

FINAL

**WELCOMING LEBANON TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MEETING ROOM 1, CITY HALL OR
Remote Via Virtual Platform
LebanonNH.gov/Live
June 8, 2026
5:15 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Devin Wilkie, Assistant Mayor, Lindsay Dearborn, Lucas Mendelsohn (joined at 5:28PM), Keiselim (Keyci) Montas, Phillip Roberts, Lebanon Police Chief, Tia Winter

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER – Assistant Mayor Wilkie called the meeting to order at 5:24 PM.

2. PREAMBLE – Read by Assistant Mayor Wilkie; City Manager Hosmer absent

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 11, 2026

*Ms. Dearborn MOVED to approve the Minutes as amended
Seconded by Ms. Winter*

**The MOTION was approved (5-0)*

Pg. 2 line 32 changed to provided (past tense) and line 33 add the word **a** after effectively

4. OLD BUSINESS

The order of this meeting was changed as written below.

A. Planning for Public Input Session
See below

B. Discussion of Possible Public Input Handout

City Manager Hosmer sent the revised Public Input Handout Draft out to a majority of Task Force members in advance of today's meeting; Mr. Wilkie provided it to Ms. Lindsay during the meeting since she did not receive one in advance. Assistant Mayor Wilkie plans for this document to be distributed electronically and made available to the public both in advance of the live meeting and then also have it available during the live session. Getting it out in advance to as many residents as possible is key. The City Manager's office will lead this initiative and use the channels (primarily digitally) they have

available to accomplish this. They can also utilize The Valley News as well as Listserv, etc. Time is of the essence getting the word out about this work and the upcoming public meeting.

On the first page of the handout are questions to consider which are intended to help with the public session, noting that there are no right or wrong answers. This TF is encouraging and interested in honest views from the public. The second page list several options under consideration. Assistant Mayor Wilkie made changes by adding information about the City's existing Crime Tips Line and details about the process for filing a complaint, which is already in place and works. Links are included to these resources. He clarified that any changes would be to existing policies.

Topic headings include:

- Pass a resolution
- Adopt a new ordinance
- Create a DEI subcommittee or revised charge
- Recommend administrative policy changes

The flyer list the meeting date of July 14, 2026, 5:30PM – 7:30PM in the Lebanon City Hall Chambers

The TF also agreed that while this is a City of Lebanon initiative, all are welcome, including those from other communities.

For people unable to attend, it states that feedback is welcome by calling or emailing the City Manager's Office.

The WLTF discussed the revised document (Draft 2) and all agreed it is "nice and clear" the way it is written.

Ms. Winter MOVED to approve the Public Input Handout as written

Mr. Montas seconded

****The MOTION was approved (6-0)***

C. Discussion of Task Force Goals and Preferences

It was agreed that letting people know about this Welcoming Lebanon Task Force is a priority and the TF brainstormed to come up with several relevant groups to message, including but not limited to:

- Share
- Upper Valley Mosaic Network
- UVHEAR
- GSOP
- Vermont Faith in Action

Mr. Mendelsohn and other will attend the Farmer's Market July 2nd, representing WLTF.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Meeting Schedule as follows:

- Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 5:30 to 7:30PM – Public Input Session
- Monday, July 20, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00PM
- Monday, August 3, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00PM
- Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00PM
- Monday, August 24, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00PM

All meetings to be held at Lebanon City Hall, either in the Council Chambers or another meeting room there.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Assistant Mayor Wilkie adjourned the meeting at 5:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cinda Mersel
Recording Secretary