

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 29, 2002
MINUTES

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 6:300 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Rice and Douglass present

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Bingo License for Sebasco Harbor Resort
- Hydrological Survey contract with Woodward and Curran

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Road Committee

Meeting held in preparation for the Popham parking meeting. Issues were discussed, but no action taken.

- Meet with State DOT and Parks concerning Popham Parking issues

Meeting held with Steve Curtis and Herb Hartman (State Parks), Brian Murray (Park Manager), Gerard Waltz (DOT), Road Committee, and concerned citizens and business owners. The business owners want to encourage people to come to Phippsburg rather than discourage them. Selectmen explained that they had decided not to support the idea of a "Park Full" sign in Bath. The idea of increasing the parking lot size was discussed, but there was a concern for cost as well as the possibility of overcrowding the beach at high tide. Josh Bate had recommended putting the cost of parking tickets on the signs. It was decided that the following action will be taken:

- 1. The Park will open one hour earlier.**
- 2. DOT will remove the "bubble" that separates the entrance to the park from the parking lane on Route 209. This parking lane will be used as an entrance lane until the park parking lot is full at which time cars will be allowed to park in the lane.**
- 3. The Park will have a second lane open inside the park for annual permit holders.**
- 4. An "Additional Parking" standup sign will be used at the Park Entrance directing people to private parking lots (local businesses have a about 70 spaces available) at the end of route 209. Tracy Percy would contact the Rangers when the private parking lots were full. (Parks would make up sign.)**
- 5. A handout can be given out with parking tickets describing additional parking, other beaches and attractions in the area. The brochure would be designed in conjunction with the Phippsburg Businesses (Josh Bate.)**
- 6. DOT will check on the use of advisory speed cones and a seasonal speed limit.**

7. Road signs for other beaches (ie. Head beach) could be installed at the Popham/Small Point corner. Contact should be made with William Wyman concerning this idea.

8. Will revisit the Parking issue mid-season.

- Meet with Assessing Agent

Meeting held. Selectmen signed the Declaration of Reimbursement for the state homestead exemptions. The Agent reported that the Towns valuation is at 90%.

- Meet with Shellfish Warden

Meeting held. The following issues were discussed:

- 1. Method of checking for the “2 inch rule”. Selectmen directed the warden to conduct a thorough check of each commercial harvester at least once a year. This check will consist of sampling the clams in the bags – not just “rolling” the bags for probable cause.**
- 2. Shellfish Warden will keep a tracking list of all harvesters checked.**
- 3. Selectmen reiterated that they want the Warden to be visible. An evaluation of the Wardens performance will be scheduled for summer.**
- 4. Shellfish Chairman discussed keeping Lobster House Cove on a rotational closure but opening up the rest of Small Point Branch (asap) and also opening the area East of Hunnewell (August 1st). He will get together with the T/A to draft the letters to DMR.**
- 5. Selectmen will meet with the Shellfish Committee next Wednesday (June 5th) to discuss a raise for the Shellfish Warden.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Stoneybrook Road Surveys & Meeting

T/A will schedule a meeting for the Surveyor, Town Attorney, Road Commissioner and Stoneybrook Road property owners.

- Center Pond Repairs

T/A will arrange a meeting with Coffin Engineering. The Selectmen would like to bid out the repair contract in sections to allow local contractors the opportunity to bid on it.

- Maggie’s Bygone Phippsburg Sign

Mural for sign was reviewed. Selectmen were in favor of the mural (“Welcome to Phippsburg” with a picture of the “first ship”)

- Building Values for MMA Property Insurance

T/A to check with the Library Trustees for the value of the Library contents (books and computers.)

- Nominations for MMA Executive Committee and Policy Committee

No action taken.

- Re-advertising Harbormaster position

T/A will re-advertise in the Times Record and put up posters.

- MER Meeting on June 5th

Discussed. No action taken.

- Tobacco Fund Grant program

Information given to the Chief of Police for review.

- Comp Plan Meetings

Selectman Douglass will try to attend the next meeting.

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Report

Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- Local Roads Center Training

Information was given to Road Committee and Road Commissioner. Town will fund attendance.

- Fundamentals of Supervisory Skills

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted to hire Matthew Beal as the Parking Enforcement officer. He was the only applicant for the position. Mr. Beal also filled the position last year.**

- **Selectmen voted to apply for a town credit card.**

- **T/A will arrange a meeting with Custom Car Crushing.**

- **The Road Commissioner is going to start work on the West Point Road. He reported that striping will cost between 4 cents and 5 cents a foot. Selectmen asked that he check with the State to see if he could get a reduced rate. He was also asked by the Selectmen to have the brush that was cut at the Acre Lot removed, chipped or burned.**

- **Selectman Rice will draft a letter to the State Police requesting that a Trooper be assigned to Sagadahoc County. He will also send a letter to Sheriff Westrum requesting increased patrols and speed enforcement.**

- **Chief of police gave a briefing on training, disposition of several junked cars, and radio installation. He also reported that he had obtained a free cage for his cruiser. Selectmen asked that he have high visibility over the next three months.**

Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.