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To: Residents of Lebanon

Fr: Lebanon Board of Selectmen

Re: Lebanon Green Ownership

On July 25, 2018, the Town of Lebanon, through legal counsel of Waller, Smith and Palmer, participated in a status conference regarding the litigation for the ownership of the three municipal parcels of the Lebanon Green.

The status conference is simply an update to the judge as to the status of the matter as preparation towards settlement or an eventual trial, should that occur. As part of the status conference the judge issued dates for a pre-trial hearing and trial, if the matter cannot be settled. In general, in this matter, attorneys are to file pleadings and discovery documents prior to the December pre-trial conference, and will continue efforts towards a negotiated settlement that would avoid trial. If a settlement cannot be reached, we will be ready for trial which the court now has scheduled for July 2019.

As a Board, we are optimistic that resolution and settlement can occur long before the scheduled trial date. We will be disappointed if the matter cannot be resolved prior to trial, but it is our expectation that we will continue to work with all the external parties to push toward a resolution.

You may recall this action was initiated as a result of legal title issues that arose from the project to renovate and expand the Jonathan Trumbull Library. The Town was awarded a grant for 1 million dollars for the renovation and expansion. A request has been made for the extension of the State Library grant. It is expected that this request will be considered at the September 2018 State Library meeting. The present extension will be in place through January 2019.

Residents are encouraged to monitor the case on the State of Connecticut judicial website at <http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=KNLCV186032888S>

While most of the filings in this matter have been procedural, our counsel expects substantive filings to be made shortly by all parties, with the goal of a solution that will give the town legal title to its municipal properties while also ensuring that the historic Lebanon Green is permanently protected.

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