

**Special Town Meeting
August 8, 2011**

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 8, 2011 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road, (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 47

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 Linda Finelli, seconded by Sandra Tremblay, to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by Sandra Tremblay, to wave the reading of the call of the meeting. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Joyce Okonuk, seconded by Sandra Tremblay to bring item 1 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon authorizing the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) to borrow up to an additional three hundred fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$350,000.00) from Fund Balance for design and construction of Amston Lake Sewer Project, funds to be repaid when WPCA completes short-term borrowing, no later than December 31, 2011”.*

Discussion: Liz Charron, Chairman of the Board of Finance, spoke to the question as follows. By allowing a short term loan from Fund Balance, it will eliminate the fees involved if the WPCA obtains funding from other sources. The money will be used to fund the Amston Lake Sewer Project until short-term borrowing is completed later this year, at which time the WPCA will repay the funds to Fund Balance.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 1 passed

Moved by Sandra Tremblay, seconded by Jason Huling to bring item 2 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon the release up to forty-six thousand three dollars and seventy nine cents (\$46,003.79) from Capital Reserve Acct. #220-900-6210 (Police Car) for the purchase and equipping of a police cruiser”.*

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. The funds for the purchase and equipping of a new police cruiser are in the Capital Reserve Account. The cruiser, which will be purchased through state bid, will replace the police car now in use. When the new police car is in service, the existing one will go to public auction.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 2 passed

Moved by Sandra Tremblay, seconded by Jason Huling to bring item 3 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon releasing up to one hundred forty thousand dollars and no cents (\$140,000.00) from Capital Reserve Acct. #220-900-6306 (Highway Trucks-Plow Truck) for the purchase of an International plow truck, plow and sander for Public Works Department”.*

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. The funds for the purchase of a new plow truck are in the Capital Reserve Account. The new plow truck, which is expected to be ready by January or February of 2012, will replace the oldest plow truck now in use. The old plow truck will go to public auction. Okonuk also stated that a new sander would not be purchased.

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

Moved by Jason Huling, seconded by Sandra Tremblay to bring item 4 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon the reallocation from Capital Reserve Acct. #220-900-5314 (Highway Over-the-Rail Mower) four thousand one hundred seventeen dollars and seventy five cents (\$4,117.75); from Acct. #220-900-6303 (Highway Backhoe) eight thousand dollars and no cents (\$8,000.00); and Acct. #220-900-6316 (Highway Payloader) ten thousand dollars and no cents (\$10,000), to Acct. #220-900-6302 (Highway Pick-Up Reserve) and to release up to thirty four thousand five hundred sixty six dollars and forty six cents (\$34,566.46) from Capital Reserve, Acct. #220-900-6302 (Highway Pick-Up Reserve) for the purchase and equipping of a Highway Pick-Up Truck”.*

Board of Finance Chairman Liz Charron stated that if approved, the reallocation of monies accumulated in the aforementioned accounts and the release of funds from Capital Reserve Account Highway Pick-up Reserve will be used for the purchase and equipping of a new Highway Pick-up.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 4 passed

Moved by Joyce Ononuk, seconded by Linda Finelli to bring item 5 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon accepting and expending a USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant in the amount of fifty two thousand eight hundred seventy five dollars and no cents (\$52,875.00) and release of eight thousand eight hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$8,812.50) from Capital Reserve Acct. #220-900-5469 (Open Space Fund) for the purpose of preserving a 32-acre parcel located at 420 Oliver Road, owned by Richard and Donna Skaats”.*

Town Planner Philip Chester spoke to the question as follows. The Easement (Preservation) value of the Skaats 32 acre parcel is \$141,000. The town has received \$52,875 from a USDA/NRCS Grant, and \$8,812.50 from Connecticut Farmland Trust for this project. Town meeting is asking for approval to accept and expend these funds and the release of \$8,812.50 from Capital Reserve Account Open Space Fund for the purpose of preserving the Skaats 32 acre parcel.

Joyce Okonuk moved to amend the motion to change the parcel address to 420 Clubhouse Road.

Moderator Tollmann called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment passed.

Moderator Tollmann called the question as amended: Vote called – item 5 passed

Moved by Sandra Tremblay, seconded by Frank Malozzi to bring item 6 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon accepting and expending a Vibrant Communities Village Center Visioning and Revitalization Grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) to promote small business opportunities and historic assets in the Town Center”.*

Town Planner Philip Chester spoke to the question as follows. The Town has received a \$50,000 grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to help develop an economic development plan for Lebanon’s Town Center that will help preserve and promote the Town’s historic assets and allow for small business. Grant funds will be used to solicit community input, conduct economic and market analysis, provide expertise on how to preserve and promote Lebanon’s historic assets, and recommend alternative zoning regulations, including architectural design controls. (A copy of the Lebanon’s Village Center Planning Study follows these minutes) The majority of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Economic Development Commission have approved the project.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 6 passed

Moved by Sandra Tremblay, seconded by Jason Huling to bring item 7 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon accepting and expending a bequest from the estate of Elnor V. Imlay in the amount of eight hundred thirty seven dollars and ninety one cents (\$837.91) for the purpose of providing perpetual care of the Rev. James Fitch cemetery plot”.*

Howard Wayland, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission, spoke to the question as follows. The Reverend James Fitch burial plot is located in the Trumbull Cemetery. The inscription on the headstone, which tells Fitch’s life story, is written in Latin. It is the intention of the Cemetery Commission to use some of this bequest to translate the Latin into English, inscribe it onto a stainless steel plate and mount the plate in front of the headstone. If bequest is not accepted and expended, the funds will have to be returned to the Imlay estate.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called – item 7 passed

Moved by Joan Goba, seconded by Sandra Spedaliere to adjourn at 8:00 pm.
Vote called motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu
Town Clerk