

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**January 14, 2019**

### **MINUTES**

A special town meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at the town meetings of the Town of Lebanon was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at Lyman Memorial High School 917 Exeter Road. Audience 14.

First Selectman Betsy Petrie called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Betsy Petrie then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Liz Charron, seconded by Kevin Cwikla to appoint Diane Malozzi as moderator.  
Vote called – Motion passed

Moderator Malozzi reviewed Town Meeting rules and protocol.

Moved by John Bendoraitis, seconded by Betsy Petrie, to wave the reading of the call of the meeting.  
Vote called – Motion passed

1. Moved by Kevin Cwikla, seconded by Vin Shea, to bring Item 1 to the floor: “Expend up to \$1,000,000 from fund balance for repairs and improvements due to damage from the September 25-26, 2018 rain event.”

First Selectman Betsy Petrie spoke to the question as follows: The town experienced up to seven inches of rain in a very short period of time on September 25-26, 2018, and continues to see remnants from this storm damage. As a result of the storm, the town lost two bridges - Randall Road and Smith Road. The town received estimates of approximately \$680,000.00 for the cost for these two bridges. The town has been continuing ongoing road maintenance since September as well. The motion this evening would allow the town to order the pre-cast box culverts that need to go into both Randall and Smith Roads. The timeline for those are approximately 90 days which is critical to get those roads fully open. The town expects to receive a portion back from FEMA. A FEMA training class was attended and the town will be eligible for FEMA funds up to 70 percent on some items, and some items will be disqualified and won't be eligible. Town Meeting is asking for funding this evening so that the town can move forward to order the products and move forward with continuing restoration in the town.

Moderator Malozzi opened the floor for questions/comments: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

2. Moderator Malozzi called the question “Expend up to \$1,000,000 from fund balance for repairs and improvements due to damage from the September 25-26, 2018 rain event.”  
Vote called: Motion carried.

Motion by John Bendoraitis, seconded by Betsy Petrie to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Wieczorek, CCTC  
Town Clerk