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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2021**

*The Selectmen convened at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with
Selectman Young, Selectman House, Selectman Mixon and Administrator Jones present.*

I. Adjustments

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to add the signing of three appointment certificates under Review and Sign: Amber Jones for Registrar of Voters; Chris Mixon for Town Landings; and Bruce Suppes for the Budget Committee. These are not new appointments. These adjustments were seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

II. New Business

1. Consider Posted Road Reduced -Load Exemptions for JBR, Maine.

There are quite a few exemptions. The same procedure that has always been used will be followed again. They need to get reduced-load exemptions from the Town each year as they have perishable cargo (fish).

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to sign the reduced-load exemptions for JBR, Maine which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. Meet with Winter Road Maintenance Contractors, and Road Commissioner Curtis Doughty to negotiate the future winter maintenance contracts.

Administrator Jones has provided a copy of the current contracts as well as the updated contracts to the contractors and Road Commissioner; two of the contractors were not present at the meeting. The only changes from the previous contract is on Page 2, Section C, and Page 3, under Bills and Claims, where there was a deletion of the last sentences that referred to buying of grader blades. Administrator Jones tightened up the contract section by removing Selectman Young's name since he will no longer be on the Board, and added Selectman House, Selectman Mixon and her name. The proposed rate is \$6,800 per mile for the first year and \$6,900 per mile for the second year; which is the same \$100 increase that has happened in past years. Selectman Young stated that the Board has the authorization to negotiate for two more years on the contract without having to go to Town Meeting. Another option would be to go with a new contract for three years, with a two year negotiation at the end and bring it before the Town. The loader contract currently expires at the same time as the contractors' contracts. Selectman Mixon didn't know if the contractors thought it was any benefit going out further than the two years they have on the current contracts. Selectman Mixon further added that the benefit of sticking with the current two year contracts is that it was already been approved previously at Town Meeting so this could be executed now. If anything different were to occur they would have to go before Town Meeting in June and then execute the contracts after voter approval. Two more years on the contracts was favorable to the Board and the contractors present. Road Commissioner Doughty did state that next year they should start to think about how to address the loader sooner so it doesn't become an issue at the same time as contract renewals.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to extend the Winter Road Maintenance Contracts through 2023 with Year 1 being \$6,800/mile and Year 2 \$6,900/mile which was seconded by Selectman Mixon. Commissioner Doughty has the parking lots added into his contract which will remain at \$12,000. No cutting blades are in the contract.

Vote passed by a vote of 3-0.

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III. Unfinished Business

1. Reconsider strategies to maintain a safe and healthy work environment and public services in response to the pandemic Covid-19.

The age limit for the Covid vaccine has been lowered to 60 and this will also include teachers who will now be eligible to receive the vaccine.

2. Discuss status of the abandoned vessel removal.

Commissioner Doughty met with Crooker's on site and they are not interested in participating in the removal of the vessel. Mr. Doughty will do so more research and will get back in touch with the Board. Administrator Jones asked about putting monies aside in the budget for this. Recommendation was to put in \$25,000 as a placeholder realizing this may need to be adjusted and the Town will still apply for grant money reimbursement.

Administrator Jones is still awaiting answer from the Town Attorney on the intertidal water zone question. Administrator Jones will follow up with her again.

IV. Correspondence

1. Thank you letter from the American Red Cross for the Town's donation of \$1,500.00.

Selectman Young stated this letter will be kept on file at the Town Office. This donation was authorized at the Town Meeting back in September.

V. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Administrator Jones announced that Nomination Papers were available as of March 1st. Positions that are open for election are 1 - 3 year term on the Board of Selectmen; 2 - 3 years terms on the Budget Committee; and 1 - 3 year term for the Road Commissioner. Only one of the Budget Committee members has taken out papers to run again (Sue Levine).

Selectman Young reminded the public that he will not be running for re-election so it will be an open seat.

Selectman Mixon reiterated that the Acre Lot Wharf is closed to vehicle traffic temporarily while it under goes some repairs. Those repairs are slated to start on Monday and the Lot should be open again within a couple weeks.

Selectman House announced there will be a Clean-up Day this year. It will be held on May 1st with a rain date of May 8th. As she receives more information, she will pass it along.

VI. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Payroll Warrant #86 and Accounts Payable Warrant #87 which were seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to sign Accounts Payable Warrant #85, which was seconded by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2021

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign the above meeting minutes which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

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3. Parking Enforcement Advertisement

4. Maintenance position job description

The Board was fine with the changes made to both the Parking Enforcement advertisement and the Maintenance Position job description. There are two internal applicants interested in the maintenance position so there is no need to advertise for this. Selectman Young recommends that a copy of the job description be forwarded to Ken Kellogg and George Williams. If both want to apply, they can share the duties or work together if there is a big project.

5. Appointment Certificates from June for Amber Jones for Registrar of Voters; Chris Mixon for Town Landings; and Bruce Suppes for the Budget Committee.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign the above Appointment Certificates from June which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

Vote: At 5:26 p.m. Selectman House motioned to adjourn into a Budget Workshop which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

- Budget Workshop