

**Lebanon Board of Finance
Minutes of September 10, 2009
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Liz Charron, Chairman, Glen Coutu, Linda Finelli, Gregg Lafontaine, Betsy Petrie, Lori Wesolowski, Chuck Haralson (alt.), Phil Johnson (alt.)

Members Absent: Albert Vertefeuille (alt.)

Item A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Liz Charron, Chairman.

C Haralson was appointed to vote for B. Petrie until such time as she arrives.

Item B. Minutes of Previous Meetings

G. Coutu moved to accept the minutes of the 8/6/09 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by L. Finelli. Motion passed 4 ayes and 2 abstentions, G. Coutu, G. Lafontaine.

L. Finelli moved to accept the minutes of the 8/25/09 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by G. Coutu. Motion passed 4 ayes and 2 abstentions, G. Lafontaine, L. Wesolowski.

Item C. Correspondence

Memo from Ron Ochsner regarding administration of split votes for budget sent via email on 9/3/09 will be discussed under old business. Updated State Revenue report was handed out.

Item D. Monthly Expenditures/Revenues/Payment of Bills

1. FY 2008-09 expense and revenue reports were distributed.
2. FY 2009-10 YTD reports were not available.

L. Finelli moved to take up Item F.2. as the next item for discussion. Motion seconded by C. Haralson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F. 2. Consider and act on budget adjustments for the 2008-09 FY

The board reviewed the expense and revenue summary for FY ending 6/30/09. Overall, the budget came in \$149,157 under budget (including contingency fund). The board reviewed all line items that ended the year over budget. More detail was needed on the transfers to other funds. Decision was made to call a special meeting on Wed. 9/17 at 7pm to complete budget adjustments once detail was available from Town Accountant.

(B. Petrie arrived at 7:42 pm)

G. Coutu moved to take up Item F. 1. as next item for discussion. Motion seconded by B. Petrie. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F. 1. Consider and act upon participating in the Energy Conservation Program through CL&P and Siemens

The board reviewed the energy conservation program as presented and discussed the ways in which energy savings could be realized. It was agreed that the Board of Education would be receiving the greatest impact from such a program and should be included in any further discussion of the benefit and cost to participate. No action was taken on this item.

(P. Johnson arrived at 8:45 pm)

Item E. Old Business

1. Consider and act on separate referendum votes for the budgets for General Town Government and Board of Education

The board discussed the options available for separating the budget vote and procedures for voting on a budget that was defeated. Two public hearings will be planned to present this item to the town. Tentative dates for the hearings were set for Sat. 10/17 and Tue. 10/20 at LMHS Auditorium. Presentation for the hearing will be drafted at the next meeting.

Item G. Other

G. Coutu moved to consider and act on an asbestos abatement project for the Library. Motion seconded by L. Wesolowski. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen presented rough estimates of \$55,000 for the cost for this project. This would include packing and moving books and files into a temporary storage unit, removal and replacement of flooring and painting. The BOF plan to fund this project from fund balance.

B. Petrie moved to request the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town meeting for the purpose of expending up to \$60,000 for the completion of an asbestos abatement project for the Library funds to come from fund balance. Motion seconded by G. Lafontaine. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Coutu moved to add to the agenda a discussion of the state budget revenues. Motion seconded by L. Finelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Following approval of the state budget, the town can expect to receive an increase in Town aid for roads and a decrease in Mash. Pequot funds from the previous budget estimates. This represents an overall increase of \$12,000 in revenues from what was projected in the 2009-10 town budget.

G. Coutu moved to add to the agenda the proposed acceptance of a grant from the Recovery Act of CT Justice Assistance Local Pass-through Grant money. Motion seconded by L. Finelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Money from this grant will be used to purchase 3 defibrillators at a total cost of \$9,100.

G. Coutu moved to request the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town meeting for the purpose of accepting a grant in the amount of \$9,100 received from the Recovery Act of CT Justice Assistance Local Pass-through Grant money. Motion seconded by L. Finelli. Motion passed unanimously.

The selectmen provided an update of the improvements to be made to the handicap ramp at the Town Hall. The installation of a lift to the building is cost prohibitive. The ramp will be replaced with pressure treated wood and decking material. The project will go out for bid.

Item H. Adjourn

B. Petrie moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by G. Lafontaine. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Wesolowski
Board Secretary