

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 27, 2014**

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 27, 2014 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road, (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 18

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by John Lyon, seconded by David Fields, to appoint Albert Vertefeuille as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

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

Moved by John Bendoraitis, seconded by Linda Finelli to bring item 1 to the floor. “consider and act upon the following Resolution regarding the Norwich Public Utilities Water Storage Tank:

WHEREAS, the Town of Lebanon is negotiating a lease agreement with Norwich Public Utilities for the construction and maintenance of a water storage tank on property owned by the Town of Lebanon located on the southerly side of Connecticut Route 2 near the intersection of Camp Moween Road and Lynch Road,

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Norwich Public Utilities and to appropriate said sum for the purchase of a certain piece or parcel of land from the Connecticut Department of Transportation located on the southerly side of Connecticut Route 2 and the northerly side of Lynch Road, as more particularly described in a deed from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to the Town of Lebanon dated August 7, 2013, and to authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate said purchase. Said purchase is contingent upon the execution of a lease between the Town of Lebanon and Norwich Public Utilities pertaining to said land.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$1,900 from Norwich Public Utilities and to appropriate said sum for the release by the Connecticut Department of Transportation of deed restrictions for highway purposes within the right of way for Lynch Road, and to authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate said release. Said release is contingent upon the execution of a lease between the Town of Lebanon and Norwich Public Utilities pertaining to said land.

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver a lease, as presented to the Board of Selectmen at its January 22, 2014 Special Meeting, between the Town of Lebanon and Norwich Public Utilities pertaining to the construction and maintenance of a water storage tank on property owned by the Town of Lebanon located on the southerly side of Connecticut Route 2 near the intersection of Camp Moween Road and Lynch Road, and to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate said lease transaction.

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. The Town of Lebanon has been working on this project with Norwich Public Utilities since 2010. There have not been, nor will there be any expenses incurred by the town regarding this project, as NPU has been, and will continue to be responsible for all project costs. Part of the project plan is for the installation of a fire hydrant and radio tower for the Fire Departments use. The Board of Selectmen have reviewed and fully support the project, which is expected to be completed in 2015.

Town Planner Phil Chester stated that the Inland Wetlands Commission, Planning and Zoning, Economic Development Commission and Lebanon's Town Engineer Brandon Handfield have reviewed and support the project.

Representatives from Norwich Public Utilities gave a presentation of the project. (a copy follows these minutes)

Moderator Vertefeuille called the question.
Vote called- Item 1 passed.

Moved by Joyce Okonuk, seconded by John Lyon to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu CCTC
Lebanon Town Clerk