

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

March 26th, 2003

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

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Land Trust and Town Lands Committee to discuss moving the Totman Preserve gate to the beach

Meeting held. Selectman Rice read a petition, signed by over 200 people, requesting that the Board of Selectmen meet with the Phippsburg Land Trust and consider allowing vehicle access to the lower parking lot at Totman Preserve. 23 citizens attended the meeting to speak on this issue – with most in support of allowing increased access. The Land Trust was willing to add picnic tables, benches along the road and toilet facilities, but was not in favor of allowing increased vehicle access. The Selectmen voted to: (1) have the T/A contact the town attorney to see what action had to be taken to amend the conservation easement; (2) go forward with the process to have the lower gate opened for access to the lower parking lot and (3) have the Town Lands Management Committee meet to design an overall plan for access and use of the Totman Preserve.

- Meet with Theo Holtwijk concerning the New Meadows watershed survey

Meeting held. Theo gave an overview of the assistance New Meadows Task Force has given to the five local communities (i.e. opening of Brighams Cove for shellfish harvesting.) He also discussed the New Meadows “Watershed Management Plan.” The Board of Selectmen recommended that the Task Force lobby the State to (1) not renew OBD licenses and (2) to be more lenient on allowing holding tanks. Theo also mentioned that local municipal officials are invited to go on a boat trip down the New Meadows River on May 31st. The Task Force will also continue long term water quality testing.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Budget and Town Meeting warrant

Items reviewed and minor changes made. Selectmen voted (2 for, 1 against) to recommend approval of the town meeting warrant articles.

- Harbormaster attending the 100 hour Criminal Justice Academy course

Selectmen voted to allow the Harbormaster, Douglass Alexander, attend the Criminal Justice Academy 100 hour course. The approximate cost would be \$600.00. Ken Mcpherson stated that the Budget Committee recommended approval of this amount. Selectmen voted to recommend a warrant article for this year’s Town Meeting to fund the \$600.00.

4. Review the following items

- Legislative Documents from Senator Mayo
- MMA Legislative Bulletin

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Ed Skillin discussed the “Posted Roads” policy with the Selectmen and Road Commissioner. No further action taken.**
- **The CEO informed the Selectmen that Lucas Tree Company, who has been hired by CMP to trim trees, has been blowing chips into the wetlands. He will contact the Company and discuss this issue.**
- **T/A will contact Ed Coffin to get a status on the Center Pond causeway plans.**

Adjourned at 8:45p.m.