

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 4, 2012**

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, June 4, 2012 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road, (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 103

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 Al Vertefeuille, seconded by Wayne Budney to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

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

Moved by Al Vertefeuille, seconded by Susan Davis to bring item 1 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon the proposed 2012–13 Fiscal Year budget for the Town of Lebanon in the amount of twenty two million eight hundred thirty thousand seven hundred seventy five dollars and no cents (\$22,830,775.00) for the General Town Government, Board of Education, and Special Revenue Funds, with Revenue Estimates of seven million one hundred twenty six thousand two hundred eighty eight dollars and no cents (\$7,126,288.00) and the remainder to be raised by taxes with an estimated mil rate of 23.6 mils, representing a 3.5% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes, and to adjourn said item to Referendum, unless such date and times are altered by the Town Meeting, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Electors and persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors, shall vote at the Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon, Connecticut”.*

Liz Charron, Chairman of the Board of Finance, explained the proposed 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. There was a lengthy debate regarding the process the Board of Finance uses to devise the budget and how they incorporated the non-binding advisory question results into their decisions. Liz Charron stated that it is the Boards responsibility/obligation to present a budget with the least impact to the taxpayers. Charron further stated that the Board of Finance has brought forward a budget that represents the needs of everyone in town.

(a copy of the proposed budget follows these minutes)

Moved by David Scata, seconded by Al Vertefeuille stop the debate.
Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by David Scata, seconded by Al Vertefeuille to call the question.
Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Joyce Okonuk, seconded by Al Vertefeuille to bring item 2 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon, if Item #1 is approved at Referendum, a Capital Reserve and Annual Capital Expense appropriation of up to nine hundred sixty nine thousand four hundred forty two dollars and no cents (\$969,442.00) of which up to two hundred fifty six thousand five hundred fifty three dollars and no cents (\$256,553.00) is to come from available unallocated or reallocated funds and the remainder to come from the 2012–13 Fiscal Year budget appropriation.”*

(A copy of the proposed Capital Budget is included within the Proposed FY 12-13 Budget.)

Moved by Al Vertefeuille, seconded by Linda Finelli to call the question.
Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Susan Davis, seconded by Jim Sinkewicz to bring item 3 to the floor.
“Consider and act upon revised user fees at the Lebanon Transfer Station”.

Ray Yarmac, Chairman of the Solid Waste Commission, explained the revised user fees as follows.

- Increase the charge for Municipal Solid Waste from \$13.50 to \$14.00 per cubic yard
- Increase the charge for Bulky Waste from \$13.50 to \$14.00 per cubic yard
- Increase the charge for Sheetrock & Shingles from \$40.00 to \$43.00 per cubic yard
- Increase the charge for Leaves, Grass & Brush from No Charge to \$2.00 per cubic yard due to hauling costs.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 3 passed

Moved by Liz Charron, seconded by David Scata to bring item 4 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon a Proposed Ordinance on Regulation of Dogs and Other Animals in the Town of Lebanon”.*

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the questions as follows. The proposed Ordinance has been passed by the other towns in the Regional Animal Control Services. The Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission supports the proposed Ordinance. Having this ordinance in place, will help to reinforce the Animal Control Officers authority.

(a copy of the proposed ordinance follows these minutes)

Moved by Betsy Petrie, seconded by David Scata to call the question.
Vote was called by a show of hands. (37 YES, 23 NO) Motion passed

Moved by John Lyon, seconded by Al Vertefeuille to adjourn at 9:20 pm.
Vote called – motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu CCTC
Lebanon Town Clerk