

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

May 7, 2003

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
- Liquor License Application for Lobster House Restaurant

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Contract Assessing Agent for updates

Meeting held. Discussed town meeting presentation. Assessing Agent will attend to answer any questions. Also, briefed the Selectmen concerning leased lots and campgrounds as well as her plan for hiring sub contractors to assist in catching up on the backlog of building permits. No further action taken.

- Meet with Chief of Police concerning recent cottage break-ins

Meeting held. Issues discussed included: (1) an increase of cottage break-ins; (2) ATV violation fines awarded by the court, which seem very lenient – the Selectmen asked if it would help for them to discuss penalties and fines with the judge. This was tabled for review after the next ATV case goes to trial; (3) the possibility of the Public Safety Advisory Committee reviewing the Police Chief's workload and make recommendations for his scheduling; (4) recommending a security surveillance system for Purse Line Bait and other businesses that are having problems with vandalism; (5) requesting the Sheriff's department to increase weekend patrols in the areas that teens tend to congregate and party. The T/A will contact Sheriff Westrum and set up a meeting with the Selectmen and the Chief of Police to discuss patrol schedules, response issues and the interaction between the two departments.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Preparation for Town Meeting

Selectmen reviewed the information packages prepared by the T/A. No further action taken.

- Junkyard complaints (meet with CEO)

Selectmen requested that the CEO prepare a list of the six worst violators of the Junkyard statute to present at the next Selectmen's Meeting. The CEO will then contact the property owners and ask them to meet with him and discuss cleaning up the sites. The CEO estimates that there are over a dozen properties in violation.

- Minutes from the Land Management Committee/Land Trust meeting concerning Totman Preserve

Discussed drafting a "Town Lands Use" ordinance for the May 2004 Town Meeting. T/A will contact Town Attorney to discuss allowing parking at the Totman Preserve only to residents, taxpayers and guests.

- Upcoming Selectmen's meeting schedule

There will be no meeting on May 28th due to the student awards ceremony at Morse High School.

Review the following items

- Letter from Nick Nichols concerning position on the Planning Board
Mr. Nichols requested a position on the Planning Board. The letter will be placed on file for future consideration should a position become available.
- “Workforce Development in Maine” study by Margaret Chase Smith Center
Reviewed. Selectman Rice will take home to read more thoroughly.
- Shellfish Warden report
Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- Dedication ceremony for Richmond Repeater Tower
 - Chamber of Commerce Meeting
 - American Red Cross Groundbreaking ceremony
- Selectman Rice will attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting. No one will be attending the other events.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **T/A will attend the May 8th County Communications Board of Directors meeting on Selectman Rice’s behalf.**
- **Jack Percy asked if he would be allowed to leave lobster traps on the Popham Wharf for 10 days to allow them to dry out. Review of the Town Landing Ordinance appears to prohibit this type of storage. Selectmen referred him to the Town Landing Committee for clarification**
- **T/A informed the Selectmen that Josh Bate, who currently fills an appointed position as a regular Planning Board member, has requested that he be re-appointed to fill the alternate position on the Planning Board that is currently held by Clifford Newell. In turn, Clifford Newell requested to fill the regular position being vacated by Mr. Bate. This was also recommended by the Planning Board. Selectmen voted to accept the request. T/A will draft the required appointment certificates.**

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.