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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

January 30, 2002

## MINUTES

*Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Rice and Douglass present*

1. Review and Sign:

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

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Attorney Hornbeck concerning Taylor property

**Meeting held. Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Taylor clear-cutting case with the Town Attorney. Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 7:10 p.m. No further action taken.**

- Meet with Budget Committee

**Meeting held. Selectmen and Budget Committee discussed the upcoming budget year and expectations. Budget Committee will start meeting with Town Departments on February 12th.**

- Meet with Shellfish Chairman concerning water testing, grant and Senior Licenses  
**Meeting held. (1) Water testing - Amy Fitzpatrick, DMR, has stated that DMR will provide a person to take care of the monthly water testing and that Dick Lemont can take the water tests after a rainfall closure in the Kennebec until they start coming back "clean". At that time DMR personnel will take the final tests to open the flats. The Selectmen have requested that DMR provide this "policy" in writing and also to provide any documentation between the FDA and DMR that requires non-commercial harvesters to be used for taking water test samples. (2) Selectmen voted to apply and accept a grant (\$5,000 to \$8,000) from "Maine Shores and Steward Program". This grant helps support projects in Coastal waters, including finding and eliminating non-point pollution. This grant will be used to help locate and clean up non-point pollution in the Mill Pond, Kennebec River. The Town match for the grant will be non-monetary. The Shellfish Committee will partner with the 5th grade class for the water testing in the Mill Pond. (3) The Shellfish Committee will discuss Senior Licenses at their next meeting.**

- Meet with the Chief of Police concerning Video and Computer grants

**Selectmen voted to have the Chief of Police apply and receive two grants. The first would be a grant for a video camera for the patrol car (grant is \$4,000 with a \$900.00 match from the town) and the second is for a laptop computer for the patrol car (grant is \$4,700.00 with a \$850.00 match from the Town.) The Board voted to take the match money, plus \$400.00 for a computer case and car mount, from the Town Administration account.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- TRIO Windows upgrade

**Selectmen voted to take \$6,600.00 from the Town Administration Account to fund the TRIO changeover from DOS to Windows.**

- Hydrological survey

**Four companies will be submitting no-cost proposals for conducting a Hydrological survey of the town. No further action taken.**

- Web page update

**Clerk updated the Selectmen on the status of the Town's web page.**

- County update on LD 1967 (discuss length of payment for 6-month County Tax)

**Selectmen discussed this issue with the Budget Committee. The County is changing from a calendar year accounting to a fiscal year accounting so that they will no longer have to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. This will require an extra six-month tax period in FY 2003. We have a choice of one to five years to pay this six-month period. Selectmen voted to pay the six-month period over two years.**

- Cost of surveying Stoneybrook Road

**Selectmen voted to approve the expenditure of \$4,609.00 to Ronald Beal for surveying the land parcels on Stoneybrook Rd, which will be affected by road construction. Funding will come from the Stoneybrook Road account.**

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Action Alert for Tax Reform
- Legislative Bulletin and report
- Shore and Harbor Management Grant
- DOT Rural Road Initiative and Small Harbor Improvement program
- Minutes from the Popham Parking meeting

**All items reviewed. Clerk will mail copies of the grants and Popham Parking meeting minutes to the appropriate officials and committees. The Legislative Action Alert will be discussed at the next meeting.**

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

- Personnel Practices
- Transfer Station Operator Training
- MMA Technology Course

**Mike Young will attend the MMA Technology Course. Selectman Rice will attend the Personnel Practices Seminar and maybe the Transfer Station Operator Training.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen have requested a job description for the Code Enforcement Officer.**
- **Mike Clark, Bath Firefighter, will do a community presentation at the School on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. He will have a power point slide show and discuss his participation at "ground zero" in New York. A representative from the Red Cross will be present to discuss disaster planning.**
- **Clerk to check with the Road Commissioner concerning the status of tree cutting at the Acre Lot.**

*Adjourned: 9:06 p.m.*

