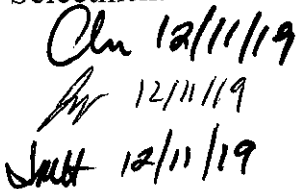


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**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
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Selectmen convened at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall with Selectman Mixon, Selectman Young, Selectman House & Administrator Jones present.

Adjustments

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to move Review & Sign to the beginning of the agenda, which was seconded by Selectman House and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Administrator Jones added the Transmittal Letter for the Popham Pier under review and sign.

I. Review and/or Sign:

1. Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Accounts Payable Warrants, which was seconded by Selectman Young for Accounts Payable 52 & 53 and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign Payroll Warrant, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from October 30th, 2019

Vote: Selectman House motioned to sign the October 30th Selectmen Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

3. Transmittal Letter for a grant application for the Popham Pier Rehabilitation Project

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to authorize Administrator Jones to sign the above letter on the Selectmen's behalf, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.

II. New Business

1. Meet with State Representative, Allison Hepler to discuss some of the local legislative priorities.

Ms. Hepler relayed her thanks to the Board for being so accessible, and stated that it was a short session this year and asked the Board what upcoming legislation they would like her to pay attention to. She mentioned a bi-partisan road commission that is looking at funding solutions for road repairs. At the beginning of last year's session, she talked to the chairs of the Appropriations Committees about cost of plowing roads and compared it to the entire revenue sharing money that each town got. Selectman House asked about the lawsuit against Comcast. Ms. Hepler heard that they agreed to put the towns aside for now, but she will get the current status of it. Selectman Mixon stated, as a business owner, he would like to see the State doing something about the restrictions being put on business signs - where they are allowed and not allowed. Ms. Hepler will look into this. Ms. Hepler stated there is a pending bill for converting from CMP to a community owned utility and asked if that would affect the tax base in Phippsburg. It would not. She will also keep the Board posted on the local food & lodging tax. Also relating to the marijuana issues there is a bill that hasn't been decided yet if towns due opt in they would get a portion of the revenue, but that number hasn't been determined yet. Dot Kelly asked about the traffic down at Popham and if the park could open up at 8 a.m. versus nine to help with the lineup of

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traffic.

2. Meet with Ethan DeBery, Chair of the Harbor Commission, to discuss his request to allocate a stipend to the Harbormaster salary, from the Harbor account.

Selectman Mixon explained that Mr. DeBery understands the process a lot better now and has decided to hold off for now.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to table this agenda item, which was seconded by Selectman Young. Vote passed by a vote of 2-0.

The discussion confirmed that a warrant article would need to be included in the warrant at next year's Town Meeting. The Harbormaster has already put in 60 hours over the hours expected for this year. He wrote a letter to the Harbor Commission explaining this and also requested extra funds to increase the pay rate to \$19/hour (that being the rate that someone just out of academy would get). When the Commission met they didn't agree that a rate of \$19/hour was enough considering how many years he's been the Harbormaster. Marie Varian stated that there is money available in the account. Selectman Mixon replied that the request is reasonable, but it has to be approved by Town Meeting. Selectman Young stated that the Board is very supportive and will do whatever they have to do at Town Meeting to see that the Harbormaster is properly compensated for his time.

3. Consider accepting a donation of \$100.00 for the Goodwill Fund, from Paul & Claudette Gamache.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to accept the above donation, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

4. Consider the resignation of Linwood Stockwell from the Road Committee.

Administrator Jones made a point of clarification that he is not actually resigning. Mr. Stockwell sent an email stating at the end of his term that he wasn't going to renew, however, it never came to the Administrator directly.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to accept the above resignation, which was seconded by Selectman Mixon, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

5. Vote pursuant to Title M.R.S.A. Section 2253 to appoint Edward Cherian to the Road Committee for the completion of a 3-year term ending June 30, 2022.

Vote: Selectman Mixon motioned to table the above appointment until we see the application from Mr. Cherian, which was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

6. Consider the resignation of David Flaherty from the Budget Committee.

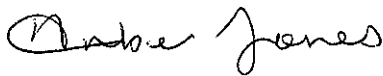
This is an elected position and the term ends this coming June. There is one application on file for this opening.

Vote: Selectman Young motioned to advertise this opening for a couple of weeks to see if there is any interest.

Administrator Jones did put this opening on the website and will change the deadline to December 3rd.

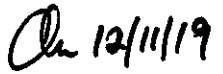
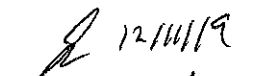
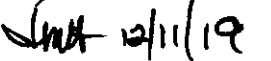
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Vote was seconded by Selectman Young, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements:

- Town Hall & Transfer Station will close at 1:00 p.m. on November 27th, Town Hall also closed on 28th and 29th

Administrator Jones commented that next week is going to be a short business week. Town Hall will be open Monday and Tuesday, and closing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. Both the Town Hall and the Transfer will close at one o'clock so please make plans accordingly. The Town Office is also closed on Thursday and Friday.

Selectman Young announced there will be no Selectmen's Meeting on Wednesday, November 27th.

- Update on public sand/salt area

Administrator Jones stated that they're working on a getting a public sand and salt area established. There is sand and salt available at the Sand & Salt Shed, just be very careful. Selectman Mixon added that if there is equipment moving in the yard the public should not be in there. There has been confirmation from the Vocational Center in Bath that they are building the other half of our Sand & Salt Shed as soon as we get the materials to them. Hopefully it will be available before we need it again in the new public location down near the road so there won't be equipment roaming around.

Selectman Mixon expressed his condolences to the Wyman family. We lost a 102 year old member of our community, Margaret Wyman, holder of the Boston Post Cane.

Selectman Mixon added that the road crews have been out a few times and seems like they are right on top of things - thank you to those guys.

IV. Public Forum:

Allison Hepler wanted to also mention that there will be an extra election next year; the Presidential Primary. There will only be one, every four years. It will not be ranked choice; ranked choice will be in effect for the November election. The Democratic Caucuses will still be happening, one week after the Primary. Ms. Hepler believes the Vaccination Vote will also be in March. Selectman Young mentioned that extra money will need to be set aside in next year's budget for this.

Adjournment

Vote: At 6:49 p.m. Selectman Young motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Selectman Mixon and passed by a vote of 2-0.