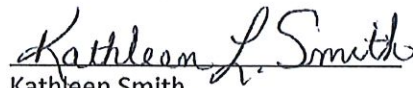
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during the period from April 1, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, the Town of Lebanon shall participate in the Deferment Program and shall offer to taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents a deferment by ninety (90) days of any and all taxes on real property, personal property, motor vehicles, water and sewer ("**Taxes**") from the time such Taxes first became due and payable; and it is

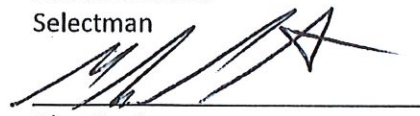
FURTHER RESOLVED, that all taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents are eligible to participate in the Deferment Program, and that no application will be required for such participation; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, as permitted under EO 7S, the Town will waive the proof of hardship requirements under the Deferment Program for taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents.


Approved by the Lebanon Board of Selectmen on April 21, 2020.


Kevin Cwikla
First Selectman


Kathleen Smith
Selectman


Glen Coutu
Selectman

I, Mary Ellen Wiczorek, the Clerk of the Town of Lebanon, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution duly adopted at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 21, 2020 and that it has not been rescinded, amended or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and effect.


Mary Ellen Wiczorek, Clerk
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April 24, 2020
Date