

# THE CITIZENS VOICE

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*Lebanon Citizens for Better Government exists to expose waste, fraud, corruption, and inefficiency in government, to uphold high standards of public office and to educate the people of Lebanon. In doing this we hope to strengthen our community.*



## NEXT MEETING:

November 14th, 7:00 pm at the Lebanon Elementary School

December 12th, 7:00 pm at the Lebanon Elementary School

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## Happy Anniversary!

It has been over a year since Lebanon Citizens for Better Government formed and so much has happened! So many issues have been brought forward and resolved. It truly is a time to reflect.

A new Selectman, a new Road Commissioner, a new ambulance, and a new playground! So much has transpired over the last year.

This group was formed for the citizens of Lebanon and we want to thank all that have attended our meetings and hope many more of you will participate in future meetings. Please join us at our upcoming meetings and let us know what is important to you.

## What Your Neighbors Think...

We are going to dedicate space every month to letters from the Lebanon Citizens. We really want to hear from you! So send us a letter or e-mail voicing your opinion on an article or bring up something totally new. So what is your issue? Make sure to include your name and address if you want your letter printed. You can snail-mail us at Lebanon Citizens For Better Government, Lebanon, Maine 04027-4307 or e-mail us at [LebanonCitizensforBetterGovernment@hotmail.com](mailto:LebanonCitizensforBetterGovernment@hotmail.com).

## Guest Speakers at Upcoming Meetings...

### Be Sure To Join Us, All Are Welcome!

At the November meeting we will be discussing the roll of a Road Review Committee and how it works in other towns.

December's Guest will be Jason Cole of the Lebanon Rescue Squad. Jason will be updating us on how our new ambulance service is working out. He will also be discussing a low cost program for transport service for individual households within Lebanon.

January's Guest will be a representative of the York County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff will be going over how to implement a successful Neighborhood Crime Watch in your neighborhood.

# TOPICS ON THE TABLE...

## New Committee and Board Member Appointments

The Committee and Board Members have been named for the upcoming year. We are glad to see that all the positions were filled. We welcome all the new members and all past members back, thank you for serving your community.

### **Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector**

\*Brian Rainaud @ 339-9403

### **Deputy Code Enforcement, Health Officer, Animal Control Officer**

\*Graham Sewell @ 457-1639

### **Registrar of Voters, 911 Director**

\*Ethel Lizotte @ 457-9107 or 457-9107

### **EMA Director**

Tom Craven @ 339-2071

### **Board of Environmental Welfare**

\*Richard Thompson, Chairman @ 457-2162

Howard Chick

\*Ethel Lizotte

Robert Stone

Ronald W. Lubatti

Frank Bumford

### **Recreational Director**

Laura Bragg @ 457-1915

### **Librarian**

Ann Egan @ 432-4982

### **Conservation Committee**

Ernie Lizotte, Chairman @ 457-1006

Milt Jackson

Dennis Libby

### **Appeals Board**

David Kedell, Chairman @ 339-8871

Daniel Levitz

Steve Endsley

Howard Neal

Robert Torno

### **Planning Board**

James Abbott, Chairman @ 457-1191

\*Richard Thompson, Vice-Chairman

Leon Blood

Lyle Duel

Roxanne Bumford

Alt. Jonathan Sewell

Alt. Judy Halley

Maura Skeffington, Clerk @ 457-2191

### **Budget Committee**

Chair to be determined FMI 457-1171

Gary Page

James Boucher

Roger Varney

Gilbert Zinck

Charles Hatch

William Boucher

Paul Nadeau, Sr.

Ray Davis

Laurence Torno

David White

Elaine Scanlon

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As stated before the way to make change is to get involved. Anyone interested in these committees should submit a letter of interest to the Selectmans Office for review by the beginning of August and appointments are made choosing the most qualified applicants.

\*Denotes multiple appointments

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

During a recent Citizens Group meeting someone asked if there were any means of disposing of hazardous waste in Lebanon. The Lebanon Transfer Station does accept many things.

There is no charge for: car batteries (someone picks them up there), stoves, washing machines and dryers.

Items that are charged to dispose of are: refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners at \$15.00, couches, overstuffed chairs and mattresses are \$5.00, tires are \$2.00 off the rim and \$3.00 on the rim.

Old paint is accepted as long as it has dried out. (You could add sand or kitty litter to absorb the liquid or just leave the cover off and allow it to dry out.) If you have any questions on what the Transfer Station accepts call 457-1437.

Clean waste oil (cannot contain anti-freeze) is accepted at Abbott Construction on Route 202. You do need to label the containers with your name, address and phone number. It is tested before use and they may need to contact you if it contains anti-freeze.

If you have any further questions on hazardous waste disposal contact you local Maine Department of Environmental Protection Office in Portland @ (207) 822-6300. Brochures on Safely Disposing of Household Hazardous Wastes can be obtained at the Town Office.

An annual Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is held in other towns and we are currently looking into how we could make it available in Lebanon.

## Lebanon Rescue Squad

October has been the busiest month in the Lebanon Rescue Squads history, responding to 63 emergency medical calls.

This was also the beginning of the Lebanon Rescue Squad transporting patients to the hospital using our own ambulance. The transition went very smoothly. Thirty patients were transported to the hospital via ambulance this month. We averaged 6-8 medical responders per call. This is outstanding!

We remain one of the busiest rescue squads in the entire state. Volunteers have been donating an average of 20-30 hours a week between calls, training and public service.

The members of the rescue squad would like to thank the townspeople for their continued support in helping to get an ambulance for Lebanon. By having an ambulance in town, manned by our own volunteers, we can provide faster and better emergency medical services. – submitted by Jason Cole

Congratulations go out to Samantha Cole who recently became a new mom and was appointed the new Chief of the Rescue Squad. Keep up the good work Samantha!

## TOPIC OF THE PAST...

### Compost, Not Sludge, Update

The Board of Environmental Welfare has given the go ahead to a landowner in town to use a specially processed compost to fertilize an area that is intended to be used for a golf course. This compost is processed with a percentage of bio-solids and wood by-products; a very environmentally sound product that is used widely throughout the state by landscapers and municipalities. The approval was given with certain stipulations, such as soil and water testing. The complete report on this can be viewed at the Town Office.

It is great to see new businesses being developed in town. Expect to be teeing off sometime late in 2004!

# TOWN HAPPENINGS

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## SELECTMEN MEETINGS

Selectmen meet every Tuesday, 7:00 pm, at the Lebanon Elementary School. To be put on the agenda or For More Information (FMI) call 457-1171 Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Planning Board. FMI 457-1191  
Appeals Board. FMI 339-8871

## ORGANIZATIONS

### **The Dorcas Society**

The Dorcas Society is a community organization that provides annual scholarships for local students, donations for school activities & other community services. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month anyone interested in becoming a member can contact Nancy Rogers @ 457-1310 for more information.

### **Citizens for Better Government**

The Citizens for Better Government group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Lebanon Elementary School at 7 p.m. Next Meeting November 14th. FMI contact Darryl Moore @ 457-9120, Chris Gilpatrick @ 339-2065, or Melissa Gallant @ 457-1833. Or E-mail us your information at: [LebanonCitizensforBetterGovernment@hotmail.com](mailto:LebanonCitizensforBetterGovernment@hotmail.com)

### **Southern Maine Garden Club**

The Southern Maine Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Lebanon Elementary School. Contact Nancy Wyman at 658-4259 for more information.

### **West Lebanon Community Ladies Circle**

The West Lebanon Community Ladies Circle is a community organization that provides annual scholarships for local students, donations for school activities, holiday food baskets and other community services. The group meets the third Thursday of the month and anyone interested in becoming a member is cordially invited to attend. Contact Becky Silvia at 658-7203 or Nancy Wyman at 658-4259 for more information.

## TOWN OFFICE HAPPENINGS

### **Town Office Hours**

The Lebanon Town Office is opened Monday-Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. FMI 457-1915

### **Turkey Permits**

Fall hunting turkey permits are now available at the town office. These permits are only valid with an archery license.

### **Dog Licenses**

New dog licenses are now available at the town office. It is mandated by the state of Maine that all dogs six months and older be licensed. Please bring a current rabies certificate with you to the town office at the time of licensing.

### **Transfer Station Hours**

The Lebanon Transfer Station is opened Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7 am to 4 pm. FMI 457-1437

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTERESTS

### **Lebanon Headstart Program**

The Lebanon Headstart program is now in its second year and there are still some openings! Open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds, call 457-1294 or 324-5762 ext. 4 for more information. They are also taking applications for next year.

### **Community Service Coordinator**

If your son or daughter needs to get some hours in for community service have them do it right here in Lebanon! Call Corinna Cole @ 339-8806 FMI.

## **RABIES CLINIC**

Be sure to attend the Rabies Clinic December 7th @ the East Lebanon Fire Station, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost will be \$9.00 per animal, Cat or Dog!

## **FREE COATS**

Coats for children and adults will also be available that day through the Coats for Kids program.

### **To Have an Event Posted**

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