

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

July 31, 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
- ID Card
- Liquor License Application
- Quit Claim Deeds

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Elizabeth Sheehan and Hugh Cowperthwaite from Coastal Enterprises to discuss the loss of commercial waterfronts and fishing access.

Meeting held. Selectmen were interviewed on issues concerning waterfront access.

Ms. Sheehan will be interviewing officials from 25 towns.

- Meet with Diana Norwood, location scout for L.L. Bean, who would like to use Totman Preserve for an ad shoot.
- **Meeting held. Members of the Land Trust and Town Lands Management Committee were present. Ms. Norwood requested use of the Totman Preserve for a day shoot during the week of August 12th. The shoot would last for 4 to 6 hours and be done on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. It would consist of a 20-person crew with 4 - three ton trucks. The TV ad would be for camping gear and the setup would be a typical low impact camping setup. L.L. Bean would consider giving a donation to the Preserve in return for the use of the property. Three main issues were brought up during the discussions: 1) the conservation easement prohibits the use of motorized vehicles beyond the parking lot unless it is for handicapped accessibility, 2) the easement prohibits commercial use of the property, and 3) what would be the amount of the donation. Ms. Norwood was asked to come back at the next Selectmen's meeting with a proposal to address the issue of not using motorized vehicles to transport gear as well as a donation figure. Decision tabled.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Petition for a Special Town Meeting to "amend the decision made to increase the annual salary of the Phippsburg Police Officer to a 7% raise."

Selectmen reviewed the petition and dismissed it because it did not have the required amount of signatures (had 23 vs. the required 77) and because of improper wording of the article.

- Junked Car disposal program

Another towing company lodged a complaint with Grimmel Industries against Discount Towing for disposing of several burned & crushed cars found in the Basin because there were no titles to the vehicles. T/A will obtain VIN numbers of vehicles that are called in for removal and check for their year of manufacture. To date about 15 cars have been removed. T/A to contact Attorney Hornbeck to see if anything can be done concerning the title requirement.

- Taylor case – payments

Attorney Hornbeck needs confirmation whether Mr. Taylor is in compliance with the court ordered replanting plan. If not, enforcement action will be taken on both this issue and the lack of attorney fee reimbursement. CEO will contact the Town's forester.

- Proposed amendment letter from DEP concerning the Transfer Station upgrades
All transfer Station upgrades have been approved. T/A to contact DEP concerning ash disposal.

- Popham Citizen/Police Meeting (Police Chief)

Meeting will be held in Popham at 4:30 p.m. on August 6th at the Chapel.

- Working group on Timber Harvesting Regulations within Shoreland Zoning

No one volunteered to be part of the working group.

- 2003 MMA Officers election ballot

No action taken.

4. Review the following items

- Letter concerning Police response to a Popham Beach Incident
- Thank you letter from the Patten Free Library
- Coast Region Newsletter
- Block Grant Information

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- DMR/NMR "Meeting of the Minds" (Fri, August 9th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.)

Selectman Rice, CEO, Shellfish Chairman and T/A will attend.

- Grantmanship Training

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- Update from T/A on Stoneybrook Road

T/A has contacted the soil consultants who designed the septic systems for Charlie Stevens and Peter Hart. The consultants will conduct an onsite visit with the property owners and Road Commissioner to discuss the impact of the road construction on the systems. Coffin Engineering has conducted an on site visit with the Road Commissioner and will submit a proposal for completing a road design. The Road Commissioner will meet with CMP and property owners on site Friday, August 2nd to discuss the relocation of several poles.

- Update from Road Commissioner on Parker Head corner

Met with the Road Commissioner, Surveyor Ron Beal and Bob Cushing (owner of property along corner.) They had made an on site visit. Mr. Cushing is willing to transfer land to the town to straighten the corner. The road would have to be closed for 2 or 3 days for the construction. Mr. Beal will survey the property and draw up a description for the property to be taken. The Road Commissioner will research the cost (ledge blasting is at least \$14,000.) The T/A will contact the Town Attorney to see if the Selectmen can accept the property or whether it has to be accepted by Town Meeting vote.

- **The Road Commissioner received approval from the Board of Selectmen to pay Crooker and Sons \$98,000.00 to pave the West Point Road and also complete Wallace Circle. The funds will come from the Special State Road Account and**

Wallace Circle Account.

- **The Chief of Police reported that he has had 318 calls so far this year (83 just in July.) He has put 9,000 miles on the cruiser and has worked most weekends. At least 700 parking tickets have been issued in Popham.**

Adjourned: 9:46 p.m.