

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2012
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, August 20, 2012 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road, (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 11

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 Bob Slate, seconded by Tom Conley to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator.
Vote called – Motion passed

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

Moved by Joyce Okonuk, seconded by John Bendoraitis to bring item 1 to the floor. *(Consider and act upon authorizing funding for increased construction costs of up to fifteen thousand dollars and no cents (\$15,000.00) for the Tobacco Street Culvert Replacement Project, funds to come from fund balance)*

Town Engineer Brandon Handfield explained the construction budget for the Tobacco Street Culvert Replacement Project. Handfield stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that, in order to preserve the rural character of the road, wood railings be used for this construction project. The additional cost for wood railings is \$10,250.00. (a copy of the construction budget analysis follows these minutes)

Bob Slate stated that Fund Balance should not bear the additional cost of wood railings.

Moved by Bob Slate, seconded by Greg Lafontaine to amend the motion to reduce the request from \$15,000 to \$4,000. Vote called- Amendment passed

Moderator Tollmann called the question as amended. *(Consider and act upon authorizing funding for increased construction costs of up to four thousand dollars and no cents (\$4000.00) for the Tobacco Street Culvert Replacement Project, funds to come from fund balance)* Vote called – Item 1 passed as amended

Moved by Tom Conley, seconded by Bob Slate to bring item 2 to the floor. *(Consider and act upon authorizing funding for increased construction costs of up to forty one thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$41,500.00) for the Taylor Bridge Road Bridge Project, funds to come from fund balance)*

Town Engineer Brandon Handfield explained the construction budget for the Taylor Bridge Road Project. First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. To preserve the rural character of the road, the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that wood railings be used for this construction project, because Taylor Bridge Road has been proposed for scenic road status. The additional cost for wood railings is \$15,900.00.

Moved by Greg Lafontaine, seconded by Bob Slate to amend the motion to reduce the request from \$41,500.00 to \$24,000.00. Vote called- Amendment passed

Moderator Tollmann called the question as amended. *(Consider and act upon authorizing funding for increased construction costs of up to twenty-four thousand dollars and no cents (\$24,000.00) for the Taylor Bridge Road Bridge Project, funds to come from fund balance)* Vote called – Item 2 passed as amended

Moved by Bob Slate, seconded by Tom Conley to adjourn at 7:50 PM.
Vote called-motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu CCTC
Lebanon Town Clerk