

Submitted By:

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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 5, 2018**

Approved by Selectmen:

*GR 9/26/18  
Ch 8/26/18  
M 8/26/18*

*The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, with Selectman Read, Selectman Mixon, Selectman Young and Administrator Jones present.*

**I. Adjustments**

*Administrator Jones requested that the MD&A be tabled until the auditors have time to complete the audit.*

**II. New Business**

1. Meet with resident Joshua Bate to discuss concerns.

*Mr. Bate stated that at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting he asked the Board to look at Sam Day Hill Road, Young's Lane, Basin Road, Bailey Road, Captain John Parker Road, Bodwell Grange, Lavery Lane, Ridge Road and Brightwater. Mr. Bate asked if there was a plan for work on these roads to address the issues of tree trimming, grading, drainage, etc., as these roads are in very poor condition. Selectman Young went through the list Mr. Bate gave the Board, and answered that to put in gravel, grade, and ditch all of the dirt roads in the Town we would need to raise more money. Mr. Bate responded that none of them are being done right now. Selectman Young stated the Basin Road did get graded. Mr. Bate asked when these roads were properly assessed and maintained. Selectman Mixon explained that there is a revolving plan that is worked to with regard to the roads. Mr. Bate has looked at the five-year plan and feels there is not good data in it. Selectman Young stated maintenance issues have nothing to do with the Road Committee as they are concerned with capital improvements. Selectman Young suggested that Mr. Bate get in touch with Administrator Jones to review the back of the General Road pay sheets, because Curtis lists his projects there and what is being billed for. Administrator Jones agreed. Selectman Read responded by stating that Mr. Bate could address these issues at Town Meeting by bringing it before the whole Town to ask if they want to raise more money to maintain the roads. Mr. Bate distributed a handout to the Select Board asking about Ft. Baldwin Road, Cox's Head Road, Green Point Road, Fallen Road and Old Ferry Road as they are all in poor shape. Selectman Read asked Mr. Bate what he was asking the Board - Mr. Bate replied is he looking for more realistic forecasting and more realistic maintenance for the Town roads. Selectman Young explained that if you go back 4-5 years ago the amount of money that was raised for capital to do these roads is three-fold. When the Road Committee did their presentation to the Budget Committee this year that they intended to increase next year and the year after \$25,000-\$30,000 each year. Selectman Young's recommendation with anything to do with maintenance of the roads be given to Curtis, see if it can be put into a plan over the next three years and the same for capital improvements. Selectman Young stated that Mr. Bate has made some recommendations that will be taken under consideration. Mr. Bate stated that in 2003 the Road Committee prepared a 20 year plan and he would like to have a copy to see how they're doing. Selectman Young asked how the Road Committee would feel if the Selectmen did the interviews for the two open positions with the three candidates. The Road Committee members answered that they would be fine with Selectman Young's suggestion.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned for Selectmen to interview for the two open Road Committee positions, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

*Selectman Young informed the Road Committee that the Select Board had come up with rules and procedure for public input. Unless it is a public hearing, all committees have the right to set their own*

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*policy for their meetings on what they want for public input. If you run into a situation where someone is repetitive with their comments, as a committee you find the commentary disruptive, you have every right to adjourn the meeting until the situation is under control. If they continue, you ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave, law enforcement can be called. Selectman Young gave a copy of the rules & procedures to the Road Committee.*

2. Review estimate for signing by Maine Line Fence to fix the fence around the PES ballfield. Administrator Jones reported that the Town had received a reasonable estimate. Selectman Read stated that Maine Line Fence came back with an estimate of \$2,300. Administrator Jones said that both RSU 1 and the Recreation Committee are willing to split the expense.

**Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to approve the estimate of \$2,300 for repairs to the PES ballfield fence, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

*Curtis Doughty asked if a better gate system/access could be installed with the fence. Selectman Read will talk with the Recreation Committee to see if they can do that. Selectman Mixon clarified that they're going to remove 2'3" posts, 12' high, galvanized chain link fence that has heaved and leaning, install two new posts and put the fence back together. They could also straighten 2-2 1/2" posts.*

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

Nomination papers available for RSU1 Board of Directors until September 24th

*Administrator Jones reminded the public that nomination papers for the Board of Directors for RSU 1. The deadline for applying is September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*Selectman Mixon stated to watch out for school buses; there will be more this week.*

**IV. Public Forum:**

*Bethany Wallace commented that the Road Committee made sure they were present to address any concerns that Mr. Bate has. She will not be here next week and she is asking if that is going to be a topic of conversation that she be present when it is brought up.*

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

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Selectmen's Minutes for July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
3. Management Discussion & Analysis Report of FY18
4. Change Order, Parker Head Road Reconstruction Project

**Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to approve Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants, Selectmen Meeting Minutes for July 25<sup>th</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>, and Change Order-Parker Head Road Reconstruction Project, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to table the Management Discussion & Analysis Report, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**VI. Adjournment**

**Vote: At 6:38 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.**