

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

July 16, 2003

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Douglass and Rice present.*

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Parking Enforcement Officer and Constable ID's
- Farmers Market contract with Barbara Kirkham
- Catering application

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Ed Coffin concerning Center Pond Causeway plans

**Meeting held. Applications have been submitted to DEP and the State Historical Preservation Commission for project approval. Mr. Coffin expects a 3-week turn around. The bid process was discussed. Upon the advice of Mr. Coffin, and much discussion, the Selectmen voted to advertise the bid as a complete package with no preferences. Mr. Coffin will explore the pros and cons of requiring a bond and give a recommendation to the Selectmen. T/A will contact Richard Murphy, Robert Butler or Les Smith to see if one of them would be willing to be the "Resident Inspector."**

- Meet with the Town Lands Management Committee to discuss Totman Preserve issues.

**Meeting held. The following issues were discussed. (1) Unauthorized use of the Preserve by non-taxpayers. The T/A explained that, according to the Town Attorney, we could not legally prohibit access by non-taxpayers, but we could charge them a reasonable amount for parking, (2) Restricting parking to certain areas because people were parking alongside the access road, (3) Restricting vehicle access to the access road only (no atv's on the trails etc.) and (4) Keeping dogs on leashes. It was reported that everything else seemed to be fine (i.e. porta potti and trash pickup.) It was determined that we should have an ordinance to control Totman Preserve. T/A will take the draft that was submitted by Bob Cummings several months ago and rewrite it. It will then be provided to the Town Lands Management Committee for their review. The question of non-taxpayers access to Town landings came up. T/A to check with the Town Attorney.**

- Meet with Doug Alexander concerning the donation of the school cooking stove to the Sportsman's Club

**Meeting held. IAW Article #25 of the May 2003 Town Meeting, the Selectmen voted unanimously to donate the old school cooking stove to the Sportsmen's Club.**

- Meet with Assessing Agent for update and supplementals

**Meeting held. The Assessing Agent gave an update on the assessing project. She explained that at this time she is concentrating on open permits.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Acceptance of asbestos at the Hazardous Waste Day

**Because the Bath Landfill will accept asbestos, it will not be collected on Hazardous Waste Day.**

- Hazardous Waste grant effective next year

**Selectmen authorized the T/A to complete a grant application to help fund next year's Hazardous Waste Collection Day.**

- Reschedule the Assessing Methodology Workshop

**Rescheduled for August 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

- MMA Ballot for Slate of Executive Committee

**No action taken.**

- Interested party updates from MMA:

ATV Task force (discussion only) - **No action taken**

GeoLibrary/GIS development Tracking - **T/A will notify MMA that the Town is willing to take part in this program.**

Cathode Ray Tube recycling - **Selectmen recommend all fees associated with this endeavor be charged up front by the retailer.**

General Assistance – **Selectmen recommended that GA not be regionalized for small towns, such as Phippsburg, due to possible increase in program costs and access by citizens.**

Building Codes – **Different versions of building codes were discussed. The CEO had checked with the Town Attorney concerning a section in the Land Use Ordinance which stated that building construction must comply with applicable State laws and statutes – which in his opinion we should be complying with.**

**Selectmen voted to adopt the 1997 NFPA 101 for occupancy permit requirements.**

4. Review the following items

- Letter from Sebasco Resorts concerning “Parking Plan.”

**Reviewed. Selectmen did not feel that it met the requirements set at the Planning Board meeting. Selectmen voted to table it until next week's meeting.**

- Appreciation letter from Rob Morris, Sagadahoc Communications Center, concerning the Chief of Police – **Reviewed and no action taken.**
- Donation thank you notes from Elmhurst, Hospice Volunteers, Respite Care, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and the YMCA - **Reviewed and no action taken.**
- School Union #47 meeting agenda - **Reviewed and no action taken.**
- New Meadows Watershed Project flyer - **Reviewed and no action taken.**
- Maine Policy Review from Margaret Chase Smith Center – **Selectmen Rice will take home to review.**
- Maine Stream Team Newsletter and Chamber Connections Newsletter - **Reviewed and no action taken.**

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

- Popham Beach Residents meeting

**Selectmen will try to attend meeting on July 24th.**

- Registrar of Voters attending the Elections Conference in Bethel from Sept 11th to 12th.

**Registrar of Voters, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk will attend this conference. Funding for the conference and two-night stay were approved.**

- Selectmen attending the Maine Town and City Management Association Conference

from August 27 to August 29 at Sebasco Resorts.

**Selectman Rice will attend.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen approved the installation of the replacement furnace (forced hot air) in Town Hall. Funding will come from the Town Hall capital improvement account.**
- **Selectmen Rice and Wells will not be available for the dunk tank at the Firemen's Field Day. Selectmen Douglass will be available, but scheduling is unknown.**
- **The Chief of Police will be attending the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Dept. staff meeting on July 17th. It was discussed whether the Selectmen should also attend – it was decided not to. However, the Selectmen are looking forward to meeting with Bob Annesse (Deputy Sheriff.) The Chief also presented his patrol schedule. The Chief reported on the recent speed enforcement detail that included a combined force of Phippsburg Police, County Sheriff's and State Police. T/A will send thank you letters to each department involved.**
- **Angie Zimmerman, from the Winnegance Wheelers Association, gave an update on her organization's accomplishments. They include putting chips on trails, sponsoring 3 ATV safety classes that over 60 people attended. They now have 5 State certified instructors and are 90% complete on their High School project. Next week the organization is going to visit landowners and discuss ATV access. The club also requested to be included in the next Fire Dept. rescue course/exercise.**
- **The Road Commissioner discussed the grading and maintenance of Cranberry Point Road. Since Mr. Bate has restricted Town access to his property, there is no place to turn the grader or plow trucks around. The CEO will check with Mark Hubbard at the end of Cranberry Point Road to see if the road crew can turn around on his property. He also stated that the cutting on the intersection of Parker Head Road and Main Road was done. Selectmen Wells requested that the Road Commissioner check with State DOT to see if they are going to be trimming brush along Route 209. T/A will check with Maine Line Fence to see when the guardrail work will be done on Sebasco Road and Stoneybrook Road. The Code Enforcement officer will contact DEP to arrange a meeting between them and the Road Commissioner to conduct a site walk on the Stoneybrook Road and Sam Day Hill road.**
- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on the ownership issue of the Anestis property on Stoneybrook Road. Bob Anestis had stated that he now owned the property that the Town wanted to acquire for the Stoneybrook Road rebuild and would like the purchase check sent to him. The T/A received an E-mail from John Anestis who stated that he still owned the property and the check should be sent to him. Since the Town records and survey indicate that John Anestis owns the property, and he has signed the deed and transfer, the check will be sent to him.**

*Adjourned: 9:26 p.m.*