

**TOWN OF LEBANON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 6, 2023
MINUTES**

The special town meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at the town meetings of the Town of Lebanon was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at the community room of the Jonathan Trumbull Library, 580 Exeter Road, Lebanon. Audience: 29

First Selectman Kevin Cwikla called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

First Selectman Kevin Cwikla called for the nomination of a Moderator.

Moved by Fran Malozzi, seconded by Betsy Petrie McComber to appoint Diane Malozzi as Moderator. Vote called – Motion passed.

Moved by Betsy Petrie McComber, seconded by Kevin Cwikla to wave the reading of the call of the Special Town meeting dated February 6, 2023. Vote called – Motion passed.

First Selectman Kevin Cwikla asked the audience to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Malozzi asked for a motion to bring the item 1 to the floor as written “Consider and act upon authorizing the use of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) from the General Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance as recommended by the Board of Finance.”

Moved by Kevin Cwikla, seconded by Betsy Petrie McComber to bring item 1 to the floor. Vote called – Motion passed.

Board of Finance Chair Elizabeth Charron spoke to the question as follows.

The purchase of a new ambulance has been on the fire department’s long-term planning list. The existing ambulance is aging, and the fire department has done their due diligence for a new ambulance purchase. The existing ambulance is about seven years old, and the life expectancy is about eight to ten years. Approximately 80 percent of emergency calls are for the ambulance. There is a two-to-three-year delay between order and delivery of a new ambulance. The fire department needs the commitment of funds to proceed with the contract. Fund balance is strong and commitment to appropriate \$450,000.00 from fund balance for the purchase is requested this evening.

Moderator Malozzi opened the floor for questions/comments.

Betsy Petrie McComber stated that the Fire Department does not sign the contract. The First Selectman will sign on behalf of the town.

There were no further questions/comments.

Moderator Malozzi called the question "Consider and act upon authorizing the use of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) from the General Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance as recommended by the Board of Finance."

Vote called – Motion carried. Item passed unanimously with no objections.

Moderator Malozzi stated as this is a Special Town Meeting, no additional items may be brought forward.

Moved by Fran Malozzi, seconded by Betsy Petrie McComber to adjourn the Special Town meeting. Moderator Malozzi called for vote. Motion carried unanimously.

The Special Town meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Ellen Wieczorek, CCTC
Town Clerk