

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 5, 2001

Approved By:

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Rice, and Douglass present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Minutes
- Quit Claim Deed
- Town Owned Property Letters
- ISO Documentation
- Concealed weapons permit

All items reviewed and signed

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Attorney Hornbeck concerning Cranberry Point Rd. and the foreclosed Small Point property known as the cliff walk.

Selectmen voted to go into Executive Session at 7:04 to discuss both issues.

Selectmen voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:30. Selectmen voted unanimously not to appeal the Cranberry Point Rd. case. The Town Attorney will send a letter to Mr. Harrington asking if he will grant permission for the Town maintenance vehicles to use his turn-around. Rick Greene was at the meeting to discuss the foreclosed property at Small Point. He was told by the Selectmen to provide an independent survey of the Sewall property along the "cliff walk" and they would consider selling back the foreclosed property.

- Meet with Bates-Morse Mountain representatives concerning taxation

Meeting held. The Board of Selectmen will accept a five-year tax agreement with Bates College. However, the College will be required to make annual reports to the Board by May 1st of each year. The Board of Selectmen emphasized the importance of the College working with the Elementary School Students in Phippsburg. Clerk to draft a letter to the School Board on this issue.

- Meet with the Public Safety Advisory Committee concerning hiring John Skroski as Chief of Police.

Selectmen voted to have a special town meeting to increase the compensation package for the Chief of Police position. If the article passes, the position would be re-advertised. Clerk to contact Mr. Skroski and advise him of this.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Decide on a Mill rate for 2002 taxes

Selectmen voted to set a mill rate of \$15.60.

- Establishment of the Road Committee

Selectmen briefed by Clerk. No action taken. Remains pending.

- Choose questions from Comprehensive Plan Survey that tallies will be provided for **Selectmen voted not to present any information until all of the surveys have been entered into the computer and tallied. At that time information will be provided on all questions.**

- Lack of reply from Mr. Hatch

Clerk to draft a second letter to Mr. Hatch.

4. Review the following items

- School Committee
- ACO Report
- Shellfish Report
- Letter from Shellfish Warden to State
- Letter from State Planning Office concerning fall grant program for Comprehensive Plan Update
- Reply from the State concerning the issue of Skillin's cows and White's fence
- Time line for cable contract

All items reviewed. Clerk to send letter to the State Planning Office asking them to attend the Town-wide Comp Plan meeting. No action taken on other items.

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars

- Catholic Charities of Maine Open House
- Sustainable Forests for Midcoast Maine

Clerk will mail out copies of Sustainable Forest seminar to Committees and Boards (Selectman Douglass may also attend.) No one will attend open house.

6. Miscellaneous

Selectman Wells volunteered to be on the Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access Task Force.

Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.