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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2020

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The Selectmen's meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Selectman Mixon, Selectman Young, Selectman House and Administrator Jones present.

I. New Business

1. Consider the Employer contribution to Dental and Vision Insurance coverage. Administrator Jones is recommending the Board consider employer contribution to dental and vision insurance this year. When looking at the rates on the market, they are cost prohibitive. When comparing market rates of dental thru MMA it is hundreds of dollars different. In Phippsburg medical health benefits are paid out at 75% for employees; 25% for family with those rates for vision and dental. Two employees would take part in this program. We would be looking at a cost of \$1,448. Selectman Mixon's concern is adding new benefits to this year's budget and he does not want to do so. Selectman Young would like to see the Town cover some of this but at a 50% 50% match; the Board re-worked the numbers using these percentages which amounted to about \$1,100. Selectman House would like to keep it as it is.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to consider a 50/50 employer/employee contribution to dental and vision insurance coverage. There was no second; motion didn't pass.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to keep the benefits as is, offered to the employee at their cost, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Consider the recommendation of the CATV Committee to appoint Paul Gamache per Title 30 M.R.S.A. § 2253, to the Phippsburg Community Access Television Committee for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 30, 2021.

Ashely Thayer had asked Mr. Gamache several months ago to join this committee and he has now decided to accept the position and she is excited to have him on board.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve Paul Gamache to the above appointment, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

II. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Municipal Nomination Papers Available - Due back Friday, March 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Administrator Jones announced that nomination papers are still available. Chris Mixon has taken out papers for Selectman and Ed Cherian for the Budget Committee. Those papers must be returned by Friday, March 27th.

Administrator Jones has received one phone call so far from a resident who wanted to

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connect with a local trapper to deal with a potential, rabid animal. Administrator Jones' contact information is listed on the website, and she wanted to remind residents that is an option. The Trapper's Association has come forward and quite a few of their members are willing to help out during the regular trapping season.

Selectman House reminded people to cover their loads going to the Transfer Station. Her and her sister swept up quite a bit of glass on Route 209, covering both lanes. So if you could cover your loads that would be very much appreciated.

Selectman Mixon stated there is a building on site for the sand & salt shed. Plan is to finish fabrication so the loader can lift and reset the building for public access. Hopefully this time next week we will be reporting that it is complete. Selectman House suggested sending the school a thank you letter and maybe the Board can sign it next week.

Selectman Mixon replied that it was a joint effort of the Vocational Center, the carpentry class and the welding class. They did a great job; it really looks good.

III. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to sign Payroll Warrant 91 and Accounts Payable Warrant 92, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to sign Accounts Payable Warrant 93, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from January 22nd and 29th 2020.

Selectman Mixon has not had a chance to review the above minutes.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes above which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

IV. Public Forum:

Kim Albertson asked if the Town was taking any actions about safety with the health issues going on. Administrator Jones replied that we are doing as much as we can at Town Hall wiping down all services, work stations, counter tops and any common spaces that are touched. Gloves have been ordered but they are on back order. We have some wipes but have been unable to find any more; hopefully we can soon. There has been a lot of guidance, but most of it is common sense. There have been discussions about working remotely. We're still exploring those options for but now we are just trying to keep our work area as clean as we can and have many mini bottles of hand sanitizer located around the office available for anyone to use. Selectman Young added that from the Maine's Fishermen's Forum last Thursday, they contacted the CDC and had them call the Health & Human Services/Health Inspector in Rockland. They recommended putting signage

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up, don't hug, don't shake hands, and wash your hands a lot. Selectman Young will forward the sign that the CDC requested the Fishermen's Forum use to Administrator Jones. Selectman House also added that Gary Morong, the EMA Director, has been in constant contact with the County and the CDC almost daily, and doesn't have any concerns at the present time.

Adjournment

Adjourn into a Budget Committee Meeting to consider Selectmen's Budget requests.

Vote: At 6:20 p.m. Selectman Young motioned to adjourn into a Budget Committee Meeting, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.