

Submitted By:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

July 7, 2001

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice and Douglass present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- ID Card
- Letter and application for Corps of Engineers permit for predator control netting for clams

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Carmen White (7:30)

Meeting held. Carmen White and her husband were having problems with the electric fence that was installed by Ed Skillin to keep his cows away from their property and fencing. The electric fence had been installed as per a signed agreement between both parties. Carmen White stated that she had talked to Pat Skillin about the issue and the electric fence had been repositioned. Carmen was told by the Selectmen that the ACO and Chief of Police could not take any action under the Animal Control Laws unless the cows actually trespassed on their property and that the Town could not enforce the written agreement. However, if the cows continued to go across the electric fence and cause problems she should notify the ACO or Chief of Police so they could document the events in case it went to court. Clerk to have the ACO contact Carmen White to get briefed on the situation and also to discuss the issue with Ed and Pat Skillin.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Minutes from last meeting – **Clerk was briefed on meeting and will prepare minutes.**
- Jet Ski Ban – **Personal watercraft ban on all Great Ponds within Phippsburg was passed by State Legislature (see Town Meeting of May 17, 1999.) No further action taken.**
- Letter from DOT concerning maintenance of Center Pond bridge/causeway – **Town now has maintenance responsibility for the Center Pond bridge/causeway. No further action taken.**
- Resume for Parking Enforcement Officer – **Received one resume. Clerk to arrange an interview for July 18th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Parking issue in Popham – **A resident received a ticket for parking on Route 209 in front of his house. This was determined to be a law enforcement matter between the complainant and Chief of Police. No action taken.**
- Totman Beach gate
The inner gate is hard to lock up. Clerk to advise Bob Cummings and the Land Trust.

4. Review the following items:
 - Letter from the State Planning Office concerning Comp Plan Update Grant (not awarded)
 - Legislative Reports
 - Count Question Resolution Program
 - Newsletter from Dept. of Conservation
 - Comp Plan questionnaire
 - ACO Report
 - Shellfish Meeting minutes and Warden Report

All items reviewed. Clerk to ask Nick Nichols to continue to apply for comprehensive plan grants. No action taken on other items.

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars
 - Property Tax School – **No one will attend.**
 - MCBDB Business Meeting – **Mike Rice will attend.**
 - Conference on the Future of Fort St. George - **Clerk to forward to Merry Chapin.**
 - Maine Bike Paths conference – **Ron Flink will attend.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Discussed putting the Assessing Agent position out for bid. This was tabled until the next meeting. Clerk to get sample assessing contracts for review.**
- **Selectmen approved the disposal of the broken copier machines (contact Excel copier and offer to them or dispose of at the landfill if unable to get rid of) and also approved the disposal of the old computer parts, monitors and printers (will offer to School Union, if they don't want them will dispose of elsewhere.)**
- **Clerk to contact MMA to make sure that the Town does not assume any liability if the ACO puts "Phippsburg Animal Control" on the side of his personal vehicle. If there is no liability he will be allowed to do so.**
- **Meeting held with the Shellfish Committee Chairman. (1) Clerk to advertise for a Shellfish Committee Secretary at \$10.00 per hour. (2) The Selectmen, Chief of Police and Public Safety Advisory Committee will hold a job performance review for the Shellfish Warden at 7:00 p.m. on July 25th. (3) The Public Safety Advisory Committee shall have the Warden job description updated to reflect his appointment as a Constable (with limited powers) and authority to carry a weapon. (4) Poll Point and Falls Cove in the Basin will be opened to shellfish harvesting on August 1st.**

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.