

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 3, 2001

Approved By:

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with Selectmen Totman and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Appointment certificates

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Main Comprehensive Plan Committee (6:00)

Meeting held. Preparations made for the “all committees” meeting on January 9th. The division of the Town areas was discussed. Mr. Nichols will divide the town map into sections in accordance with these discussions. This map will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting for approval.

- Meet with Eric Taylor concerning Shoreland Zone violation (7:00)

Meeting held. Selectmen discussed the cutting of trees within the Shoreland Zone with Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor admitted to cutting vegetation and trees along the Shoreland Zone but did not agree with the severity of it as presented by the Code Enforcement Officer. Selectman Rice had visited the site and agreed with the assessment made by the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Taylor stated that although the forester had visited his property a replanting plan would not be completed until a later date (forester was too busy.) Mr. Taylor agreed to plant “some” trees and wanted to know what his consensual fine would be. It was discussed between the Selectmen and a motion was made and passed to “assess Mr. Taylor with a consensual fine of \$9,280.00 and require the implementation of an approved forestry replanting plan prior to May 31, 2001.” The fine was based on \$250.00 per day for 37 days (Oct 22nd to November 29th) and legal costs. Mr. Taylor did not agree with the consensual fine and left the room stating that the Selectmen could contact his attorneys in Portland. Clerk to contact the Town Attorney to start legal action against Mr. Taylor.

- Meet with Sharon Brown concerning purchase of foreclosed property (7:30)

Meeting held. The Browns would like to purchase the foreclosed “Gross” property, which is located adjacent to theirs (Map 44, Lot 3.) The Board of Selectmen have Town Meeting authorization to sell the property (because it is not located next to a body of water) after properly advertising the property for sale. The sale can either be by sealed bids or public auction. The Selectmen have the right to set a minimum bid and to accept or reject any bid. Upon selling the property a Quit Claim Deed (vs. Warranty Deed) will be used. Issue tabled until the full Board meets.

3. Discuss the following issues
- Mike Young vacation days for Coast Guard event - January 19th and 22nd
 - Budget/Town Meeting schedule

Items discussed and approved.

4. Review the following items:
- Letter from Sportsmen's Association to abutters
 - ACO report
 - Intent to Harvest for William Rogers
 - DEP newsletter
 - Community Forestry Program newsletter

Items reviewed. No action taken.

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars
- Town Meeting and Elections workshop
 - Public Admin courses

**Clerk and Selectman Rice will attend the Town Meeting and Elections workshop.
No one will attend Public Administration.**

6. Miscellaneous
- **Danish's on Fiddlers Reach Rd. are still in violation of their Court Order to remove all but 4 Adult Dogs. Clerk to contact Town Attorney for action.**
 - **The Myava Escamilla, daughter of Eduardo Escamilla, has contacted the Tax Collector and stated that she will be paying the back taxes and lien costs on her father's property located on Dromore Bay (Map 7, Lot 20.)**

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.