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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 29, 2020**

The regular Selectmen's Meeting convened at 5:01 p.m. at the Town Hall with Selectman Young, Selectman House, Selectman Mixon, and Administrator Jones present.

I. New Business

1. Consider bids for the Meadowbrook Road and Stoneybrook Road Improvements. Bids were opened this morning with Rob Prue from Pine Tree Engineering and Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty in attendance. Two bids were received. Rob Prue opened the bids and the first one was from Reno's Excavation whose lump sum for Stoneybrook Road was \$95,500 and the lump sum for Meadowbrook Road was \$65,750 for a bid total of \$161,250. St. Laurent & Son bid for Stoneybrook was \$128,900 and for Meadowbrook \$86,600 for a total of \$215,500. Both firms met all contract specifications. Do not believe any retainer was required. Reno's Excavation has done a lot of work for the Town so the Board knows what their work is like and their bid is considerably less. There were no special notes indicating the difference in price range of almost \$60,000. The lump sum was the only thing looked at; not the detailed bid breakout sheets. They then discussed the need for possible Work Change Orders.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to award the Stoneybrook/Meadowbrook Road Improvement Projects to Reno's Excavation for \$161,250 which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

When the construction phase begins, the Town will need to keep the public informed as these are two of the major Town roads. Expiration of job completion is October 30th. Reno's has another job going on now for about another 2-3 weeks. This project could happen during the school year. Bath Bus should be notified also.

II. 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.

Recruitment of volunteers in the tents to run microphones during Town Meeting and also volunteers to count the votes in the tents if it's a really close vote are needed. Town Meeting guidance came from Executive Order 56 and no other amendments have been received.

Administrator Jones will contact the State as well as Allison Hepler to follow up to see if there have been any changes.

Selectman Mixon announced that FEMA is narrowing its focus on reimbursements. The question was asked specifically about rental of the tents for Town Meeting and they are going to be considered additional operating expenses and will not be covered. Purchases of laptop computers are also likely not to be reimbursable. PPE purchased and not used could also be considered a non-reimbursable expense.

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III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Hazardous Waste Day – August 15th, 2020

Hazardous Waste Day is coming up in a couple weeks on Saturday, August 15th, at the Sand and Salt Shed, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sunday night, August 16th, will be Flare Night at Popham. The Coast Guard in Boothbay will be notified.

Selectman Mixon stated that it's been warm – drink plenty of water and check on your neighbors. Selectman House received the August Cryer Newspaper from Charlie Crosby. There are copies at the Center Store. It contains an article on the Spirit of America Award and the Boston Cane.

Selectman Young mentioned that the Town is scheduling Town Meeting on Saturday, September 12th, in the ballfield at the school under tents. More information will be coming soon. He also stated that there was a shark attack and death over in Harpswell. Please use caution. Popham Beach and Reid State Park are not allowing anyone to go further than waist deep in the water. If anyone is overdue for their car registration, that was supposed to be done by July 11th. Police are giving warnings in some areas. He recommends looking at your plates and if you're overdue come into Town Hall or go to the link on the website to take care of it.

IV. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Payroll Warrant 10 and Accounts Payable Warrant 11 which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from July 15th, 2020

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

Selectman Young will not be at next week's meeting.

Adjournment

Vote: At 5:16 p.m. Selectman House motioned to adjourn into a Budget Workshop which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

- Budget Workshop