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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*The Members of the Select Board convened at 5:00PM with  
Chair Levene, Board Member House, Board Member Read, and Administrator McLellan present.*

**I. Adjustments**

1. *Levene motioned to add "Posted Roads discussion with Curtis Doughty". House seconded. Approved 3-0.*

**II. New Business**

1. *Posted Roads discussion with Curtis Doughty. Doughty asked for authorization to post roads at 12:01 AM on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024. House motioned to post the roads. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
2. *Consider appointing Terry Watson to the Town Landings Committee for the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2026. House motioned to appoint. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
3. *Consider appointing Denise Hoyle to the Affordable Housing Committee for the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2026. House motioned to appoint Hoyle as an alternate. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
4. *Meet with Chilloa Young regarding the Annual Town Report. Mike Young stated why the Annual Report is important to him and he voiced concerns about if the audit will be done in time to publish the report before Town Meeting, then he stated he had concerns that the cover had no pictures on it, the header on pages, proofreading, formatting, and requested larger print on some of the documents from the auditors. He also requested more photos be added to the report. Mike and Chilloa both requested that obituaries be included in the Town Report. Anna Varian requested that the reports be mailed. She also was unhappy with the report. Chilloa spoke and stated that the town cares and that the Town Report should capture history, obituaries included. She also suggested the Annual Report be mailed. She said that we should be more responsible about the product. She is not proud of the product, and she volunteered to proofread. McLellan stated that so far, the report is a few reports and letter and a roster but there have not been a lot of submissions so far. Levene asked if requesting a volunteer to gather obituary information would help. House stated that the obituaries were becoming quite large. McLellan stated that it is the Select Board's report and what they want in the report will be in the report. McLellan also went over 2022's timeline and how that impacted the editing process. Read asked if a committee should be created. McLellan said that it would be wonderful to have input from the town residents. Levene stated that as a Select Board, along with the input from Town Meeting, residents didn't want to have the reports mailed and they didn't feel like spending all the effort on the Town Report is a priority focus for the town. A list of concerns was submitted by Mike Young for the Board's review. Jeff Knuckles discussed page 51, Town Owned Lands and his issue with how some of the deeds are listed/titled and will submit his findings to the Board. Levene asked if Mike and Chilloa Young would volunteer to gather obituaries and 40 words or less. They declined. Levene suggested another straw poll be done about mailing. A request for volunteers will be posted on the Town's Website.*
5. *Review the foreclosure update provided by Tax Collector Lisa Wallace. House suggested to invite taxpayers who are behind to talk to the Select Board. House asked for McLellan to invite them to work out payment plans. House asked McLellan if he asked the Town's legal team about a foreclosed building on land that the Town does not own. McLellan asked the advice of MMA Legal, and it wasn't particularly helpful. Levene suggested McLellan reach out to the Town's legal advisor for help.*

**III. Unfinished Business - NONE**

**IV. Department and Committee Reports - NONE**

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V. Correspondence - NONE

VI. Courses, Meetings, and Seminars - NONE

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

1. Midcoast Maine Community Action - LiHEAP Assistance - 02/22 - 9AM-1PM.
2. Absentee Ballots available at Town Hall - Deadline to request - 02/29 - 5PM.
3. Nomination Papers available at Town Hall - Select Board, Budget Committee (x2), Road Commissioner (3-year terms). *McLellan will announce the deadline next week.*
4. *Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm is the deadline to change your party for primary voting.*
5. Town Hall Closed - February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Presidents Day.
6. *The Lemont fishing derby was rescheduled for Sunday February March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

VIII. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll Warrant - #76 - \$23,951.26 *House motioned to review and sign. Levene seconded. Read abstained. Approved 2-0. This is Payroll Warrant #76 from the previous week: "Payroll Warrant - #76 - \$23,951.26 Read recused himself. Read motioned to table. House seconded. House signed so payroll could move forward. Tabled 2-0."*
2. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants.
  - b. Payroll Warrant - #78 - \$13,213.38 *House motioned to review and sign. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
  - c. Accounts Payable Warrant - #77 - \$16,162.54 *House motioned to review and sign. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
  - d. Warrant #79 \$376,378.99 *House motioned to review and sign. Read seconded. Approved 3-0.*
  - e. Warrant #80 \$1,932.20 *House recused herself. Read motioned to review and sign. Levene seconded. Approved 2-0.*

IX. Treasurer's Reports - March, April, May, June, July, August, September 2023. *Levene motioned to table. House seconded. Approved 3-0.*

X. Public Forum - *Jeffrey Knuckles stated his concerns with the status of the revaluation. He would like the Board to add an ordinance that protects persons who own working waterfront property, people over a random age, and people who have lived here a really long time from skyrocketing property real estate taxes regardless of what the reevaluation shows needs to be done. He wants the Board to look for other sources of income including impact fees. He would also like an overhead light to be installed at 209 & Sebasco Rd. Levene asked McLellan to investigate how much a light would cost. Anna Varian, on behalf of the Town Landings Committee, stated support in favor of supporting Center Pond. Varian also requested that the Select Board be aware of some positions at the school that she states will see a decrease in hours or will be eliminated due to funding.*

Adjournment - *House motioned to adjourn to a workshop. Read seconded. Approved at 6:05 pm*

- Police Chief Transition Workshop