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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
March 12th, 2003

Approved By:

*Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice, Wells and Douglass present.*

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Quit Claim Deed
- Exemption certificates for Purse Line Bait

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Assessing Agent concerning contract

**Meeting held. The Assessing Agent gave a written status report to the Board of Selectmen and also a proposal for FY 2004 assessing. This proposal included her subcontracting for extra field workers to complete the backlog of properties that need assessments. The Selectmen voted to request funding at Town Meeting for this purpose.**

- Meet with Merry Chapin concerning donation of the "Murphy House"

**Selectmen discussed the donation with Mrs. Chapin over the phone. Rink and Betsy Varian would like to donate the "Murphy House" to the Town's Historic Preservation Commission. The building has been removed from the Varian's property and is being kept on the property of Mark Hawkes, who has given permission for it to remain for one year. The Commission will be responsible for finding a permanent location and having it moved again.**

- Meet with CEO concerning request from Ken Hodgkins to use/rent the well on the Town owned property next to his house in Parker Head.

**Selectmen voted to table a decision until the CEO is able to inspect the septic system near the well to insure that it is functioning properly. Also, if permission is given at a later date, a contract will be drafted at the Hodgkin's expense. This contract will state that the it can be cancelled by either party within a time frame to be determined at a later date. The Hodgkins will: (1) be responsible testing the well water, (2) be responsible for the purity of the water and any filtration equipment that has to be installed and (3) hold the town harmless of any liability. The T/A will draft a letter to Mr. Hodgkins explaining that the issue has been tabled until a future date.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Selectmen's policy on the sale of tax acquired property

**Selectmen reviewed the policy and voted to accept it. It will be included in the Annual Town report.**

- Items for Selectmen's write-up in Town Report

**Discussed. The T/A will draft a write-up and then forward it onto Selectman Rice for completion.**

- Allowing Lucas trucks that are trimming for CMP to park alongside the recycling containers at night.

**Selectmen voted not to allow the trucks to park in the Town Hall parking lot as per Article #55 from the 1998 Annual Town Meeting.**

- Transfer Station metal removal contract

**Selectmen tabled this decision. The T/A will find out if it is possible to remove FREON during cold weather.**

- Warrant Article to expand the Town Lands Management Committee to seven members.

**Selectmen voted to remove John Totman from the Committee because he has not been attending meetings. The Selectmen have received two requests for appointments; one from Anna Little and a second from Charles Stevens. The Selectmen voted to appoint Charles Stevens to complete the term of John Totman. The Selectmen also voted to have a warrant article to change the number of members from 5 to 7.**

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Documents from Senator Mayo
- School Union "Report Card"
- Thank you letter received from Agnes Beale to the Road Crew for their outstanding job on winter maintenance

**All items reviewed.**

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

- 2003 Subdivision/Site Review Workshops

**T/A will send copies to the CEO, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted to endorse Les Smith's application for appointment to the DOT RTAC5. The T/A will draft a letter of endorsement and forward it with the application.**
- **Selectmen concurred with Esther Lacognata's recommendation that the Land Use Committee review the "Future Land Use" sections of the Comprehensive plan prior to its submission to them for review.**
- **Dick Lemont, Shellfish Chairman, met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss Shellfish Ordinance changes and an increase in pay for the Shellfish Warden. The Selectmen voted to approve warrant articles to: (1) lower the age for student commercial licenses from 7th grade to 5th grade, (2) remove the 3 year expiration date for the Ordinance, and (3) include a change which would base tides on those for Portland, with no recalculations done for the Phippsburg area. The Selectmen also voted to allow a .25 cent raise for the Warden effective July 1st. The Chairman also informed the Selectmen that Brighams Cove and Round Cove would be opening up for harvesting on Friday, March 14th.**
- **Selectman Rice will draft two letters. The first will be to the County Sheriffs Dept. asking that they provide more Detectives for crime investigations in Phippsburg. The second letter will be to the County Commissioners asking them to have a call share agreement between the Sheriff's Dept. and the State Police.**
- **The Selectmen approved a request from Chief Skroski to attend the "Weed and**

**Seed” conference being held in April at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Chief Skroski also reported that the County Emergency Management Director is expecting federal funding to help out with homeland security.**

- **Selectmen voted to go into Executive Session at 7:46 to discuss a personal matter. Selectmen voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:52. They voted to ask Russell Alexander if he would be willing to temporarily fill in as the Assistant Transfer Station Attendant.**

*Adjourned at 7:54p.m.*