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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 7th, 2022**

The Members of the Select Board convened at 5:00 p.m. with
Chairperson Mixon, Board Member Levene, Board Member House, and Administrator McLellan present.

I. Adjustments - NONE

II. New Business

1. Municipal Quit-Claim Deed Without Covenants - Map 011 Lot 041 – Harry R Lewis/Devises
Levene motioned to table item. House seconded. Approved 3-0
2. Discuss letter from Jonathan Day regarding the Popham Cannon. *House recused herself due to personal reasons. The letter is in regards to the removal to the Popham Cannon. Day states that the cannon is Town property. Mixon stated that the cannon is currently secured but is no longer located where it was previously. The Board was presented an additional statement from Tom Totman that states the cannon is property of the descendants of John Stacey. Day's letter is available for viewing at Town Hall. Jonathan Day's brother Jim Day was present and stated that the deed shows the Percy's did not acquire the cannon when they acquired the land where the cannon stood. He requested that the Town Solicitor render an official opinion on the case as to the ownership. Jim Day also noted that he is not a resident so he cannot make such a request officially, but the documents his brother presented reflects that the ownership of the cannon belongs to the Town no matter where the cannon sits. Jim Day suggested a public hearing. James Totman spoke and stated that about 25 years ago (early 80s) the public voted the rights away to the cannon they tried to get the state to take it to the Fort Popham but the state wouldn't touch it since all of the heirs could not be located. Mixon mentioned that the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall would be a suitable place for the cannon to be displayed. Levene's husband suggested the Phippsburg Historical Society as a suitable location though Fort Popham would be best. Jim Day suggested that the Parks and Recreation department should be involved either way. Mixon stated that the Town would have a final say in where the cannon is located unless there is still a question of ownership. James Totman stated if he hadn't moved it then it would have ended up in a junkyard and that it was very costly to move. Mixon stated that the Board needs to understand the chain of ownership and determine the facts. McLellan will reach out to the Historical Society to see if they can add to the discussion.*
3. Discuss necessary steps for Special Town Meeting currently scheduled for December 28th.
Mixon stated that there is a draft warrant. Levene said that it is prudent to increase the legal budget during this meeting as well. McLellan stated that we have already reached the budget allotted for the year and that conservatively the Town will need an additional \$6500. Levene suggested adding \$20,000. Levene motioned to add an article to increase the legal budget total to \$35,000 (\$20,000 has already been budgeted for the year from taxes, this would be an increase of \$15,000 which would be pulled from surplus to legal appropriation) House seconded to add that to the warrant. Approved 3-0. Levene motioned that the Select Board recommends approval of article 2. Amendment to the language allowing EMTs to take advantage of the Maine PERs health insurance and 3. To increase the line item of legal account to \$35,000 (\$20,000 from taxes and \$15,000 from surplus). House seconded. Approved 3-0
Levene asked McLellan to have the Budget Committee review the items as well. There is no quorum requirement for Town meeting just as long as it is publicized.

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III. Unfinished Business -NONE

IV. Department and Committee Reports - NONE

V. Correspondence

1. Letter from Comcast RE: Prices Changes Available at Town Hall

VI. Courses, Meetings, and Seminars

1. Members of Planning/ Appeals Board attending MMA webinar 12/13

VII. Administrator/Members of the Select Board Comments and Announcements:

1. Dog registrations are available at the Town Hall. *Late fees apply starting the end of January 2024*
2. *Please abide by the rules and regulations at the Transfer Station. If you need help disposing of something, please call Town Hall.*
3. *Santa will be in the parking lot of Town Hall at 6 pm on December 21st.*
4. *The municipal band will be playing at the Senior Center in Bath.*

VIII. Review and/or Sign

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants.
 - a. Payroll Warrant 57 - \$23,916.08 *Levene motioned to sign and approve. House seconded. Approved 3-0*
 - b. Accounts Payable Warrant 58 - \$27,413.96 *Levene motioned to sign and approve. House seconded. Approved 3-0*
2. Select Board Meeting Minutes for October 19th & 26th, November 2nd & 9th. *Levene motioned to sign and approve. House seconded. Approved 3-0*

IX. Public Forum - NONE

Adjournment *Adjourned 5:44 pm Levene motioned, House seconded. Approved 3-0*