

Town of Phippsburg  
Implementation Committee  
October 3, 2006

Present: Chair Lawrence Pye, Paul Shiebler, Connie Shiebler, Merry Chapin  
Chair Pye called meeting to order at 6:02pm  
Members went over Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mrs. Chapin motioned to accept the minutes,  
Mrs. Shiebler seconded, unanimous vote.

Members discussed the meeting with the State Planning Board Officer Stacey Benjamin, slated for October 5<sup>th</sup>, the issues the State has and how to fix the Comp Plan to become consistent. First, seasonal housing and the effect of said housing becoming year round residents. Problems with enough ground water and making sure that developers are well aware of the water problems. Perhaps a survey to seasonal residents sent with their tax bills or some other way of finding out if they plan on becoming year round residents. The Selectmen, Land Use Committee and Implementation Committees are responsible on deciding who is going to address this issue. Second, access to water with in the town for residents and non-residents. Members felt that the Town already provided adequate landings for both residents and non-residents. Chair Pye said as far as he knew no one had ever been denied access to the water. A better explanation or mapping for the State Planning Board may be necessary to help with becoming consistent.

Mr. Les Smith, from the Road Committee, joined the Committee to discuss the Roads and Transportation portion of the Matrix. Goal 1- Annual review-ongoing. Goal 2- Scheduled for 2007, continuing to use sand and salt but, looking into calcium chloride as an alternative. Calcium chloride is very expensive and needs a place to be stored in liquid form. At a seminar Mr. Smith attended, it would take about 25 years for the Town to see a return on the investment- the calcium chloride is better for the environment, not for car's frames though. The DOT's Local Road Center works with small towns and will advise on the best action. Report hopefully will be sent soon on the cost break-down on the calcium chloride option. Mr. Smith will also look into heating the necessary building with gas produced by the land fill. Goal 3- 1. 50% done- Town Police Officer drove thru town with a Safety Engineer, to look at signage. Phippsburg is in District 1 with Scarborough. Road Committee is waiting for the DOT to make the signs; it is the responsibility of the Road Commissioner to put them up. 2. Meadowbrook and Parker Head were illegally posted but, now are correct. Speed limit on Rt. 209 by the Center Store will remain 45mph per DOT. A blinking light is too expensive and cross walks are prohibited on State highways. Goal 4- 1. Inventory is done. The conditions of the roads review plan will be done by 2008. The Road Committee wants to keep gravel roads gravel to protect the rural character of the Town. 2. Is done every 3 years. Goal 5- Bike paths are 5ft. standard- Popham's shoulder is only 4 ft. The Town would have to pay 50% of the cost to put in a bike path. The best hope for a bike path is having a feasibility study done. Biker's organizations are the best voices to lobby the state. The Road Committee has the bike path on its wish list given to the Selectmen each year. The Road Committee has no problem with having a bike path. Mr. Smith expects there will be a bike path to Sebasco in 5-8 years. The Road Committee is keeping on top of the State in maintaining potholes. The State will not make shoulders on existing roads. Since the overlay was

done the shoulder are better now. Goal 6- 1. Done. 2. Yes since 2004 3. Road Committee is active in the Urban –Rural Initiative Program. \$46,600 to pay for capitol improvements were being use on Popham Road. Budgeted amount for Stoneybrook Road was not enough, so some U-R Program money was used. U-R Program money can be used for overlays if no state roads are being improved. Goal 7- Being done annually. Goal 8- Plan for Shoreland and Land Use Ordinances to have this goal included. Goal 9- #1 priority plans on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March for Town Meeting- ditches may need to have easements from landowners to be made. Goal 10-done, just wait and see. Town is responsible for ticketing for parking issues. Popham Beach (State Park) can only handle 500 people at high tide.

Mrs. Shiebler motioned to accept Mr. Smith’s explanation of the goals of the roads and Transportation part of the Matrix, with an itemized report with a time table from the Road Committee. Mrs. Chapin seconded- unanimous vote.

Mr. William Shuttleworth, Superintendent of Union #47 and School Board Chair Gary Read joined the Committee. Goal 1- High priority and on-going. Regional Task Force being designed to include all 6 schools. Deadline for agreeing to the Task Force is December this year. Mr. Shuttleworth feels it would be a better opportunity for students and a tremendous savings to the towns. Goal 2- The roof at the school is done, as well as, the paint and re-carpeting. Perhaps broadcasting, on CATV, the School Board meetings would help keep the public informed. Better communication is needed. Goal 3- 25% of high school population could benefit from higher education opportunities. On-line courses for high schoolers and such. Mrs. Chapin brought up mentoring for students with interns from Bowdion and with older children with younger ones in the Elementary School. Mr. Shuttleworth would like a list of recent Phippsburg graduates to see where they are now.

Mrs. Shiebler motioned for the Implementation Committee to ask the Long Range Planning and Governance Committees to look into attaching a quarterly newsletter from the School Board and Union #47 for public dissemination. Mrs. Chapin seconded, unanimous vote.

Mrs. Chapin motioned that Gary Morong, Station manager of CATV, be asked to arrange video coverage of School Board meetings. Mrs. Shiebler seconded- unanimous vote.

Chair Pye motioned that Goal 3 is the responsibility of the School Board and on-going, to include the Regional Task Force with Union #47. Making a recommendation to the School Board to bring in educational programs to Town. Mr. Shiebler seconded- unanimous vote.

After talking to Mike Young, Mrs. Chapin will call Mr. McCarthy, from the Times Record, about putting more information in the paper on meetings.

The Committee is concerned with only having 4 members. If Mr. Hawkes is unavailable to be more consistent in coming, perhaps a replacement should be found. The Committee really wants 5 members.

Mrs. Shiebler motioned to adjourn, Mrs. Chapin seconded-unanimous vote.

Adjourned at 8:35pm.

  
Lynn Totman- Recording Secretary