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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

January 2, 2002

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Rice and Douglass present

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Minutes
- Appointment for Shellfish Conservation Warden
- Annual TRIO contract

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Commissioner George LaPointe, DMR Commissioner concerning water testing

Meeting was held with Selectmen, Shellfish Committee, Biologist Don Card, Representative Etnier and Commissioner LaPointe. DMR had sent a policy letter stating that anyone involved with Commercial Shellfish harvesting would not be allowed to take water samples. In the past Richard Lemont and other harvesters were taking water samples. The Board of Selectmen and Shellfish Committee disagree with this new decision. Commissioner LaPointe listened to all the comments and stated that he would go back and talk to his staff about the new policy. Issue still pending. The Shellfish Committee secretary, Brenda Cummings, took more comprehensive minutes.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Suscom Bond Reduction

The Cable contract allows for a bond reduction after SUSCOM has completed the digital and cable modem upgrade. Since this has been completed the Selectmen voted to approve the reduction.

- Assessing Agent Contract

Will be reviewed for next meeting. No action taken.

- Historical Preservation Ordinance

Copies handed out for review. Will be discussed at next meeting. No action taken.

- Cemetery Project Grant acceptance

Merry Chapin is requesting the grant on behalf of the Town. The plan is to hire two people to supervise volunteer school children over the summer in cleaning up and restoring some private cemeteries. A contractor would be hired to clean up and restore some of the headstones. Selectmen voted to accept any grant money available for the restoration of public and private cemeteries.

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Report
- Shellfish Warden Report
- MMA Minutes of 12/18/01 Education Funding Reform Committee meeting

- Shoreland Zoning News
- Thank you letter from Peter Hutchinson for paving section of Basin Rd.
- Maine Resource Recovery newsletter
- Maine's First Ship newsletter

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen approved for the Clerk to take a vacation day on January 18th**
- **Selectmen voted to approve expenditures from the Police account for the replacement or repair of the cruiser windshield and also for the rewiring or purchase of a different control box for the cruiser light bar.**
- **ACO reported that the cost for attending the "100-hour Police Academy Course" would be \$200.00 plus \$7.00 per day for lodging and \$5.00 a day for meals. He has been cleared by his doctor to attend. He would like to attend from May 8th to May 24th. Selectmen voted to approve.**
- **CEO has had a report of a possible "clear cutting" violation off Popham Road. He will investigate.**

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.