

Submitted By:

Approved by Selectmen:

Amber Jones

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Administrator

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
March 6, 2019**

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The regular Selectmen's Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, with Administrator Jones, Selectman Young, Selectman Mixon, and Chairman Read present.

I. Adjustments

Selectman Young would like to talk about a tree down on Sebasco Road under New Business.

II. New Business

1. Meet with Norm Turner, Phippsburg's Animal Control Officer, to discuss questions and concerns regarding the proposed Dog Park.

Administrator Jones read a statement aloud to start the discussion. Mr. Turner explained that he wanted to establish a dog park primarily because there are many dogs in Phippsburg and he is interested in providing an environment for dogs to socialize with other dogs. Mr. Turner explained that this endeavor would not rely on any tax money; and feels the funding can be raised privately. The estimated funding needed is \$10,000. The reason he is focused on the proposed site is because it is not close to any houses and is forested so the trees will absorb some of the sound. The site is sufficient to include one kennel and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of parking space where 10-12 cars can park. If the dog park is approved, regulations would be added to the Animal Control Ordinance, and the rules would be posted on a sign at the park. Mr. Turner would also like there to be a security camera at the site, so if an incident does occur it will be recorded. Also, calls to Maine's Dept. of Environmental Protection were made to ensure the site is DEP approved.

Residents from Parker Head Road voiced their concerns regarding the proposed Dog Park. Among the concerns mentioned were: that notification was lacking, that there was an impression that the process of bringing the proposal to Town Meeting was being rushed, that the corner of the roadway where people would enter to park is dangerous, and that taxpayer funding would be used. To those concerns Norm Turner answered that the project would be funded by donation only, that access to the parcel and parking were deemed sufficient by the Road Commissioner, and he gave an explanation that what would occur at Town Meeting 2019 is a straw poll vote, simply to assess interest in the project. Notification was sent to direct abutters, but has not yet risen to the occasion of a public hearing, where public notice is required.

Ultimately, a straw poll vote will be done at Town Meeting 2019 to see if Phippsburg residents are interested in the project. If the straw poll shows that the townspeople are interested in the Dog Park, then in 2020 a comprehensive proposal can be brought before Town Meeting for approval. Until then Mr. Turner is open to feedback and suggestions, and is looking for committee members.

2. Consider the renewal of a Seasonal Liquor License for Spinney's Restaurant.

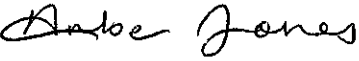
3. Consider the renewal of a Seasonal Liquor License for Sebasco Harbor Resort.

Selectman Read asked Chief Skroski if there were any issues associated with either of the former liquor licenses, and the Chief's response was that there were none.

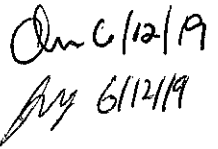
Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to renew the liquor licenses above, which was seconded

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by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 3-0.

4. Removal of downed Tree on Sebasco Road.

Selectman Young stated that there is a tree down, just past the golf course, left hand side which is dragging down the cable and telephone lines. Selectman Young asked Road Commissioner, Mr. Doughty to check with Hawkes Tree service to see if this is something he can take care of should the phone and cable companies not come through. Selectman Young suggested that if we have no movement from the cable or phone company within the next couple weeks we ask Jarrod Hawkes to remove the tree.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned that if the tree is not removed by the cable or phone company within two weeks, that the board authorizes Jarrod Hawkes to remove it.

Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty stated that if Hawkes Tree service is conducting FEMA clean up currently, they may be able to remove the tree sooner than two weeks. Selectman Young stated that the board should hear something within one week so he amended his motion.

Vote: Selectman Young amended his motion to move the deadline to one week to remove the tree, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Meet with Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty to consider enacting Posted Roads.

Curtis Doughty reported that it is that time of year where he feels the roads need to be posted. He suggests it be effective Friday night, 3/8, at midnight. Selectman Young asked if Administrator Jones had the Purse Line Bait exemptions; she does not have them yet. Selectman Young suggests that Administrator Jones sign the exemptions on behalf of the Selectmen.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to post the roads beginning Friday the 8th at midnight and authorize Administrator Jones to sign exemptions for Purse Line Bait, which was seconded by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. Consider hiring Aaron Doughty, who will work under the Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty, on road maintenance.

On December 12, 2018 Selectmen voted to hire Aaron Doughty to operate Harry Doughty & Sons equipment, providing all requirements of the Personnel Manual are met. To date he has provided the necessary documentation for employment.

Vote: At 7:00 p.m. Selectman Read motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A 405 6A to meet with Aaron, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

At 7:04 p.m. the Selectmen came out of Executive Session and Selectman Young stated that the hiring of Aaron Doughty would be considered at next Wednesday's meeting, pending fulfillment of the requirement for drug testing and a satisfactory driving record.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Nomination Papers available as of February 15th - due back 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2019

Positions open in the election are:

One (three-year) term on the Board of Selectmen

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One (three-year) term on the Budget Committee

One (three-year) term for Tax Collector

One (three-year) term for Treasurer

One (three-year) term for Town Clerk

Administrator Jones announced that nomination papers are still available; deadline is March 29th. She stated the open positions above. Gary Read has pulled papers for Selectman as well as Julie House. Lisa Wallace has pulled papers for Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk.

Selectman Young mentioned that he was appointed to the Land Trust and he did attend their meeting. He is learning about their organization.

Selectman Mixon thanked Mr. Turner for the work he has done on the dog park. It's not a small undertaking. It's just a reminder that volunteerism is still alive and well in Phippsburg.

V. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

2. Municipal Quit Claim Deed for Cynthia W. Carney, Map 039 Lot 004

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

Adjournment

* Continuation of the Budget Workshop

Vote: At 7:12 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn into the continuation of the budget workshop, which was seconded by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 3-0.