

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

January 16, 2002

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m. with Selectmen Rice and Douglass present

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Minutes
- Concealed Weapons permit

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Pat Manuel and Everett Perkins concerning the purchase of a sound system for the Town.

Meeting held. Cost of a sound system will be about \$3,500.00. A temporary committee will be established to research the sound system as well as future technological purchases such as a computer overhead projector. Everett Perkins will chair the committee and will seek representatives from other departments. The thought is to combine funding between departments to purchase items to be shared. The Selectmen had already voted to expend \$1,000.00 for the town share of a sound system at a prior meeting. The committee will also research using the funds from the cable technology account towards purchases of equipment, which would later enhance cable TV productions.

- Meet with Shellfish Committee Chairman concerning water testing

The last word received from the DMR Commissioner was that he was reviewing the issue (e-mail on 1/15/02.) Clerk to write a letter requesting an update on the policy status and re-enforcing the Selectmen's position that they would like to see the harvesters allowed to take water samples. A copy of the prior Selectmen's meeting minutes will be sent as an enclosure. DMR has committed to take the January water samples on the 22nd. Copies of the letter will be sent to Representative Etnier and Senator Small. Clerk will also e-mail the letter and minutes from the prior Selectmen's Meeting to the Commissioner. Selectmen Rice will personally contact Representative Etnier. Also, Charles Stevens volunteered to take water samples if necessary to keep the Kennebec River open.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Discuss the Assessing Agent Contract Specifications (length of contract)

Discussed. Selectmen want a three-year contract with an annual review. Clerk to contact the Town Attorney for the proper wording.

- Review letter to Hydrological firms requesting estimates/proposals for a water survey of the town.

Reviewed and approved.

- Appointment of an Assistant Harbormaster

Selectmen voted to appoint an Assistant Harbormaster to take the place of Kenneth Wells if he should be called to Coast Guard active duty. This will not be a hired position; therefore advertising will not be necessary. The Harbor Commission will provide a recommendation at a later date.

- E-mail from DEP concerning next weeks Popham parking meeting

Reviewed. Basically stated what the permitting requirements would be for expanding the parking at the State Park.

- Letter from Maine Yankee to attend decommissioning briefing on January 31st.

Selectmen will contact the Clerk prior to January 22nd and let him know who will be attending.

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Bulletin
- MMA Casualty Pool Letter
- Comp Plan Minutes from 1/08/02
- Letter from Emergency Communications concerning basin “emergency call box”
- Androscoggin River Watershed Council newsletter
- Maine Traveler newsletter
- Maine forest newsletter
- Planning Grant letter
- CMP tree cutting notification
- County Commissioners Agenda

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- GA Course

Mike Young will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen authorized to pay Angie Zimmerman to transfer Code Enforcement, Planning Board, and Appeals Board forms from the DOS program “Form Tools” to “Word.” By doing this they will be downloadable from the town’s web site.**
- **Selectmen met with Jamey Kitchen concerning the Sebasco Resorts issuing “Totman Preserve” passes to their guests (This was tabled from last week.) Selectmen authorized the issuing of 10 passes. Mr. Kitchen stated that the use of “Totman Preserve” would not be promoted in their brochures.**
- **Betty Totman discussed the sign on southbound side of Route 209 just before the Center that states “Parker Head Dr.” She thought this could cause an emergency response problem because the real name of the crossroad is “Parker Head Rd.” Clerk to contact DOT and have them change or remove the sign.**
- **Clerk to contact the Recreation Commission and set up a date when they can come to a Selectmen’s Meeting.**
- **Clerk advised Selectmen that the Assessing Agent would be willing to meet with the Selectmen on Wednesday nights as needed.**

Adjourned: 7:52