

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

April 30, 2003

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Quit Claim deed
- Appointment Certificates
- Grant Application for antifreeze/oil recycling facility

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with representatives from DOT to conduct an onsite inspection of the section of Route 209 that will be rebuilt (corner of Parker Head Road to Tom Percy's)

**Meeting held with Jerry Sinclair and Sharon from DOT. The Road Commissioner was also in attendance. An onsite inspection was not conducted. The section of Route 209 to be rebuilt is .724 miles long. It will have an 11 foot traveled way with 3 foot paved shoulders. The cost estimate has increased from the original \$365,000.00 to \$420,000.00 (of which the Town will pay 1/3). This increase is mainly due to culverts and ledge removal. The State has a limit of \$450,000.00 per job. Some preliminary work, such as ledge removal, could start in the fall, but the main project would begin during the spring/summer of 2004. The Road Commissioner will work with DOT to see if the use of local contractors for some parts of the project may be beneficial (ie. hauling gravel, and culvert installation.) DOT must still acquire some property along the section of road to widen the right of way. Selectmen voted unanimously to send a letter of intent to DOT stating that they: (1) want to continue with the project at the increased cost, (2) want the preliminary work to start in the fall, and (3) do not want to compromise on quality to minimize costs (ie. using less gravel base.) DOT will hold a public hearing prior to the start of construction. There was also discussion of changing the configuration of the intersection between Popham Road and Parker Head Road (ie. stop sign or island.) This will be evaluated during the project.**

- Meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss various road issues including DEP visit to Sam Day Hill Road and Stoneybrook Road as well as a possible grant for non-point remediation of Bakers Wharf Road

**Sam Day Hill Road - A DEP representative and the CEO reviewed the tree removal that was done on Sam Day Hill Road by the road crew. The DEP representative recommended that 200 pounds of grass seed, containing rye, be spread over the area. No other problems were reported. The Road Commissioner will meet with the DEP to discuss the future plans for Sam Day Hill Road. The Road Commissioner will also make arrangements for the cut wood from Gregory Roy's property to be removed, split for fire wood and delivered back to Mr. Roy. Selectman Rice will contact Mr. Roy and advise him of this.**

**Stoneybrook Road - The DEP representative also visited the section of Stoneybrook Road that will be rebuilt. He informed the CEO that because of the**

amount of wetlands that would be affected it would require a tier 1 DEP permit. The Road Commissioner had been told by another DEP representative (Becky Maddox) that it would only require a minor permit by rule. The Road Commissioner will contact DEP to get a definitive answer on the required permitting process for Stoneybrook Road. The services of a professional engineer will not be required since it is expected that the Stoneybrook Road construction will not exceed \$100,000. T/A will also contact Bob Butler to see if he is a professional engineer and see if he would review the rebuild plans as drafted by Les Smith. The Contract Assessing Agent and Les Smith reviewed the deeds and documents provided by State DOT concerning the corner property of Kathleen Navarrete. It has been determined that the State owns the section in question. The Road Commissioner will obtain permission from DOT to use the property for road expansion. The Selectmen voted unanimously to continue negotiating with Peter and Jean Hart to obtain the necessary property to rebuild Stoneybrook Road while starting eminent domain proceedings.

**Brightwater Road** - Remains posted for heavy loads.

**Bakers Wharf Road** - Selectmen voted unanimously to sign a letter in support of a grant application being submitted by Steve Walker, of the New Meadows Watershed Task Force, to State DOT to obtain funding to control non-point source pollution on Bakers Wharf Road. This would include reshaping the road, remediation of the ongoing ditch erosion and installation of waterbars or similar devices. This would be a 60/40 share with the Town, of which volunteer time (ie. meetings etc.) count towards the Town's share of \$3,940.00. It is estimated that the actual cost to the Town will be \$2,500.00. The Road Commissioner had a concern that the upgrade may not last long because of the road abuse by ATVs and trucks. T/A will relay the concerns on to Mr. Walker.

**Tree Removal** - Ed Skillin gave the Road Commissioner permission to cut trees along his property bordering Maple Street. The Road Commissioner still needs to contact Carmen White for permission to cut trees along her property. The Road Commissioner will also be contacting three other property owners located on Sam Day Hill Rd, Parker Head Rd and Clifford Road to obtain permission to cut trees for safety concerns.

**Parker Head Road** - Selectmen requested that the Road Commissioner remove the shrubs located under the cedar trees on the corner of Parker Head Road and Route 209. They are blocking the view when exiting Parker Head Road and are a safety issue.

**Guardrails** - The Road Commissioner will be repairing the guardrail on Stoneybrook road and also installing a guardrail across from Leo Hamel's on Sebasco Road.

**Erosion Control Course** - The CEO recommended that the Road Commissioner attend an "Erosion Control" course or "Best Management Practices" course offered by the state and become certified. The Selectmen concurred.

- Meet with Judy Marden for the Annual Bates-Morse Mountain report Meeting held. Ms. Marden presented the Annual Bates-Morse Mountain report to the Selectmen. The Selectmen stated that it was a good summary report and requested that the College continue its involvement with the students from the Phippsburg Elementary School. The report is on file at the Town office. Selectmen Wells recommended that they insure that the Morse Mountain road is trimmed

**back to allow access by emergency vehicles.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Candidates Night and Budget Hearings

**Discussed. Selectmen Rice will assist the T/A in setting up the sound system.**

- ACO job description

**The job description was approved.**

- Junkyard complaints (meet with CEO)

**The CEO will prepare a list of property owners who are known to be in violation of the Town and State “junkyard” ordinance/statutes and draft letters requiring compliance within 30 days. Further action tabled until next meeting. He also informed the Selectmen that Superior Court dismissed both the Town’s motion and Mr. Gensheimer’s motion concerning Mr. Gensheimer’s appeal of the Town’s decision to restrict his use of a discontinued road which is located within the Resource protection area of the Newbury Point Subdivision.**

- Deadline date each week for being listed on the Selectmen’s Agenda

**The deadline for non-town officials to be listed on the agenda will be the end of business on Tuesday. Anyone who is not a town official who requests to be put on the agenda after the deadline will be addressed at the end of the Selectmen’s meeting, if time allows. Also, the subject matter must be listed on the agenda.**

4. Review the following items

- Official Warrant for Town Meeting

**Reviewed and signed. It will be posted at the end of the week by the Town Constable.**

- Letter from State Planning Office, Re: consideration of the Sprague Pond conservation project.

**Letter reviewed. It verified that the State had received the application from the Phippsburg Land Trust requesting financial assistance under the “Land for Maine’s Future” program to purchase property around Sprague Pond. The Selectmen had signed a letter in support of this. Doug Alexander, from the Town Lands Management Committee, asked if access to the pond would be restricted. The Board of Selectmen stated that the signing of the support letter was predicated on the requirement that sportsmen have access to the pond.**

- County Budget Hearings notice

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen will meet with the Library Options Committee next month.**
- **The T/A will not be working on May 1st or 2nd.**
- **Doug Alexander, Town Lands Management Committee, briefed the Selectmen on the Land Trust/TLMC meeting concerning access to Totman Cove. The conservation easement will be changed to allow additional parking closer to the beach. T/A will contact the Town Attorney. The Selectmen would like to see improved access by Memorial Day.**

*Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.*