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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
July 15, 2020**

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

**I. Adjustments**

Add under Review and Sign the June 29<sup>th</sup> Emergency Selectmen's Meeting Minutes.

**Vote: Selectman House motioned to add the above minutes under Review and Sign which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**II. New Business**

1. Meet with Emily Edmondson, Phippsburg resident, to discuss parking at Aliquippa, per the Phippsburg Town Landings Ordinance.

*Selectman Mixon spoke with Ms. Edmonson and she was unaware of the parking restrictions at the landing. Selectman Mixon explained that amendments to the Ordinance lies with the voters not the Board of Selectmen so very little can be done to deviate from what is written. We are now in a situation where we won't be going to Town Meeting, so Ms. Edmondson requested to come in to speak with the Board to discuss further and that is why she is present this evening. The Ordinance clearly states, as far back as 1986, that the landings are not to be used for overnight parking and then when the Ordinance was amended in the 90's it was added specifically to prohibit the use of the landings for access to the islands. Ms. Edmondson explained that when they came back this year that her husband is 85 and handicapped. She had asked her grandson and son-in-law to come ahead to open up the house and be there when they arrived. The son-in-law's truck has a sticker. The grandson's vehicle got a ticket. The Edmondson's have been coming to the island for 59 years and they have always parked there. Her nephew remembers having a conversation with her father, who purchased the property, about a right of way. After a lot of research and a lengthy discussion, it was determined that both the Edmondson's and the Town of Phippsburg have right of ways to the landing property with rights to parking. Chief Skroski explained that police got involved as they had received a request two years ago at Town Meeting for Parking Enforcement at this landing. They had received a complaint on that day to go to that landing because of parking problems and that is how the cars got ticketed. The grass mowed line, which is Town owned, is not clearly defined and it appeared the vehicle was parked on the Town owned property, but was actually parked on the neighbor's property. Question was raised if there was a limit to the number of vehicles allowed to park down there. There is usually not more than 4-5 vehicles parked at any given time, normally just one or two. In this particular case, Ms. Edmondson explained she needed extra family members to help with her husband, which explained the larger number of vehicle's parked there. Selectman Mixon suggested mobile passes for four*

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*vehicles designating Webber Island ROW holder - OK to park, to prevent ticketing. Selectman House suggested that the family take care of this and put one on their windshields instead of the Town issuing these passes because it is their right of way and they will know who is coming. All parties were in agreement.*

**Vote:** Selectman Mixon motioned to have Parking Enforcement recognize the Webber Island right of way passes as being an indicator that there are authorized vehicles at that landing which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0. This has been noted by the Police Chief and Parking Enforcement Officer who were in attendance at this meeting.

### III. Unfinished Business

1. Reconsider strategies to maintain a safe and healthy work environment and public services in response to the pandemic Covid-19: Town Meeting schedule and format. *Selectman Young feels comfortable holding an outdoor Town Meeting in September. What Woolwich is going to do is use two tents, holding 50 people each, and the adjacent parking lot for drive in folks. They will hire a sound company to bring in a professional sound system with four portable microphones and more than two speakers. Selectman Young feels that is the way Phippsburg should go in September for the Town Meeting. It will be an expense but hopefully FEMA will reimburse most of that expense. We would need to rent the sound equipment, have someone on site, either borrow or rent the tents, a couple port-a-potty's, conduct this on a Saturday, and have a successful Town Meeting. Selectman Mixon would like to incorporate the camera system and cable system we have now for those not attending and have them be able to hear and see it clearly on the TV channel. Will check with Gary Morong to see how this might work. An advantage of holding the Town Meeting in this way is that we will be able to discuss articles with more conversation and have more flexibility. It will be easiest to hire a company to come in and set everything up and then take it away. Question was raised as to where the funding would come out of for this. It could be taken out of Town Admin or have a special warrant article, if it passes and the Town gets reimbursement from FEMA it can go back into that account. Administrator Jones will get some quotes for tents, chairs, audio, and port-a-potty's for the Board to review next week; will also work on a revised timeline schedule.*

**Vote:** Selectman House motioned to tentatively set Town Meeting for either Saturday, September 12 or 19<sup>th</sup>, dependent on the vendors, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

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

Town Elections and Referendum Results

*Full election results are posted on the website. Chris Mixon was re-elected to the Select Board, Ed Cherian was elected to the Budget Committee and Ethan DeBery had the most write-in votes for the Budget Committee and he did accept this position. The referendum question for the Popham Wharf Extension overwhelmingly passed with 507 votes. The straw poll vote was 74 votes for*

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*removing the Town Hall recycling containers and 14 not in favor of removing the containers. This will be put on next week's agenda to discuss.*

*No Seasonal Tax Payer Meeting*

*There will not be a Seasonal Tax Payer's Meeting this year.*

*Hazardous Waste Day - August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*Hazardous Waste Day is not in mid-July but scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>. Posters will go up soon announcing this.*

*Selectman Mixon thanked everyone for their support in being re-elected as Selectman and is very happy that the lease extension was approved. This project will make Popham/Atkins Bay Wharf a lot more useable by everyone.*

*Selectman House announced that last Saturday the Spirit of America Award was presented to Gary Morong. Jean Perkins was presented with the Boston Post Cane being the oldest living resident. Then per Ms. Perkins request, Thelma Chambers who is 42 days younger than Mrs. Perkins, was presented with an Alternate Boston Post Cane Certificate. These were filmed and put on the streaming site and will be put on the cable channel also. It was nice to get out and do something positive.*

*Selectman Young thanked Jimma Totman for the transportation in the ambulance for these presentations.*

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

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

**Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Payroll Warrant 6 which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.**

**Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Accounts Payable Warrant 7 which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

3. Emergency Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2020.

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve the above minutes which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.**

4. Letter to Department Heads and Committee Chairs, FY21 Budget Requests

*Selectman House read this letter over several times and she is not comfortable asking people to reduce their budgets when we are giving employee raises. She believes it is not a good time to give raises. She would like to leave the budget as is and if any department feels they can reduce they can do it on the floor at Town Meeting.*

*Selectman Mixon feels that the department heads and committee chairs need to be aware of the current situation and he would still like a letter to be drafted informing the department heads and chairs what the Town is facing and why we're doing what we're doing.*

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**Vote:** Selectman Mixon motioned to table the above letter to Department Heads which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

**Adjournment**

**Vote:** At 6:25 p.m. Selectman House motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.