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Approved by Selectmen:

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Administrator

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 10, 2019**

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*The Selectmen met at the site of the Community Garden (old landfill road off Sam Day Hill Road) at 5:00 p.m. and the regular Selectmen's Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, with Administrator Jones, Selectman Mixon, Selectman Young and Selectman House present.*

**I. Adjustments**

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to place the Public Forum ahead of the Review and Sign as it is going to take a while to get through the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**II. Unfinished Business**

1. Meet with Ellen Winchester to discuss the site visit to the Community Garden and her request to remove the trees creating shade over the garden.

*Selectman Mixon stated that the board met at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Garden site. Ellen Winchester explained that basically there are some tall trees that are shading a third of the garden and by next year will be shading the whole garden since they are white pines. She thought it would be nice to cut them and a couple of other pines on the other side that are the same problem. If the committee sees any erosion on the hill, they will plant bushes to shore up the hillside. Doug Alexander asked what was going to happen to the big trees that are being cut down. Ellen Winchester replied that the ones that have already been cut, will be milled by Dean Doyle. Mr. Alexander said that if they were going to be milled, that the Town could use them for the docks. Ms. Winchester replied that certainly is a possibility.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to authorize the Community Garden folks to remove the marked trees, on both the east and west side, and the dead ones that are not marked, and have the chair talk to Dean about milling the trees and possibly using some on the town landings, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

2. Meet with Code Enforcement Officer Lee Rainey, and Sportsmen's Club President Dana McLean, to discuss the complaint received by CEO Rainey, about private citizens shooting at the Sportsmen's Club property.

*Mr. Rainey reported that he received a phone call from a private citizen asking about shooting practice, they heard. Mr. Rainey looked into it a couple of days later and discovered some work was being done preparing and maintaining equipment for Youth Field Day; part of that was test shooting. At that point it was over for Mr. Rainey as it was a club function preparing for Field Day. Mr. Rainey did explain that he wrote a letter to the Select Board describing what had happened. Selectman House explained that the concern was around keeping the President of the Sportsman's Club apprised of any complaints received. Mr. Rainey replied that if the complaint had bared true and the family was just stopping into shoot, Mr. Rainey would have contacted the Club and let them know that people were going on their property and shooting, but when he found out it was a club event he felt he didn't need to go any further with it.*

*Dana McLean stated that he would just like to be notified of any complaint as he hasn't been made aware of things in the past until it comes out by word of mouth.*

*Selectman Young stated that he feels that Lee Rainey acted properly, doing his job by advising the*

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*Selectmen. Again, Mr. McLean is requesting that he be notified of any complaint whether is warranted or not, just so he knows and he can address it. Selectman Mixon stated that Mr. McLean's point was well taken and that going forward he will be notified of any complaint, warranted or not.*

3. Meet with Dana McLean to discuss his request that the Selectmen write a Letter of Municipal Consent as part of a Bingo/ Beano Application to the State by the Sportsmen's Club.

*Fred Libby has been working with the Sportsmen's Club preparing for a licensed Beano/Bingo operation. Mr. Libby met with the State Police Sergeant and his understanding is that the Town could furnish a letter supporting the Sportsmen's Club's intent to operate a regular Beano/Bingo game. When the license application is complete, they will bring it in for Administrator Jones sign off and submit it. The license has to be in two weeks prior to the first Bingo. They would like to start Bingo in September. Selectman Young asked that the Sportsmen's Club check with the Planning Board to make sure that they don't fall under a section in the Land Use Ordinance about change of business permits. Selectman House asked if that could be confirmed at the next Planning Board meeting.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve a blanket letter of approval for the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association to conduct Bingo/Beano and sealed tickets under the Game of Chance Application MGCU-5400, with the understanding that they will come before the Planning Board at their next meeting, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

*Any event up at the Club is open to the public and they are going to try to accommodate 90 people.*

### **III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:**

**Comprehensive Plan Informational Meeting – July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*There is an important meeting coming up next week and are hoping for a good turnout. There will be a presentation on how the process will work on updating the Comprehensive Plan. The best results occur when many people are involved. The meeting will be at Town Hall at 6 o'clock.*

**Searching for members for the Dog Park Search Committee**

*There are two new committees we are searching members for. The Town would like to put together a Comp Plan Committee and looking for Dog Park Search Committee members also. Call Town Hall if you have any interest in either one of those.*

*Selectman House asked if the sweeper had gone out to bid yet. Administrator Jones replied she had not had time to pull that together. Waiting on Chad Little to get back with some specs that can be used for bidding it out.*

*Selectman Young stated that on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Legion Post will be hosting a Veteran's BBQ and Appreciation Ceremony. Any veteran in town and their family who are interested, please call Mr. Young, so he can prepare certificates ahead of time. Chief Skroski asked Selectman Young to remind folks that there have been some rabid foxes in Bath and that he also responded to a rabid fox in Phippsburg. Please make sure your pets have had their rabies shots and if you come across an animal*

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*that is acting weird, call and report it so the Animal Control Officer or Game Warden can come down.*

*Selectman Mixon announced that there is one position that just became available for the Town Landing's Committee. If that is something you're interested in, please contact the Town Hall and put your application in.*

*Selectman House stated that for the next couple of weeks the Berry's Mill Road will be closed for a culvert repair. Hoping to be back open the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is no firm date for re-opening, but as soon as we receive it Administrator Jones will post it on the website.*

**IV. Review and/or Sign:**

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
3. Municipal Quit Claim Deed for GAC CORP ATTN: NANCY COFFIN (Map 043 Lot 007), for tax lien years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
4. Municipal Quit Claim Deed for MCCARREN, EDWARD JAMES (Map 031 Lot 065), for tax lien years 2011-2018.

*Selectman Young noted that the Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants have corrections: the cemetery invoice and invoice for diesel fuel for the loader, and corrections to the Payroll Warrant changing the rate of pay for Shana Ferrara and Lorana Pierce.*

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve and sign Accounts Payable Warrant #4, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 2-0. Selectman House recused herself from Warrant #4.**

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve and sign the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 2-0. Selectman House recused herself.**

**Vote: Selectman Young motioned to approve and sign Municipal Quit Claim Deed for GAC CORP ATTN: NANCY COFFIN (Map 043 Lot 007), for tax lien years 2016, 2017 and 2018, and Municipal Quit Claim Deed for MCCARREN, EDWARD JAMES (Map 031 Lot 065), for tax lien years 2011-2018, which was seconded by Selectman House, and passed by a vote of 3-0.**

**Adjournment**

**Vote: At 7:12 p.m. Selectman Young motioned to adjourn into a Personnel Policy workshop, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.**