


Submitted By:

  
Amber L. Jones  
Administrator

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 11, 2018**

Approved by Selectmen:

*5/2/18 JMT*  
*5/2/18 GR*  
*5/2/18 DR*

*Town Meeting Warrant Workshop commenced at 5:30 p.m. The Regular Selectmen's meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Administrator Jones, Selectman House, Selectman Read and Selectman Mixon present.*

**I. New Business:**

1. Reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for inclusion in the 2017 Town Report as the Courtesy Warrant for Town Meeting 2018, and made recommendations on the following articles:

- Article 26 - to appropriate \$16,000.00 from H.M. Payson account to reduce the Maine State Retirement expense.

*This amount was recommended by the Investment Committee.*

- Article 28 - Earned Time Benefit account  
*Selectman House made a recommendation of \$3,000.*

- Article 55 - Straw Poll: Discontinued Roads  
*Administrator Jones wanted to be sure that the wording for Article 55 was accurate. The Road Committee will see it tomorrow night. The one comment Administrator Jones received was to not use the word "pursue" and instead use "research", which was agreeable to the Board.*

- Article 63 - Shellfish Ordinance amendment  
*A few minor amendments to the Ordinance.*

- Article 64 - Harbor Ordinance rewrite  
*It is on line for review and will also be available at Town Hall. The re-write renames "boats" to "personal watercraft" and included a new fee structure for moorings.*

- Article 67 - Establish Community Garden Committee  
*Ellen Winchester has been doing quite a bit of work/research on getting gardens for committee members to work in.*

- Article 68 - Use of Town-owned Land for the Community Garden  
*Administrator Jones received an e-mail from MMA Legal, which she will forward to the Board, recommends considering creating a lease arrangement with the Community Garden folks to use that piece of property. It was just a suggestion. Selectman House commented that we are all volunteers. Board agreed that a lease agreement is not necessary.*

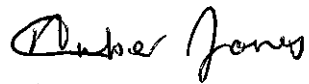
- Article 77 - Use \$865,000 from Surplus to reduce taxes

**Vote: Selectman Read motioned to include the above articles and recommendations in the Courtesy Warrant in the Town Report, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**II. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:**

*Administrator Jones announced that the Town Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Patriot's Day and asked for the few remaining reports be sent in, as time has run out. Absentee*

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*ballots will be available on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. You can pass them in any time including voting day.*

*Selectman House stated the annual road clean-up is April 21<sup>st</sup>; meet at the Fire Station at 8:00 a.m.; they will assign you a road and lunch will be at noon. Rain date is the following Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**III. Public Forum:**

*Allison Hepler introduced herself. She is running for State Representative; she is here to listen and appreciate the hard work the Board does.*

**IV. Review and/or Sign:**

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Treasurer's Report for March 2018

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

**Vote: At 6:19 p.m., Selectman Read motioned to go into a Town Report Workshop, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**