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To: Lebanon Residents

From: Board of Selectman

Re: Status of Ownership

On behalf of the Board of Selectman, it is our intention to provide a brief update on the ownership of the municipal properties on the Lebanon Green.

This Board has met on multiple occasions with our counsel, Attorney Ed O'Connell and Attorney Catherine Marrion from Waller Smith and Palmer, and Gerry Steffon who is performing the historical research as well as survey work.

Residents likely saw surveyors in the Town Center in the months of February, March and April. At this time the surveying work has been completed. The surveying information has been transferred onto preliminary maps for this area. During this work, it has been confirmed that other than a questionable quitclaim deed for a very small portion of the existing Library location, no other deeds exist for any buildings or any portion of property located on the Lebanon Green.

As was stated by Attorney O'Connell back in December, the Town will continue work to acquire title to the portion that the Town has continuously used and maintained over past decades. There will be no attempt for the Town to seek ownership of more than the portions described previously.

The next step of this case will be to compile all the pertinent documents to submit to the court system and the Judge(s) who will preside over the case. The BOS hopes that the actual filing will occur before the summer is over. Once filed, much of the timeline rests with the court system.

The Board of Selectman will, to the extent possible, continue to accelerate this process. We have thus far met our goals of having the surveying work completed in the spring of 2017.

While we know that everyone is anxious for the current municipal Library project to have a shovel in the ground, it is uncertain to the Board of Selectman when that can reasonably occur. Please understand that until the ownership matter is resolved, this project cannot move forward.

As to several other points regarding the specific Library renovation and expansion project, once this ownership matter is addressed, we have a few additional hurdles. The town has not yet borrowed the money, the location of the new septic system on this property has not yet successfully met the Health District code and the Grant from the State has been extended only until the early winter of 2018.

In the order of importance, the ownership is the most critical matter to be resolved, followed by the septic field concerns, followed by the State library grant. All these items will be worked through, though it is fair to say, it might not be as quickly as many citizens would like.

As this is a pending and future legal matter, the Board of Selectman is unable to comment on most of the specifics about the project. We will attempt to provide everyone an update periodically as it moves forward.