

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 23, 2003

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. with Selectmen Wells, Douglass and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- URIP certification

Items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Lynn Pantalena and Peter Hart concerning property purchases for Stoneybrook Road construction

Lynn Pantalena did not attend, but had informed the T/A that she was concerned about the effect the taking would have on her property. She also did not agree with the appraised value. Lynn does not wish to voluntarily sell her property.

The Harts were present for the meeting. They have a concern with the drainage, their septic system and a CMP pole placement. They do not wish to voluntarily sell. The Road Commissioner and Les Smith will meet on site with them again to go over the plans and see if an agreement can be reached. The T/A will offer the same opportunity to Lynn Pantalena.

- Meet with Josh Bate and the Road Commissioner concerning E-mailed road complaints

Mr. Bate did not attend the meeting. His E-mails and issues were discussed with the Road Commissioner and Town Administrator.

The Selectmen voted to continue the current policies in regards to the Town's Web Site.

After reviewing a response from the Town Attorney concerning the various road issues it was determined that no further action was necessary (Selectmen voted unanimously to take no further action on the road issues.)

A member of the audience requested that the Selectmen research the possibility of eminent domain proceedings to obtain public access to Cranberry Point Landing. The T/A will contact the Town Attorney concerning this.

Meet with the Tax Collector/Treasurer concerning coverage for the Town of West Bath

- **Meeting held. The Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Tax Collector/Treasurer have resigned from their positions in West Bath to seek employment elsewhere. Julia Totman, Phippsburg's elected Tax Collector/Treasurer will be assisting West Bath from 9 to 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting August 5th until they can train a replacement. During those hours the counter at the Phippsburg Town Hall would be closed. The Selectmen voted unanimously to support Ms. Totman's decision to assist the Town of West Bath. The T/A will advertise her new hours for Phippsburg.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Trimming of trees on the town roads

Discussed with the Road Commissioner and Fire Chief. It was decided to trim brush and trees on the major roads first. One section in particular that needs attention is Parker Head Road from Cox Head Road to the top. The T/A will draft a permission letter for private property owners to sign, which will authorize the Road Commissioner to cut brush and trees on their private property.

- Parker Head corner rebuild

Discussed. The Road Commissioner will put a cost estimate together.

- Future scheduling for wood chipping at Transfer Station

Chipping will be scheduled during spring and fall in conjunction with the Town of Harpswell. The Transfer Station will be closed during the chipping process. The Selectmen also approved the Road Commissioner's recommendation to make a permanent loading ramp for the chips in the vicinity of the overflow container (extend the current drop off wall.)

- Letter from Sebasco Resorts concerning "Parking Plan" (tabled from last week)

Selectmen voted to have a workshop consisting of the Selectmen, Planning Board and representatives from the Resort. The T/A will set a date.

- Representation on the Maine Working Waterfront Coalition

The T/A will send information to the committees that would be concerned with this issue to see if they might have a member interested in representing the Town.

4. Review the following items

- Appreciation letter to the T/A from the Census Bureau
- Appreciation letter to the Chief of Police from Winnegance Residents
- Appreciation E-mail to the Road Commissioner from the Thompsons

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **Selectman Rice will attend the Town and City Managers Meeting at the end of August.**
- **Selectmen reviewed information on a Bike Path conference. The information will be passed on to the appropriate committees.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen requested that the T/A continue drafting the agreement between the Town and Mr. Hubbert for use of his private driveway on Cranberry Point Road as a turn around for road maintenance vehicles. The T/A will have the Town Attorney review and approve it.**

Adjourned at 8:39 p.m.