

**TOWN OF LEBANON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
July 1, 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, July 1, 2010 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207), Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 14

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

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Linda Finelli, seconded by Howard Wayland, to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Linda Finelli, to wave the reading of the call of the meeting. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom seconded by Joyce Okonuk to bring item 1 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon an Ordinance for the Establishment of a Cemetery Commission”*

Howard Wayland, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission, stated that the six member Cemetery Commission was formed through Town Meeting in the 1960’s. The commission is requesting to increase the membership to seven members. First Selectman Okonuk stated that whereas other town commissions were formed through ordinance, the Board of Selectmen are proposing the aforementioned ordinance to establish the commission and modify its membership.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom seconded by Liz Charron to bring item 2 to the floor *“Consider and act upon an Ordinance for the Establishment of Regional Animal Control Services”*

First Selectman Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. Lebanon has been working with the Towns of Bozrah, Franklin and Sprague to create a regional animal control service. Whereas Lebanon’s pound is the newest, the animals from the four towns will be housed in Lebanon. Each town will pay a yearly fee of \$4,800 for the use of the facility. The proposed regional animal control service will provide coverage from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. five days a week, and on call service after hours. The Town of Sprague will handle the bookkeeping for the four towns.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Liz Charron to bring item 3 to the floor *“Consider and act upon a revised Outside Burning Ordinance”*

Fire Marshal Scott Schuett spoke to the question. Incinerators were deleted from the original ordinance. The proposed revised ordinance clarifies who has the authority to issue burning permits, and increases the violation penalty from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Jan Van Woerkom moved to amend the ordinance to change the violation penalty to read \$75.00 for first offense and \$150.00 for a second offense within one year. Whereas there was no second on the motion, motion failed.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Liz Charron to bring item 4 to the floor. *“ Consider and act upon releasing previously appropriated funds to purchase a new plow truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars and no cents (\$125,000.00), funds to come from the Town Capitol Reserve Account #220-900-6306, Highway Plow Truck”*

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question. The funds for the purchase of a new plow truck were approved in the FY 10-11 budget. The truck will be equipped with a dump body, plow and sander, and will be available in December 2010.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Liz Charron to adjourn. at 7:55 P.M.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called – motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu – Town Clerk