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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2020**

*The Selectmen convened at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with Selectman House,
Selectman Mixon and Administrator Jones present.*

I. Adjustments

Selectman House would like to add under New Business to discuss a donation in memory of someone.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to add discussion of a donation in memory of someone as Item #3 under New Business, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

II. New Business

1. Meet with James Bunce, President of the Phippsburg Fire Association to present the newly acquired Fire Truck and transfer the ownership to the Town.

Mr. Bunce provided the specifications of the new truck to the Board. This truck will replace the 30 year old truck with a new one that the Association bought with their money received from donations. The Association put on bumpers, a headboard, and fitted stuff on the outside for the Fire Department. Mr. Bunce is now turning this new truck to the Town as a replacement asset for the brush truck. It's a 4-door, quad cab truck, with a 6' bed. Cost of the truck was approximately \$48,000.

Chief Hart presented a bill of sale and a check for the sale of the old brush truck to Administrator Jones which will get deposited into the Fire Capital Account.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned that the Town accept the truck acquired by the Phippsburg Fire Association to replace the brush truck which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Consider accepting the following donations for the Bowker Memorial Bench:

- \$50.00 from John Chandler
- \$100.00 from John and Betsy Morse
- \$100.00 from Doug Bates and Eleanor Kay

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to accept the above donations for the Bowker Memorial Bench which was seconded by Selectman House.

Donations are still being accepted for the bench. Total received to date is \$1,350. Expected cost of the bench is approximately \$3,500.

Vote passed by a vote of 2-0.

3. Discuss donation in memory of Ed Hunt.

Selectman House sent out condolences to the family of Ed Hunt who passed away last week.

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Vote: Selectman House motioned to give a donation of \$75 in Mr. Hunt's memory to the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

This will also be put on next week's agenda.

III. **Unfinished Business**

1. Reconsider strategies to maintain a safe and healthy work environment and public services in response to the pandemic Covid-19: Clarification on Town policy for employees who have traveled outside the state.

There currently is not a town policy for employees who have traveled out of the state with respect to COVID 19. Administrator Jones looked into this and the Town is following the CDC guidelines as stated in the re-opening plan. CDC policy states that a person coming from a non-exempt state may get a test no more than 72 hours in advance of arriving in Maine and employees may not return to work until they have received the results. Selectman House added that if employees need or want to go above this allotted time, they can use sick time. Selectman House does not want to see a new policy created for this with just two selectmen present this evening and currently adhere to the CDC guidelines. This item will be discussed again next week when all Board members are present.

Selectman Mixon added that after doing some research there is an immediate plan in place for the employees that are getting ready to travel. He also added that the big question mark is that some testing facilities are now recommending a 4-7 day waiting period after arriving at home before having a test, which is in direct conflict with the 72 hour rule that the CDC has, so all agencies are a little different. Administrator Jones stated that it had caused some confusion at the employee level and she was just looking for some clarification which she feels like she has received.

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

Absentee Ballots - Counted on Monday, accepted until Election Day

Administrator Jones mentioned that there has been a steady stream of people coming into vote absentee. She clarified that you can come into vote your ballot and it is still called voting absentee. Absentee ballots are still available to take home with you, but you can also come into vote a ballot or you can wait to Election Day.

Election Day - 8am to 8pm Phippsburg Fire Department

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 3rd from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fire Department.

Selectman Mixon stated that there have been some folks removing political signs from public/state property. He is asking they be left alone as it is against the law. More importantly, it's taking away your neighbor's right of free speech. He feels it is important that we all respect everyone's rights and be good neighbors and good Americans.

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Selectman House confirmed that end of the day on Friday is the last day to request an absent ballot or come into vote unless there is a special circumstance, and that can be done Monday or Tuesday. But, if you have already requested a ballot those can be returned right up to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Selectman House still has food bags and she can still get cat or dog food; whatever anyone needs of that, just please call and ask. She added that the youth hunting season started last Saturday; gun hunting starts this Saturday. Please remember to wear your bright colors.

V. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to review and sign Payroll Warrant 41 and Accounts Payable Warrant 42, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.

Adjournment

Vote: At 5:16 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 2-0.