

**Special Town Meeting
September 30, 2010**

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 Thursday, September 30, 2010 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207), Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 48

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Timothy Slate, seconded by Joyce Hofmann, to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

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

Moved by Greg Lafontaine seconded by Charles Haralson to bring item 1 to the floor ***“Consider and act upon releasing funds from the Town Capital Reserve Ambulance Replacement Fund and the Emergency Services Fund, Account # 220-900-6240 in the amount of one hundred eighty thousand dollars and no cents (\$180,000.00) to replace the town’s ambulance.”***

Glen Coutu, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance, stated that funding for the replacement ambulance would be dispersed as follows. \$120,000 in tax dollars would come from the Capital Reserve Ambulance Replacement Account, \$60,000 would come from the Emergency Services Fund Account where the funds were derived through ambulance billings.

Fire Chief John Lyon spoke to the question as follows. The present ambulance, which has been in service for five years, has had several engine repairs/problems, and is no longer dependable. The proposed replacement ambulance, which is comparable in size to our present ambulance, is a 2010 Ford demonstration model with 1,080 miles. Once funding is approved, the new ambulance should be delivered within 90 days.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Linda Finelli, seconded by John Bendoraitis, to bring item 2 to the floor ***“Consider and act upon authorizing funding for the replacement of the Mack Road Bridge over Pease Brook with cost for design and construction not to exceed two hundred twenty thousand dollars and no cents (\$220,000.00) with funds to come from Fund Balance, Account # 100-000-2290.”***

Brandon Handfield, of Anchor Engineering, spoke to the question as follows. Mack Road Bridge was deemed unsafe by the DOT, and was closed by the Town in early September. Due to the age and condition of the pipes running underneath the bridge, the bridge will have to be replaced rather than repaired. Construction is expected to begin in early November, and be completed in December.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Joyce Okonuk, seconded by Linda Finelli, to bring item 2 to the floor. ***“Consider and act upon releasing up to five thousand two hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$5,250.00) from Capital Reserve, Account #220-900-5469, Open Space, for the purpose of contributing toward the development rights purchase of the 57-acre Cyr Farm, 1038 Trumbull Highway.”***

Town Planner Philip Chester spoke to the question as follows. A 2009 Town Meeting appropriated Town funds for farmland preservation. There is currently, approximately \$160,000 in the Open Space Account. The Cyr’s development rights are valued at \$275,000. Fifty percent of the funding will come from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant awarded the town in 2009, 25% will be gifted by the Cyr family, 23% has been committed from CT Farmland Trust, which is a private non-profit organization devoted to farmland preservation, and upon approval, the town will commit 2% of the development rights cost or \$5,250.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Robert Cady, seconded by Charles Haralson, to adjourn at 7:53 PM.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan C. Coutu
Town Clerk