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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 27, 2018**

Approved by Selectmen:

*GR 8/08/18*  
*DM 8/8/18*  
*JY 8/8/18*

*Selectmen met at 5:00 p.m. for an executive session and the regular Selectmen's meeting convened at 6:04 p.m. at the Town Hall with Selectman Read, Selectman Mixon, Selectman Young and Administrator Jones present.*

**I. Executive Session**

1. At 5:00 p.m. meet in executive session per M.R.S.A. 405 6A to discuss personnel matters.
2. At 5:30 p.m. meet in executive session per M.R.S.A.405 6A for a follow-up performance review.

**II. Adjustments**

*Administrator Jones announced that the May 30<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Meeting Minutes were not ready yet.*

**III. New Business**

1. Speak with residents of (249-257) Parker Head Road to hear their concerns regarding the safety of the road way. (Rob Prue, from Pine Tree Engineering and Police Chief John Skroski will attend to facilitate the discussion).

*Ellen Winchester read a letter from Michelle Morong (her neighbor) who could not attend the Selectmen's meeting. She also shared pictures from the most recent accident on Parker Head Road (the sixth accident in three years). Her concern is that cars travel very fast on Parker Head Road, and when walking, often she has to go into the ditch to be safe. Rob Prue, of Pine Tree Engineering explained that the design of the road is the standard design for all of the Phippsburg Roads and roads all over the State. The ditch is supposed to be below the depth of the pavement and gravel; 18" of gravel and 4" of pavement. Effectively you are supposed to be able to drain that base in order to keep the road from deteriorating. A lot of under draining was put in, as well as ditches, because it was the biggest concern for Parker Head Road. It was his opinion that the Town needs to address speed issues. He wanted to bring the Town's attention to the fact that making a road wider, often makes speeding issues worse. At the end of the day, people are responsible for keeping their vehicles on the road. Chief Skroski stated that back in 2010 he received requests from citizens to review the speed limit on Parker Head Road; it only had two speed limits posted. It was in the Village by the church and the Village by the Mill Dam. MDOT set up new speed limits - beginning at Route 209, Main Road, extending .2 miles beyond Church Lane, a total of .53 miles, is 25 mph. As you go up the hill, it changes to 30 mph, a total of 2.03 miles. It then turns to the next village back to 25 mph and then it increases to 30 mph. Chief Skroski posted those signs himself and replaced one of them on the hill. As soon as the construction is complete, Chief plans to increase traffic enforcement on that road. Selectman Mixon asked if there was a benefit to putting some signage on 209 saying something like "Best route to Popham Beach straight ahead". Selectman Young stated that the Town had asked the State for that some time ago and no new signs were made. That was about 8 years ago; we need to ask again. Selectman Read asked if outer lines were going on the road. Mr. Prue responded that would be up to Curtis, by typically only does the double yellow. It's a good idea as that would help drivers stay in between the lines, control some of the speed. Selectman Mixon stated the Town has the ability to put more speed signs up ourselves; the more the better to remind people. Ms. Cooley thanked Mr. Prue for his explanation and asked if the drop-off is found to be over the limit of how steep it can be, does that mean nothing can happen. Selectmen Read*

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*explained they have to put it down below the frost level and that is the reason they had to go so deep for the culverts. It's at the level it needs to be to keep proper drainage happening. Ms. Cooley asked if more dirt can be added. Selectman Read responded in the negative because it would cover up the culverts.*

**2. Award Bid for the Sam Day Hill Road Stream Crossing project.**

*Selectman Young stated that Mr. Prue and he were present for the bid opening; there were two bidders. Cross Excavation's bid total was \$269,960 and there was an alternate bid, using aluminum box culverts, which remained the same at \$269,960. Gordon Contracting was \$493,000 and with the alternate bid it lowered down to \$443,000. Selectman Read stated there was only a finite amount of funding for this project. Selectman Young stated there would be coming \$95,000 from the Town and \$95,000 from the State. Mr. Prue's estimate was back in 2016 was \$196,000, which included the \$95,000 from the State. Since that time, the Town obtained the additional right of way from Lyle Dearborn to move the road over so that expanded the scope of work and the price increased. Selectman Read stated the only problem putting the project off the cost could increase even more. Mr. Prue explained that the culvert grant expires at the end of this year, but that the Town already has one extension and could probably get another. Another alternative to consider is similar to what was done on the Basin Road - the Town bought the box culvert first, then put the installation out to bid next year. That would allow the Town to go into another fiscal year perhaps to raise more money for the overall project. Selectman Read asked Mr. Prue's thoughts on his suggestion to purchase the culvert first. Mr. Prue responded by saying it's an option which means one more step; and we would have to go through the bid process again. Selectman Young stated that if the grant expires the end of this year and if the project is delayed, will there be any issue with the grant? Mr. Prue has to check with the DEP to make sure, but he believes it won't as it's reimbursement for the project, up to \$95,000 upon submittal of invoices. Mr. Prue said the Town would also have to put in the bid the storing of the culvert until next July and then Precast would have to deliver it down here. Selectman Read feels we should look into this route.*

**Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to request bid pricing for our box culvert for installation next year, pending Mr. Prue's approval with the DEP, which was seconded by Selectman Young.**

*Selectman Young feels the Road Committee should weigh in on this as well. An email will be sent out to them and if they have a problem with it, it will be re-visited at the next Selectmen's Meeting.*

**Vote passed 3-0.**

*Once the DEP gives the Town the blessing, Administrator Jones will contact the vendors letting them know all bids were rejected at this time.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to reject all bids pending discussion with the DEP and the grant folks, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

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

*Administrator Jones announced that Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to not have a Selectmen's Meeting next week, July 4<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

*If an emergency should arise, however, we will meet.*

*Administrator Jones mentioned the current open committee position list is on the Website. Selectman*

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*Young announced that Hazardous Waste Day is coming up July 21<sup>st</sup>, and that flyers will go out soon.  
Selectman Read announced Sebasco Fire Works, Monday night.*

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

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2018
3. Treasurer's Report for May 2018
4. Certificates of Appointment for new appointments and renewals

**Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to review and sign the above, except for Warrant 126, which was seconded by Selectman Young. Selectman Read motioned to review and sign Warrant 126 which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 2-0.**

*Selectman Young asked if there had been any changes to the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen Meeting Minutes - there were none. Secondly he asked on the Treasurer's Report, the Sam Day Hill amount listed is wrong because we just made the adjustment.*

**Vote passed 3-0.**

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to review and sign Warrant 127 with the exception of Check #20037 & 20041, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**VI. Adjournment:**

**Vote: At 7:26 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn into a Winter Road Workshop, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**