

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 14, 2002

Approved By:

MINUTES

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes

Items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- New Business Hearing with Planning Board

See minutes from Planning Board Meeting

- Meet with Ellen Cooney concerning Law Enforcement issues

Ms. Cooney had contacted 911 at 2:00 a.m. on August 14th. She was concerned about the Sheriffs Department response to her complaint. She was also concerned about the follow up by the Chief of Police. Selectmen discussed this with the Chief of Police.

- Discuss proposals from Coffin Engineering for Center Pond Causeway and Stoneybrook Road

Selectmen approved the proposal for the Center Pond causeway repairs. The Road Commissioner had several questions on the location of sheet piling. T/A will have Coffin Engineering contact the Road Commissioner concerning his questions. Once the Road Commissioner has his questions answered the T/A will send in the signed proposal. No action was taken on the proposal for the engineering design on Stoneybrook Road. This will be discussed with the property owners at the next Stoneybrook Road meeting.

- Loitering issues at the Transfer Station

Selectmen voted not to allow people to remain at the Transfer Station for extended periods of time. They also reconfirmed that items in the "Swap Trailer" are not to be taken for resale, they are for personal use only. Also, the toilet facility is for the use of employees only. T/A will draw up guidelines for these policies and have them available as handouts at the Transfer Station. He will also having signs posted.

- Items to be discussed at the Seasonal Taxpayers meeting

Handout was reviewed and approved.

- T/A meeting with New Meadows Task Force

T/A briefed the Selectmen on this meeting. It was attended by representatives from the communities surrounding the New Meadows watershed as well as DMR personnel. Phippsburg was represented by the CEO, Shellfish Chairman and the T/A. The following action was taken to help open up Brighams Cove to shellfish harvesting: (1) The CEO will write a letter to the owners of four cottages along the New Meadows River (Phippsburg side) that have straight pipe grey water discharges or outhouses. They will be told to remove the pipes/outhouses prior to next spring. Once this is done Brigham's Cove can be opened. (2) DMR is going to reduce the rest of the New Meadows closure to only include areas directly around any approved OBD's. (3) DMR will consider a suggestion to open up Brighams

Cove after the owners of the cottages with the pipes/outhouses leave for the season. The next meeting will be held on September 6th.

- Junk at residence on Fiddlers Reach Road

CEO and Health Officer will take action.

4. Review the following items

- Maine Traveler Newsletter
- MMA Risk Pool/Workers Comp Dividend.

Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- Downtown Maine Conference

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Pat and Jack Percy met with the Board of Selectmen to voice their concerns over the vehicle backup that occurred on Popham Road on August 11th. They complained that the Chief of Police was at the Firemen's Field Day and that Sagadahoc Sheriffs Dept personnel did not respond. They requested that the schedule for the Chief of Police be publicly posted. The Selectmen explained that they have had several meetings this year with the DEP, State Parks and DOT concerning traffic/parking problems on Popham Road. The Park was trying several ways of reducing the problems this summer and everyone would be meeting again in the fall to review the results and see what further action would be necessary. T/A will notify the Percy's of this meeting when a date is set. The Selectmen explained that it would be detrimental to the effectiveness of the Police Department if the Chief's patrol schedule were released to the public. However, the schedule would be available for review once the time period it covers is over. T/A will contact MMA to insure that this is iaw the "Freedom of Information Act."**
- **The Road Commissioner discussed an issue on West Point Road where a property owner has built a rock wall within the Town's right of way (3 rod road section.) He will contact the property owner and set up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss its removal.**

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.