

Submitted By:

Approved by Selectmen:

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
September 19, 2018**

Amber L. Jones
Administrator

*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

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to table item 1 under New Business until Mr. Rogers arrived. Motion seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0. Item will be moved to the end of New Business.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to table the September 5th Selectmen Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 3-0.

II. New Business

1. Meet with residents of Popham Road, including Fred Hartman, to discuss the possibility of seasonal speed bumps.

Mr. Hartman introduced himself and resides across from the Stonehouse Manor, before the crest of the hill. He mentioned that there have been many discussions through the years about reducing speed in Popham Village, especially during the summer season. A good discussion was held two years ago which resulted in reducing the speed limit to 25 (from 30). However, there are people that do not abide by the speed limit, which creates dangerous and uncomfortable situations. Mr. Hartman's aim was to propose the possibility of speed bumps (in light of what Bath is doing with new "seasonal" speed bumps). Selectman Read asked Chief Skroski if he wanted to speak to the speed limit in the Village. Chief reported that during the summer there is an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic. He doesn't believe that Popham Road was designed to handle all of the traffic that it is experiencing, so speed bumps may not address the conflict of pedestrian traffic. He believes that the Town should get some actual/hard data prior to installing any road bumps. The State is coming out with a grant program, which Phippsburg will be eligible for that would provide a "feedback speed sign" this winter which also collects data on vehicle traffic and speed. It would also be used on other roads, as there is a grant requirement that the sign be moved to different location within the municipality. It will run on solar power, so it needs a good source of sunlight. Several other residents expressed their concerns about traffic, speed and pedestrians on Popham Road. The residents in attendance made several suggestions: a rumble strip (which would be a DOT decision) on dead man curve, moving the cruisers around town for visibility, placing cones in different areas, bush trimming, blinking speed limit signs, and crosswalks. Sam White asked about the effectiveness of the speed bumps at Parker Head. Chief Skroski reported that he has heard mixed things – some people hate them and some people love them. Some people avoid driving on Parker Head Road because of the bumps. There is no hard data for Parker Head Road. Selectman Young stated that it would be good to find out what Bath comes up with. Another thing to consider suggested by Selectman Young is the traffic that normally travels 25mph through the village, reducing it more might create traffic congestion, especially with speed humps. Selectmen Mixon & Read both think the sign is a fantastic idea not just for Popham but the fact that the Town can use it everywhere and help to see if there is a speeding issue and to see what the average speed is. Selectman Read asked when the sign would be available – Chief Skroski replied by stating sometime before the snow flies. Chief did state that the DOT is planning to add a larger stop sign and a white STOP bar at the intersection of Popham and

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Main Road, so he can contact the DOT about a possible rumble strip. Selectman Young stated that whatever is done needs to be assured that it is motorcycle and snow plow friendly.

2. Meet with resident Sidney Rogers, following the deadline of his consent agreement with the Town.

Mr. Rogers stated that he removed a lot of what he was asked to remove. Selectman Mixon asked if he made any progress since the last site visit. Sidney answered that he was able to get rid of the oil, but that the fiberglass is still there. His truck has been in the shop. Selectman Young asked Mr. Rogers what his plan was, to which he replied that he was working at it. Selectman Read re-stated that the Board needs a plan and asked when he could be rid of all the environmental hazards? Mr. Rogers stated that the oil should be taken care of in another week. Selectman Read then asked Mr. Rogers if the all the DEP concerns had been taken care of? Mr. Rogers responded in the affirmative but said there is a half oil tank (approximately 50 gallons) with a piece of plywood on it. The Board asked if the refrigerator units had been emptied. Mr. Rogers said they had been. Mr. Rogers then requested the Board give him another three weeks to continue to work on this. Selectman Mixon asked about the progress on the pile of tires, as Sidney had contacted a company in Auburn. His response was that removing the tires is still in process. Selectman Young asked if arrangements had been made for the piles of metal to be removed, and his response was that progress has been made. Selectman Mixon asked Mr. Rogers if he needed help in this process. Sidney responded by saying he needs more time. Mr. Rogers asked what the Board wanted cleaned up. The Board said everything needs to go. In Selectman Mixon's opinion Mr. Rogers should focus on the most harmful, environmental items first, the tires next and then the metal. Selectman Young agrees. Selectman Young re-stated that Mr. Rogers says he needs an additional three weeks to get the strip in front of the house cleaned up. After the three weeks, have Sidney should come back to give the Board an update.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to give Sid Rogers three more weeks and come back to give the Board an update on at least the strip in front of the house completed, focusing on environmental concerns on the property, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Selectman Mixon stated that the Board appreciates the work that's been done.

3. Vote, pursuant to Title M.R.S.A. Section 2253, to appoint a new member to the Road Committee for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 30, 2019, and another new member to the Road Committee for the remainder of a three- year term ending June 30, 2020. *Selectman Young stated that he and Selectman Mixon conducted interviews for two of the three candidates.*

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to appoint Gordon Carrolton for a term to expire June 2019 and Lawrence Dawson for the term that expires in 2020, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Joshua Bate requested the dates they applied since they have been appointed. Selectman Mixon responded July 24, 2015 and 7/17/18. Mr. Bate asked when Mr. Carrolton officially re-submitted his application, was still interested in the position. Administrator Jones replied that she didn't have that date on hand. Mr. Bate requested that she forward that date to him.

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III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Nomination papers available for RSU1 Board of Directors until September 24th
Administrator Jones announced this is the last call for nomination papers for the RSU1 Board of Directors. Deadline for submission of those is September 24th.

Selectman Young stated that the Burial for George Bowker is on the Stoneybrook Road at the Tim Bowker Cemetery, across from Beaver Lodge Lane. There is a good possibility that the casket truck will be down there at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. If they have to use the road and do not have access to the private property, Stoneybrook Road will be closed from 9-10 and the Fire Department will be directing traffic; full closure – both lanes of traffic. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon will be the graveside service and there will be alternating one-way traffic in that area as that section of the road will be used for parking; expecting 10-20 vehicles. Again, the Fire Department and the Police will be down there to maintain alternating traffic.

Selectman Read sent out condolences to the Bowker Family for their loss.

IV. Public Forum:

Chief Skroski stated that the Police Department had participated in the Totman Library Senior Fair this past weekend, with approximately 21 people dropping off old medications. It was very successful and well attended.

Selectman Young reported that CHANS was conducting flu shots and Health Community was doing wellness checks at the fair also.

Marie Varian mentioned that practitioners at the Health Fair testing cholesterol levels may want to first ask participants if they fasted, as cholesterol testing is not accurate unless one has fasted.

V. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Selectmen's Minutes for August 8th and 29th
3. Treasurer's Report for August 2018
4. Warrant for Calling the Municipal Election for the RSU1 Board of Directors

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

Adjournment

Vote: At 7:11 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn into a Winter Road Maintenance Contract Workshop, which was seconded by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 3-0.