

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 25, 2001

Approved By:

MINUTES

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Minutes

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Performance review for Warden and update on Chief of Police position
Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to conduct a performance review on Warden Hentz (Chief of Police and Chairman of the Public Safety Advisory Committee were also present.)

Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m.

Warden Hentz was asked to be more visible. Selectmen signed certificate appointing Warden Hentz as a Constable (limited to enforcement of shellfish regulations). Selectmen also revised the Warden job description authorizing him to carry a weapon.

Selectmen took the advice of the Public Safety Advisory Committee to advertise the Chief of Police position. Position will be advertised through the Times Record and Portland Press Herald. Position will remain open until filled – no deadline date for submission of cover letters and resumes.

- Meet with Nick Nichols concerning final draft of Comp Plan questionnaire and set Schedule

Meeting held. Cover letter for questionnaire was reviewed with minor changes. The questionnaire was approved and will be mailed out by August 3rd. The Main Committee and Sub Committee Chairs will meet at 7:00 p.m. on August 8th at the Town Hall. All Comp Plan Committee members will meet at 7:00 p.m. on August 23rd at the Fire Station

- Meet with Mark Overington concerning consensual agreement for clear-cutting on various issues

Meeting held. Mr. Overington had cut down storm-damaged trees, which resulted in him going below the required count of trees for his shoreland location. Immediately, upon notification by the Code Enforcement Officer of his violation of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Mr. Overington took corrective action. He hired a tree consultant to draft an approved forestry plan and replant the trees. The trees planted were actually larger than those required by the forestry plan. Selectmen voted to assess a consensual fine of \$250.00 for this violation, which was agreed upon by Mr. Overington.

- Meet with Sebasco Resorts concerning speed bumps

Sebasco Resort had installed speed bumps on Kenyon Rd. which is a town owned road. The Road Commissioner required them to be removed. Selectmen

voted to order three cones with pedestrian crossing signs that state a 15 mph speed limit. These cones will be placed in the center of the road. Also, two 15 mph speed limit signs will be installed along the sides. The Chief of Police will request that the State evaluate the road for a 15 mph speed limit.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Letter to Richard Hatch
Discussed. Minor corrections were made to the draft letter requesting a meeting with Mr. Hatch to discuss the future of “The Basin” property. Clerk to send copies to The Nature Conservancy, Phippsburg Land Trust and Maine Coast Heritage Trust for review.
- MER Survey
No action taken.
- Bates College bi-annual report and agreement for Morse Mountain
No action taken.
- Letter from Assessing Agent concerning increase in septic and well values
Selectmen voted not to implement new values until the issue is studied further. The Assessing agent will discuss the issue with the State and see if he can get a statewide average. Also, if implemented it should be phased in over several years.
- Historic Preservation Committee appointments/ID cards
Selectmen approved appointments to the committee and authorized Town ID cards for those conducting historical surveys.
- Assessing agent contract
The Assessing Agent contract will be put out to bid in January 2002 for a starting period of July 1, 2002. An interim contract will be drafted to continue services with Kevin McGillicuddy until July 1st, 2002.
- School renovation project for bathrooms (Warrant Article for \$25,000.00/Overlay)
Funding article will be on the warrant at the next Town Meeting.
- 404 Hazard Mitigation grants
No action taken.
- Determination of “Guests” for the use of Totman Cove and Beach (i.e. Campers)
Campers at Phippsburg established campgrounds would be considered guests for the time being. Clerk to contact Land Trust to get their interpretation. Final decision on this issue is tabled.
- Seasonal Resident Town Meeting (August 16th)
Tabled.
- Ocean View Campgrounds vs. Town of Phippsburg oral argument
No action taken
- County Commissioner District Caucuses
Selectman Douglass will attend.
- MCB D Meeting update from Selectman Rice
Update given. Selectman Rice will continue to be the Town representative on the Board of Directors. The Selectmen have a concern that John James (Bath City Council) will be representing Phippsburg and Bath on the Executive Board. One other municipal representative and two citizens need to be appointed to the Board of Directors.
- Getting copier from Library
Selectmen approved the expenditure of \$56.00 to purchase the excess copier from the Totman Library. It will be used by the Code Enforcement Officer.

- Status of Chief of Police (executive session)
Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personal issues concerning the Chief of Police.
Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 9:45 p.m.
No action taken.

- 4. Review the following items:
 - **None**

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

- 6. Miscellaneous
 - **Selectman Wells will not be at the meetings on August 1st or 8th.**
 - **Jennie Bichrest from Purse Line Bait will meet with the Selectmen on August 15th to discuss posted roads.**

Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.