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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
June 30, 2021**

*The Selectmen convened at 5:00p.m. at the Town Hall
with Selectman House and Selectman Nixon present.*

Selectman Levene was absent.

I. New Business

1. Meet with Bob Reyes, Chair of the Conservation Commission, to discuss possible use of Solar Power in Phippsburg.

Mr. Reyes and Dot Kelly provided a one-page rooftop solar estimate (Reference 1) to the Board. The Commission was thinking of alternative energy and what role that might play in the future for the Town of Phippsburg. They spoke with Revision Energy Company which provides alternative energy in this region. Mr. Reyes provided them with a year's worth of electrical bills which had been provided by the Administrator, Amber Jones. They came up with approximately 56,000 KW of usage. Mr. Reyes asked them what it would take to be able to generate that amount of power in a year. The company looked at the Fire Station and determined that would be the perfect size, and the perfect orientation with the roof facing south to maximize the deflection. He looked at putting the panels on the Fire Station roof and what that would cost; it would be a \$120,000 investment with an approximate 19-year payback. Mr. Reyes' question to the Board is, is the Town of Phippsburg interested in alternative energy, and if so, what forms might it take and how much would it cost. He further explained that this is the first estimate on what it would take for solar energy for the public buildings. It's only one idea but wanted to get the discussion started about alternative energy for the Town, what the Board might be thinking, and how the Conservation Commission could help. Wind power could be another possibility. Selectmen Nixon investigated this years ago for his campground. At that time, it was not feasible. Ms. Kelly added that they are just trying to take this step by step. This would be clean energy. Selectman Nixon asked if the transmission fees are built into this estimate and would like to see more data on how this estimate was prepared. Selectman House suggested to start with looking what language is included in the Ordinances for Solar Energy and then where would the property line be at the Fire Station. Selectman House also asked if there were any other towns that have solar and how it is working for them. Mr. Reyes stated that Revision Energy has worked with several towns, and they will go back and ask those questions. They will also follow up with the individual towns to find out about their experiences. Selectman Nixon also asked them to research any grant opportunities. Selectman Nixon feels that if the goal is to offset what the town currently pays and decrease the burden of the taxpayer's, he would love to see solar power in the town. Marie Varian added that when she attended an Assessors Training a few years back and they discussed solar power, one of the things that need to be considered is the life of the roof these panels will go on and any expense that will be incurred for replacement, if necessary. Mr. Reyes will discuss the Fire Department building with Fire Chief, Andy Hart.

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2. New Statute References Update to Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

A new Statute was signed by the Governor on June 17th. Selectmen shall be replaced with members of the select board. First Selectmen will now be referred to as Chair of the Municipal Officers. It will no longer be Overseers of the Poor but Board of Overseers. Selectmen will be members of the Select Board. This is something that we will change slowly over time and as printing is re-done, titles will be changed.

3. Discussion of budget accounts in the negative.

This is done at the end of every budget year. There is a balance of \$6,198.79 in the Selectmen's Contingency Account and that can be used to cover any accounts that are in the red. The Ballot Clerk account was in the red by \$2,332.74; Transfer Station Salaries \$3,273.01; Legal Expenses \$119.55; Town Hall Tech Capital; Volunteer Insurance \$124; Maine State Retirement \$1,084.92, and Health Insurance \$180.31. There is not enough in the Contingency Account to bring all these accounts down to zero.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to bring Transfer Station, Legal, Town Capital, Volunteer Insurance, Maine State Retirement, and Health Insurance down to zero, putting the balance to the Ballot Clerk Account which would leave a negative balance of \$1,031.74.

This is due to having two town meetings in one fiscal year.

Motion was seconded by Selectmen Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

4. Consider accepting a \$500.00 donation from the Phippsburg Land Trust to the Phippsburg Community Garden.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to accept the above donation which was seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

II. **Selectmen Comments and Announcements:**

Hazardous Waste Day - August 14, 2021

More information will be forthcoming and posted.

Seasonal Taxpayer's Meeting - Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station

This was cancelled in the Town Report but will be held as stated above.

Flare Night - Friday, August 20, 2021

Selectman Mixon announced that the Town Landings are being used heavily and there is a lot of traffic. More tickets are being written for people who are not authorized to use them. Nothing has changed in the use of the Town Landings, except the enforcement has been stepped up. Use is still for taxpayer's, residents, and qualified guests. If anyone needs any work done by a contractor, they can come to Town Hall and get a Contractor Day Pass.

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III. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to sign Payroll Warrant #1 & Accounts Payable Warrant #125 which were seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2021

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to sign the above meeting minutes which were seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

3. Treasurer's Report for May 2021

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to sign the above Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

4. Certificate of Appointment for Jula Koehling, Animal Control Officer

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to sign the above Certificate of Appointment which was seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

IV. Public Forum

Marie Varian stated that on the corner of Popham Road near the Parker Head Road (the sharp corner), the bushes and trees have grown back up again. Her husband is asking if there is any way the State DOT can come down and cut these back. Selectman House replied that she will get in touch with Representative Allison Hepler to see if she can assist with this.

V. Executive Session

1. Meet in Executive Session per Title 30 MRSA 405 6A to conduct Town Administrator interview.

Vote: At 5:48 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

Adjournment

Vote: At 7:27 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to come out of Executive Session which was seconded by Selectmen House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

Vote: At 7:28 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.



Town of Phippsburg Solar

Rooftop Solar Estimate

Solar Design Summary

Project size (DC)	140 Panels	46.2 kW
Project size (AC)	3 Inverters	38.5 kW
Generation (kWh, year 1)		56,826

Investment Summary

Turnkey cost (fully-installed)	\$120,200
Net investment (Y1)	\$120,200

100% financing available

Engineer's Rendering



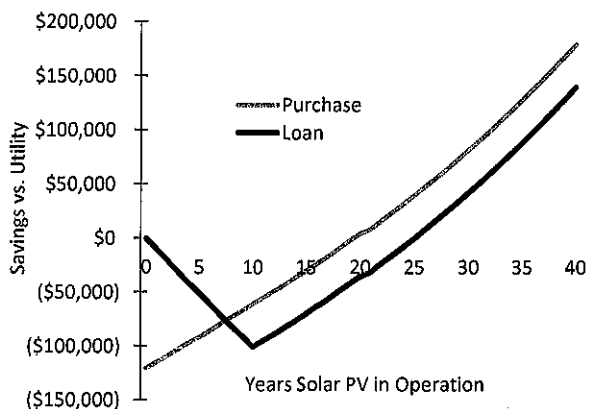
Project Savings/Revenue

Year 1 energy savings	\$5,114
Year 1 renewable energy credits	\$937
Simple payback (years)	19
25-year internal rate of return (IRR)	2.24%
25-year net savings (warranty period)	\$40,018
40-year net savings (commercial lifespan)	\$180,046

Environmental Benefits

Annual CO2e offset (lbs)	88,580
<i>Equivalent to...</i>	
Gallons of gasoline not burned	4,521
Passenger cars removed from the road	9
Pounds of coal not burned	44,270
Tons of waste recycled	14

Solar Savings vs. Utility



Levelized Cost of Energy

