

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 4, 2002

Approved By:

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
- Quit Claim Deed
- Landfill Affidavit

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Nick Nichols and Esther Lacognata concerning Comp. Plan
Selectmen were updated on the status of the Comprehensive Plan. If the funding in the “Consultant account” is exhausted, they agreed to draw from the “Comprehensive Plan account.” Selectmen will attend future meetings.

- Meet with Shellfish Warden concerning enforcement issues
Selectmen voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 to discuss Law Enforcement issues. Selectmen voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:10. T/A will contact Dick Lemont, Shellfish Chairman, and request that he meet with them on September 25th. The Board of Selectmen reminded the Warden that they want him to spot check harvesters by emptying out their clam bags and measuring the clams v.s. rolling the bags and doing a visual check.

- Meet with Transfer Station Attendant

Meeting held. Various issues were discussed. Selectmen voted to accept the policies in the attached handout. T/A will draft an official policy statement for the Transfer Station Attendants.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Police Chief Scheduling

Selectmen voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss Law Enforcement issues. They voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:00. p.m. (1) They voted (2 for and 1 against) to continue the current contact system for the Chief of Police. Currently he is contacted for calls by Sagadahoc Communications or the Town Office while on duty. When he is off duty the Town Hall takes routine messages for him. Emergency calls, or routine calls when the Town Hall is closed, go the Sagadahoc Communications Center. (2) Sagadahoc County will have voice mail capability for the Chief of Police. (3) The Chief of Police recommended that the Selectmen ask the State to fund a part time traffic patrol position at Popham for next summer. This will be discussed at the next “Popham Parking” meeting in October. (4) The question also came up as to whether Park Rangers have the authority to direct traffic on Popham Road. This also will be discussed at the next “Popham Parking Meeting.”

- Replacement costs of Town Hall heating system

Bids were reviewed and tabled until the Budget Committee meets.

- Selectmen Meeting Schedule/Planning Board

Reviewed. The next regular Selectmen's business meeting will be held on September 25th. They will have a new business hearing with the Planning Board at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th and then attend the Community 9/11 service. Several Selectmen will be attending the MMA Tax reform meeting (listed below) on September 18th.

- MMA Tax Reform Initiative

Reviewed. Several of the Selectmen will attend the presentation to be given by MMA in Augusta at 7:00 p.m. on September 18th.

4. Review the following items

- ACO Report
- Shellfish Warden Report
- RTAC Meeting Minutes
- School Committee Agenda
- County Commissioners' Agenda

Reviewed. No action taken

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

- Labor and Employment Law
- How to Balance Priorities & Manage Multiple Projects

T/A will attend the Priorities and Multiple Projects. No one will attend Employment Law.

6. Miscellaneous

- **The legal end of Fiddlers Reach Road is being researched by the T/A. It involves the placement of mailboxes.**
- **The Assessing Agent gave an update on her progress on assessments. Commitment is scheduled for September 25th with tax bills going out the following week. Selectmen authorized the agent to work an extra day each week through the remainder of this year.**

Adjourned: 10:05 p.m.