

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 1, 2002
MINUTES

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Rice and Douglass present

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Lobster House liquor license

Items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet Rick Greene and Attorney Hornbeck concerning the "Cliff Walk Property" in Small Point

Meeting held with Mr. Greene, Mr. Hornbeck and Tom Totman. A survey was presented which showed that the Town was assessing a section of the "Cliff Walk" to Camilla Lee Sewall which actually belongs to other property owners. The Town tax maps were found to be in error. Also, it was discovered that the assessment fluctuated tremendously (sometimes 100%) from year to year. The Board of Selectmen voted to sell the Town's rights to the property back to the prior owners for \$3,800.00. The remaining taxes on the section that the Town did not assess properly will be abated. Attorney Hornbeck will draft the necessary transfer papers.

- Meet with the local Inland Fisheries Warden and Chief of Police concerning ATV enforcement.

Meeting held. Warden John McDonald explained that part of the responsibility for ATV control lies with the Dept. of Inland Fisheries. However, since there is such a small amount of revenue created through ATV licensing the enforcement of ATV regulations is a small priority for the Department (perhaps 10% of available time is spent on ATV's.) Warden McDonald asked that complaints from citizens be in writing. The Chief of Police will work with Warden McDonald to increase local enforcement. Merry Chapin requested that he talk to the students at the school about ATV operation.

- Meet with Merry Chapin concerning the future of the Bodwell Grange building.

Met with Merry Chapin and Bill Gilman. They have a concern that the Bodwell Grange building will not be treated as a Historic landmark if the Grange ceases to exist and the building is claimed by the State Grange. Selectmen asked Ms. Chapin to research ways to protect the Grange.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Harbormaster job description

Reviewed and approved.

- Warrant for Town Meeting (requested info for presentation)

Reviewed and signed.

- Informational mailing concerning the Police Department

Selectmen will mail out an information sheet. T/A will draft it for their review.

- Candidates night

Discussed. No action taken.

- Building debris issue

T/A requested that Transfer Station users not be allowed to drop off construction debris on the ground if the container is full. Selectmen opted to have it left on the ground rather than taking the chance that the debris will be dumped in the Basin.

4. Review the following items

- County Commissioners meeting.
- Chief of Police report

Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 9:05 to discuss Police matters. Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 9:15.**
- **T/A will invite a member of the School Board and the Principal to attend a briefing from Bates College on May 8th.**
- **There will be no Selectmen's meeting on May 22nd. The Popham parking meeting has been changed to May 29th – which was a better date for the attendees. T/A will be on vacation on May 23rd.**
- **Attorney Hornbeck will research Mr. Kamphausen's West Point right of way claim at the registry.**

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.