

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

June 26, 2002

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice, Douglass and Wells present

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Appointments

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Stoneybrook Road property owners, Town Attorney, Surveyor, and Road Commissioner concerning easements

Meeting held. The following property owners were present: Stevens, Beals, Navarette, Beane, Hart, and Attorney Kaplan representing Pantalena. Selectman Michael Rice gave an introduction and update on the project. Surveyor Ronald Beal reviewed the surveys of the property. Town Attorney Richard Hornbeck explained the voluntary taking of property by fee (owner would voluntarily transfer property for a negotiated fee) or involuntary taking by eminent domain (the town would take the property and pay damages.) He also explained the procedure for obtaining easements v.s. a “taking.” . Road Commissioner Curtis Doughty presented the construction information. Peter Hart and Charlie Stevens had concerns about the effect on their septic systems. Kathleen Navarette was concerned about water runoff onto her property as well as the discovery that DOT may own the section of land across the road from her home – which she understood she owned (Road Commissioner assured her that water runoff would not be a problem and she will contact the Assessing Agent for guidance on the DOT property issue.) There were also concerns about where CMP poles would be relocated as well as the elevation of the road and the speed of vehicles if the road were straightened. The following action will be taken: (1) Curtis Doughty will meet with CMP concerning pole replacement, (2) Ron Beal will obtain the septic plans for Stevens and Hart and revisit the properties to determine if there will be any affect on their systems, (3) Mike Young will contact an independent appraiser to value the property being “taken” – the Assessing Agent will accompany the appraiser to determine any change in assessed value due to the “taking.” The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24th.

- John Byrd (Discount Towing) concerning Junk car removal

Mr. Byrd wants to contract with the town to remove abandoned vehicles on both public and private property. He would charge \$20.00 to \$25.00 per vehicle which would include towing and disposal. He would remove tires which would go into the tire pile at the transfer station. The largest vehicle that he could take would be 1 ton. Selectmen asked him to send a proposal to the Town for review.

- Meet with Shellfish Chairman and CEO concerning letter from West Bath on OBD removal

Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Town of West Bath which stated that the Shellfish Committee could not get any more seed clams from West Bath until Phippsburg takes action on the removal of overboard discharges on the New Meadows River. T/A to send a letter back outlining what action has been taken as well as asking that they petition New Meadows Watershed Task Force and DMR to re-evaluate the closed areas along New Meadows. T/A also will send a copy of the letter that was written to the Task Force on this subject to DMR.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Removal of trees on Bakers Wharf Road (Road Commissioner)

The Road Commissioner briefed the Selectmen on his plans for filling and widening a section of Bakers Wharf Road. Selectmen voted to remove two trees, within the town's right of way, on Bakers Wharf Road fronting the property of Richard Palmer. Once this is done that section of the road will be widened with the pile of stone removed from the prior blasting of ledge. This pile is currently located partially on Mr. Palmers property.

- Wood Chipping at Transfer Station

Selectmen voted to expend \$3,000.00 for the chipping of the clean brush pile and building debris pile. Commercial Paving will do the chipping.

- Department of Labor Inspection

T/A briefed the Selectmen on the inspection. Inspection went well, with only several minor discrepancies. The inspector was especially impressed with the Transfer Station and the Fire/Rescue Departments.

- Coastal Enterprises survey

Selectman Wells completed the survey.

- Hazardous Waste Day contract with Clean Harbors

This event will be held from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, August 10th. The disposal of propane tanks was discussed. Selectmen also voted to have yellow permits this year.

- Lien on Hughes Property

Because Mr. Hughes is adhering to his payment plan with the Town for back taxes no lien will be filed for the FY 02 taxes.

- Attendance at Comp Plan Meeting on July 2nd

Selectman Wells will attend.

- Holiday on Friday – July 5th?

Selectmen voted to extend the July 4th holiday period to Friday. The Town Office will be closed both days.

4. Review the following items

- Parking Enforcement Officer Summary Log
- County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda
- Appearance filing from Town Attorney (re: King v.s. Phippsburg)

Items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted to authorize the Chief of Police to take one week of vacation in August.**
- **7:59 - Selectmen voted to go into Executive session with the Town Attorney to discuss legal issues concerning the “taking” of property along Stoneybrook Road. 8:11 - Selectmen voted to come out of executive session. No action taken.**
- **The Road Commissioner informed the selectmen that he could not find anyone to finish the cutting of brush at the acre lot. Selectman Wells stated that he knew of someone who would do it and would contact him. The Road Commissioner also stated that he would start repairs on the Meadowbrook Boat Ramp next week.**

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.