

Submitted By:

Approved by Selectmen:

Amber Jones

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Administrator

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
March 27, 2019**

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

I. New Business

1. Meet with Caitlin Gerber, Regional Steward for Maine Coast Heritage Trust, to hear an update on Malaga Island.

Ms. Gerber introduced herself and thanked the Town of Phippsburg for being such a great partner with Maine Coast Heritage Trust. She has been involved in the care of Malaga for the last five years. Ms. Gerber gave a brief history of the Island and is willing to talk more about it with anyone. She explained that the idea is to tell the story as much as possible, as it was a dark time in Maine's history. Though not a lot has changed on the island over the past few years, they've worked hard to keep the one mile trail clear and free of trees, to keep the grass cut, to remove the poison ivy from the trail, and to manage one or two beach clean-up efforts on the island each year. They want to provide a positive visitor experience. A new project they are working on, thanks to the input of some community members, is to put some markers on the old home sites on the island, a project she is looking forward to this year. Maine Coast Heritage Trust is also hoping to replace the temporary plaque marking Malaga as part of the Maine Freedom Trail; with a small, permanent plaque. They also share a 19' work boat used to ferry visitors to the island. Anna Varian, Town Lands Management Chair, has also been helping people get out to the island whenever possible. Ms. Gerber opened the discussion up for questions. If anyone is interested in helping out, or if more information is needed, please get in touch with her. As a final note, please be aware that metal-detecting is not allowed on the Island.

2. Meet with Ellen Winchester and Dot Kelly to discuss constructing a shed on Map 43 Lot 35, to be used by the Community Garden Committee.

Ellen Winchester stated that Lee Rainey had suggested going before the Town Lands Committee to receive the OK to build a shed. Anna Varian reported that a formal vote was not made by the Town Lands Committee, but all were aware and there were no objections. Once she received that she could obtain a no cost building permit. Once Dean Doyle mills the pine trees into lumber, building can begin.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to allow the Garden Committee to construct an 8' x 10' shed on Map 43, Lot 35, with the proper permits, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 3-0.

II. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

Nomination Papers are due back 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2019

As of 3/22/19 papers were taken for the open positions in the election by:

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Gary Read, Julia House and Everett Perkins for one (three-year) term on the Board of Selectmen

Kim Albertson for one (three-year) term on the Budget Committee

Lisa Wallace for one (three-year) term for Tax Collector

Lisa Wallace for one (three-year) term for Treasurer

Lisa Wallace and Lori Follett for one (three-year) term for Town Clerk

Selectman Read reviewed the above in the absence of the Town Administrator.

III. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

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

IV. Public Forum:

Anna Varian reported that she had gone to Totman Cove Preserve and the road is passable, though it shouldn't be used until it dries up more. Just past the gate there are sections of ice and muddy patches. The sign saying the road and gate are closed are still there at the top section. Anna pulled both of them closed again today. The beach is clean, but the west end has a ton of erosion (going forward we will need to discuss this). The gate is not locked for emergency purposes. Selectman Young suggested putting a couple of wire ties on it to let people know they shouldn't be going down there.

Ms. Varian also reported that over at the school free breakfast week was run for every student in the school. There was over 90% service all of the days, and two of the days 100%. It was received very well. It was also testing week so they are looking into whether there is any direct correlation between children having breakfast and test scores. She will keep the Board posted.

V. Adjournment

Vote: At 6:22 p.m. Selectman Mixon motioned to adjourn into a workshop to review the Draft Warrant for Town Meeting 2019, which was seconded by Selectman Young and passed by a vote of 3-0.