

Submitted By:

Amber L. Jones
Administrator

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
February 28, 2018**

Approved by Selectmen:

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Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with Selectman House, Selectman Nixon, Selectman Read and Administrator Jones present.

I. Correspondence:

1. A letter from Tabaitha Steward, Founder of Team Hailey Hugs, an organization that helps families affected by childhood cancer, requesting the Town sign a proclamation recognizing September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month".

Administrator Jones said that when she spoke with Ms. Steward that they have been at this for only a year and 80 towns in the State of Maine have signed the proclamation, one of the first signors being Governor LePage. Portland, Bangor, Lewiston, Auburn and some of the other bigger towns and a lot of smaller towns have all signed. Selectman House asked what the "Team Hailey Hugs" is. Administrator Jones replied that it is a Board of seven people who are attempting to bring awareness to childhood cancer. Awareness makes it easier to apply for funding and any profit goes directly to childhood cancer research and to the families. This organization only exists in Maine, based in Bethel. Their goal is to have every town in Maine sign their proclamation. Administrator Jones stated that what this does is affirm that the Town of Phippsburg recognizes September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is demonstrated by adorning public building/s with the color gold: with gold as the color for Childhood Cancer.

Vote: Selectman Nixon motioned to sign the above proclamation, which was seconded by Selectman Read.

Selectman House also stated that it appears they help with expenses that insurance doesn't pay.

Vote passed by a vote of 3-0.

Further discussion held about what to do for "gold" during the month of September. Selectman House suggested talking with the Recreation Committee and possibly doing something in the school. Then Selectman House read the proclamation aloud at the request of Selectman Read.

II. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Administrator Jones made a correction from last week – we do have nomination papers available but they are due back on March 15th not March 30th. Positions that are open are: one position on the Select Board, two positions on the Budget Committee, and the Road Commissioner position. Selectman House re-stated that the nomination papers say the 30th but they are in fact due back on March 15th. If you come in on the 16th, your name doesn't get on the ballot.

Selectman Nixon wanted to give an update on the Popham Pier Project: the Department of Submerged Lands is submitting a request for more funding for the project, and it is anticipated that the SHIP grant that we have already been awarded, will match this additional funding if the Town is interested in adding a float and ramp to that facility. This scenario developed so quickly, that the Towns Landing Committee won't hear any of this until their next meeting on March 1st. We were only just informed that the deadline for approval to request additional funds is tomorrow; and wanted to keep all informed that we are moving forward. Selectman Nixon stated the Department of Conservation is taking care of their piece, and that it was made clear

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that the Town will not request more funding at the Town level. Funding will come from State Agencies because Phippsburg is in the unique position of leasing a State-owned facility. Selectman Mixon gave the board some information to look at. The new cost estimates are back from the design agency. If we don't get those funds we go back to Plan A, which is where we are now, where we rehabilitate that facility with the money that we have. It will not cost the Town any more, and Selectman Mixon feels it is worth consideration.

III. Public Forum:

Dot Kelly inquired about the timing of both cases and if there will be different start-times for the Popham Pier Projects. Selectman Mixon stated that the goal is to begin in the spring or fall of 2018. The hope is that we won't push this out much further because we would risk making repairs that would be obsolete when the bigger items are installed.

IV. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 14th

Vote: Selectman Read motioned to review and sign the above, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

V. Executive Session:

1. Meet in executive session per M.R.S.A.405 6A for a personnel matter.

Vote: At 6:17 Selectman Read motioned to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

VI. Workshop: Winter Road Contract:

Vote: At 6:25 Selectman Read motioned to go into the Workshop for Winter Road Contracts, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

VII. Adjournment:

Vote: At 7:50 p.m. Selectman Read motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.