

**TOWN OF LEBANON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2009
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, December 7, 2009 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road (Route 207), Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 22

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by James Mello, to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator.
Vote Called – Motion Passed

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

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by Linda Finelli, to bring item 1 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon accepting and expending a \$250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and no cents) STEAP Grant as awarded by the State of CT for the Town Center Parking Lot Project at the Alden Tavern Site.”*

Discussion: First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. The Town Center Parking Lot will be located in the vacant lot, located between the Historical Society Museum and the Community Center, which was purchased several years ago with funding from Hugh Trumbull Adams. The parking lot will provide overflow parking for town center events and needs. Okonuk further stated that there will be no cost to the town for the project.

Alicia Wayland explained that as the Alden Tavern site is a State Historical Preservation Site, an extensive archeological dig has been conducted. Wayland further stated that the actual tavern site will be preserved in a park like setting within the parking lot.

Town Engineer Brandon Handfield stated, including handicap parking and the overflow parking area, there will be a total of 113 parking spaces. Handfield presented a copy of the parking lot layout.
(A copy of the layout follows these minutes.)

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called-Item 1 passed

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by John Bendoraitis, to bring item 2 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a contract with the State of CT for replacement of the Tobacco Street Bridge with construction costs not to exceed \$763,000.00 (seven hundred and sixty three thousand dollars and no cents), funds to come from the State of CT Fix-it-First Funds and a town obligation of up to \$80,000.00 (eighty thousand dollars and no cents) in design costs with funds to come from Acct. # 220-900-5346 Highway Road and Bridge Plan in the Capital Reserve fund.”*

Discussion: First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. A public information meeting, conducted by Anchor Engineering, was held preceding tonight’s Town Meeting regarding the Tobacco Street Bridge replacement project. (A copy of Anchor Engineering’s presentation follows these minutes) State funding will pay 100% of the construction costs. The town will be responsible for up to \$80,000 in design/engineering costs. Okonuk further stated that the project is anticipated to begin the week after school is out in June of 2010, with completion by the end of October 2010.

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called-Item 2 passed

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by John Bendoraitis, to bring item 3 to the floor. *“Consider and act upon a revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2009-10.”*

Discussion: First Selectman Joyce Okonuk spoke to the question as follows. In order to apply for grants under the State of Connecticut CIP, the municipality must have an approved program in place. To keep within the State’s requirements, the FY 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been revised to add the Tobacco Bridge Project as Project # 2.
(A copy of the revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2009-2010 follows these minutes)

Moderator Tollmann called the question: Vote called-Item 3 passed

Moved by Alicia Wayland, seconded by Linda Finelli to adjourn at 7:46 PM.

Moderator Tollmann called the motion: Vote called- motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu
Town Clerk