

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

April 17, 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
- Liquor License letter for Spinney's

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with various Town officials concerning the engineering plans for Center Pond causeway repairs. (7:00)

**Meeting held. Officials reviewed the plans. T/A to contact Coffin Engineering and discuss: (1) DEP permits, (2) locating dry hydrant during construction, (3) having contractor work with Road Commissioner when obtaining material to keep cost down. Estimate for repairs was \$75,000.00.**

- Meet with Angie Zimmerman concerning ATV's (7:30)

**Meeting held and letter from Ms. Zimmerman to the Land Trust was reviewed. Selectmen encouraged the "Winnegance Wheelers" to keep working with the Phippsburg Land Trust.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Attendance at next Comp Plan Meeting

**Selectman Rice will attend.**

- Six month (2002) and one year (2003) County Budget

**Reviewed. Six month tax (FY 2002) will be \$287,722.78 (divided into a 2002 and 2003 payment). The annual tax (FY 2003) will be \$507,482.25 which is a 13% increase. No further action taken.**

- Increase in interest rate for delinquent taxes

**The State Legislature has passed emergency legislation to increase the delinquent tax interest rate from 6.75% to 8.75%. Selectmen voted to increase the delinquent tax interest article to 8.75% for the May 2002 Town Meeting.**

- Salary for Parking Enforcement Officer/interviews

**Selectmen voted to increase the salary from \$8.00 to \$8.25 per hour. Position will be advertised. Chief of Police will conduct the interviews.**

- Increase in parking fine amount

**Selectmen voted to keep parking fines the same as last year.**

- Board of Appeals hearing for Dick Hill and Solvenson (May 9th)

**No action taken.**

- Meeting concerning Small Point Property (Cliff Walk)

**Meeting will take place on May 1st.**

- Vandalism to backstop on Cushman Field

**Damage estimate is \$2,850.00. The school insurance policy will cover all but the \$500.00 deductible.**

4. Review the following items

- County meeting agenda
- MDOT Newsletter
- Copy of drafted decision and order in Taylor case
- Letter from Suscom on Cable modem franchise fees
- Legislative Bulletins
- County Jail Technical Report

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

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

- Elected Officials Workshop
- Fair Labor Standards Act Training

**No one will attend.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen, T/A and Road Commissioner discussed the enlarging of the Brush and Clean Demo pads to allow for increased storage for chipping. T/A recommended having the ash tested and obtaining permission from DEP for ash disposal and enlargement of the pads. Selectmen voted to defer the recommended process and enlarge the pads as soon as possible – mixing the ash with the pad soil.**
- **The Road Commissioner has discussed obtaining property from Bob Cushing on Parker Head road so that he can straighten out a sharp corner. Mr. Cushing seems to be willing to allow use of his land for this purpose. Once the surveys are completed on Stoneybrook Rd. the Commissioner will meet with the surveyor and Mr. Cushing on site to get a rough idea of the amount of property that is needed.**
- **Richard Wallace voiced a concern over the current height restriction for buildings with daylight basements. The Board informed him that his only recourse would be to come before the Board of Appeals for a variance.**
- **T/A to arrange another meeting between the Board of Selectmen, State parks and DOT concerning the parking problem at Popham.**
- **T/A to arrange a meeting of the Center pond Alewife Committee for next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.*