

Town of Phippsburg
Implementation Committee
January 16, 2007

Present: Chair Lawrence Pye, Paul Shiebler, Connie Shiebler, Merry Chapin
Chair Pye opened the meeting at 6:02pm.
Dr. Lea from Bowdoin College, Les & Liz Smith, and members of the Town Conservation Committee were also present.

Committee discussed the letter received by Chair Pye from the State Planning Office. The areas likely to be developed according to the State don't make any sense because it consists of Land Trust property and conserved land- more clarification is needed from the state. DEP water test at Mill Pond discovered that the ecoli detected was animal related not human. Water testing for phosphorus is possible according to Dr. Lea- and he might be able to help. Dr. Lea has 2 different classes he teaches. One is a geology class- which consists of mapping and monitoring of water sheds and streams, the other class ground water- is more advanced and they take samples, do testing, compile the data and report the answers. Dr. Lea needs a list of contacts to give the data gathered to, locations and directions to the sample areas and permission to access said water areas. Classes have lab days every other week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dr. Lea said a grant has been given for high school students for water shed studies. A web site with data collected data from surrounding communities and that can be added to will be available. Dr. Lea's students will want to meet the various committees, to put a face on the data collected. Mr. Smith pointed out that the calculations for available water in the 9 watersheds is very important - 7 of which to see if they are really are in trouble and the other 2 having reduced issues. Dr. Lea said the advanced class could handle that, and is really excited for hands on experience. Chair Pye to draft a letter with specific goals and formats to be used- Dr. Lea to respond with examples of data. Chair Pye to ask Juanita about an update to maps to include wells. → Dr. Lea will write Team First. ↓

Committee then discussed the inconsistency of ground water study. Water flow ^{then} cannot be predicted. Subdivisions must have many tests done and provide 2 acres with ^{Town} every house lot. Dr. Lea offered to do a pilot study to test how long the water in a specific area has been in the ground. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Land Use Committee was ^{can} ^{Pick} considering a permit for wells and septic systems with an occupancy permit. Impact fees [↓] for new construction (major & minor Subdivisions) will be looked at and discussed at a later meeting.

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Future Land Use- Chair Pye expressed his concern on the thought of municipal water- hard to support and provide for. Mr. Smith said that 5 houses on 1 water supply is allowed after that it is considered a public supply and is State regulated. Mr. Shiebler asked if a feasibility study would be helpful with the impact fees going to pay for it. Solutions for West Point's and Popham's water issues were discussed with no real solutions found. Data is needed to make decisions about setting limits on water and who would pay for any communal water supply. Chair Pye was to call Stacey at SPO to see if any other towns had/have this problem with water and how they fixed it. Other issues with the public water supply were who pays for it, how you set the fees to make it fair for seasonal vs. year round residents and if the Town gets involved-who mediates? Ms. Chapin mentioned USM Public Policy were there were examples of other communities that have the same issues with water and haven't fixed them creating a huge problem with taxes. Chair Pye was to e-mail Stacey about the water issues when communal water supply is not feasible.

Committee went over the Minutes of Dec.5, 2006. Ms. Chapin motioned to accept Minutes, with 2 corrections. Chair Pye seconded, unanimous decision. Ms. Chapin asked if any committees had been given "marching orders"- Chair Pye mentioned the Conservation, Road, and Land Use Committee's had been told. Others do not.

Next meetings Feb.6th and Feb.20th.

Mr. Shiebler motioned to adjourn, Chair Pye Seconded-unanimous decision.
Adjourned at 8:32 pm



Lynn Totman
Recording Secretary