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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
March 14, 2001

Approved By:

## MINUTES

*Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Totman and Rice present*

1. Review and Sign:
  - Accounts payable and payroll warrants
  - Minutes
  - Abatement

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:
  - Expansion of Business Hearing (6:00)

**Hearing held. See Planning Board minutes**

- Meet with Nick Nichols (6:30)

**Meeting held. A questionnaire and an explanation letter were reviewed. Selectmen voted not to send out the letter and tabled the questionnaire. Mr. Nichols explained that the mapping project was slightly over budget. Selectman Totman asked that the 250-foot Shoreland Zone be added to the maps.**

- Meet with Recreation Committee Chairman (7:00)

**Meeting held. Chairman Wesley informed the Selectmen that the committee only has two active members and they are unable to operate according to their by-laws. She asked that the Town try to find volunteers for the committee and that a stipend be paid to each. The Selectmen preferred to go back to the system of having a one stipend position for an individual to organize and run the programs, with the Committee providing oversight. Issue tabled until a full Board meets. Clerk to advertise for open positions. Chairman also stated that the money received from the Alice Minott will would be used for scholarships and the rest would be invested.**

- Meet with Shellfish Committee Chairman (7:30)

**Meeting held. The following issues were discussed:**

1. **Ordinance change to allow limited night harvesting of shellfish – Approved.**
2. **Changing Basin closure description to include map and lot – Disapproved.**
3. **Ordinance change to allow a “Senior License” – Disapproved. The Shellfish Chairman explained that the recent survey results were down and that it might be a good idea in several years. Also, the Warden thought it would be hard to enforce. The Selectmen voted to submit a Town Meeting article for a “straw poll” vote on the issue.**
4. **Warden Hentz requested to be appointed as a Constable. This would give him the same authority as the State Wardens (power of arrest, summons for misdemeanors, carrying a weapon) – Tabled.**
5. **Warden Hentz requested a change to the wording on the back of the Recreational Shellfish License application – Disapproved.**
6. **Warden Hentz requested an ordinance change requiring the ID and tagging of clams – Disapproved.**

7. Warden Hentz requested an ordinance change to have the definition of “possess” changed – **Disapproved.**
8. Warden Hentz requested that an ordinance change be made which would allow an automatic suspension of a Recreational Harvester's license for one year after the first conviction, two years after the second conviction, and three years after the third conviction. **Tabled.**
9. Warden Hentz requested an ordinance change to include “Aiding and Abetting” – **Disapproved**
10. Warden Hentz requested a small annual raise (50 cents) each year rather than a large one every other year – **Disapproved.**
11. Kai Jacob requested that commercial harvesting of shellfish be prohibited in North Creek. Clerk to send him a letter inviting him to the next Shellfish Meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Meet with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning Sinibaldi appeal.

**Meeting held. Selectmen voted to approve a plan drafted by the Code Enforcement Officer for reestablishing the original grade of the structure and allowing a small entrance into the basement.**

### **3. Discuss the following issues**

- Rules for operation of Totman Cove and Forest

**Approved.**

- Commercial Zones for Waterfront assessments

**Tabled.**

- Meeting with Mr. Taylor concerning consensual payment

**Selectmen voted not to meet with Mr. Taylor. Clerk will send a letter to Attorney Hornbeck requesting enforcement action and will advise Mr. Taylor’s attorney that this action has been taken.**

- DOT boating grants

**Discussed. Clerk to send copies to the committees that might be interested.**

- Waste Management grant

**Discussed. No action taken.**

- Letter from Cemetery Trustees requesting additional property

**Clerk to send a letter recommending that the Cemetery Committee visit all current town owned property to see if there may be an adequate Cemetery site.**

- MER assessment meeting

**Scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.**

### **4. Review the following items:**

- Cranberry Point Rd. scheduling conference
- BMV on site visit report
- County Commissioners Agenda
- Joint School Board Meeting Agenda
- DOT long Range Plan
- Ocean View vs. Poliquin case
- Shellfish reports
- Notices of Hearings
- Recycling Newsletter
- MDOT Newsletter

- Weekly Legislative Reports and Bulletins
- Ad for tax acquired property sale

**All items reviewed. No further action taken.**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars  
**None**

6. Miscellaneous

**The issue of lobster traps being left on the State property along the parking areas of the Popham Wharf was discussed. The road crew is unable to plow the area because of the traps being in the way of snow placement. Clerk to contact the Park Ranger to see if the State will ban the placement of traps on their property.**

Adjourned at 9:37 p.m.