

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 30, 2003

Approved By:

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
- Agreement for the use of Mark Hubert's property on Cranberry Point Road as a turn around for Town maintenance vehicles

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the ACO to discuss carrying a firearm

Meeting held with the ACO and Chief of Police. The Warden Service had recommended that the ACO carry a weapon because the Wardens are spread thin and may not be able to respond to all wild animal calls. Chief Skroski stated that his research showed that most Police Departments are against the ACO's carrying a weapon unless they are full time. Selectmen voted not to allow the ACO carry a weapon. They recommended that the ACO retreat and contact local law enforcement (Chief Skroski or Sheriffs Dept.) if she should come across a situation that may require the use of a firearm. The Chief of Police will research the possibility of purchasing a portable radio for her and work out an operating procedure for situations that may require the use of a weapon.

- Meet with Marie Varian concerning a performance bond/escrow for Kennebec Landing Subdivision

Meeting was cancelled at the request of Ms. Varian (Planning Board Chair.) The CEO gave a quick outline of what the Subdivision Ordinance requires. Ms. Varian will discuss this issue at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

- Meet with Ed Hedges concerning his foreclosed property

Mr. Hedges did not show up. The T/A will contact him and make arrangements for him to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting.

- Meet with Esther Lacognata and Nick Nichols concerning Comprehensive Plan responsibilities

Meeting held with Nick Nichols in attendance. Esther Lacognata was not present. The Selectmen discussed the co-ordination between Nick and Esther and their roles and responsibilities. The Selectmen voted to table any action until they can discuss the issues with Esther. Later on in the meeting this agenda item was again discussed between the Selectmen. It was voted for Selectman Douglass to contact Esther and see if she would head up the Comprehensive Plan rewrite, both as facilitator and coordinator and Selectmen Wells would contact Nick and explain this decision. Nick would be invited to remain as a member of the Main Committee.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Answers from the Town Attorney concerning road/property questions from last week
- Answers reviewed. No action taken.**

- Discuss topics for the upcoming Seasonal Taxpayers Meeting
T/A will base the topics on the informational letter that was recently mailed. He will have a draft for next weeks Selectmen’s meeting.
- Determine a date to meet with the Planning Board and Sebasco Resorts representatives concerning their “Parking Plan.”
Approved for Sept. 10th at 6:00 p.m. The T/A will send a notice to the Resort.

4. Review the following items

- Dividends from the MMA Risk Pool and Workers Comp Funds
Reviewed. No action taken.
- Information sheet for wood waste disposal methods
Reviewed. No action taken.
- E-mail from Judie Freer concerning last weeks “Popham Beach Meeting”
The E-mail was reviewed. The Selectmen reported that the people that attended the meeting stated that the traffic was better then last year and thanked the Police Department for their efforts.
- Letter from MMA concerning “Update on Tax”
Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- Marie Varian, Chair of the Board of Assessment Review - attendance at the Advanced Assessing Course #2
Selectmen approved attendance and reimbursement of \$150.00.

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A and CEO will attend the New Meadows Watershed meeting on August 6th.**
- **The Selectmen approved the appointment of Clifford Newell to the Town lands Management Committee and Joan Harrigan to the Health Benefits Committee. The T/A will contact Betsy Morse, Arthur Pierce, Kate Dempsey and Gordon Nash to see if they would be interested in being on the Health Options Committee.**
- **The Selectmen voted to allow the prior owner of Map 27, Lot 97 in West Point (Alice Atwood) purchase back her property for the payment of back taxes, interest and penalties.**
- **Selectman Wells asked the Harbormaster, Doug Alexander, to research who is responsible for the enforcement of excise tax collection on documented boats which are not state registered.**
- **Selectman Douglass asked the T/A to contact the Town Attorney and see when prescriptive easements start.**
- **The Chief of Police reported that he had just had front end work done on the cruiser and another starter replaced. He also has a problem with the anti lock brakes. He is looking at replacing the cruiser next year. Selectmen approved a two-week vacation for the Chief of Police.**
- **The CEO reported that the Police evidence lockup room was almost completed. He also stated that under the new “Junk Yard” Statute the State Police are the lead agency. T/A will send a letter to Lt. Trafton of the State Police requesting their assistance in enforcing the statute. The cars being sold at Maggie’s Bygones are allowed under the ordinance.**

- **The T/A reported that Ed Coffin, Coffin Engineering, recommends that the bid contract for the Center Pond Causeway have a 100% bond requirement to protect the town. Otherwise, if the contractor does not pay his subcontractors or suppliers the Town could be held liable. Dick Murphy has volunteered to be the Resident Inspector for the project (at no cost to the town.) The CEO recommended that the pond be slowly drained over the next month so that the fish and wildlife will be able to adjust to lower water. The T/A will check with Tom Totman (Chair, Center Pond Alewife Committee) and Ed Coffin.**
- **Selectmen approved the use of the ladies room in the basement as a storage area if needed.**
- **The T/A reported that the furnace replacement in Town Hall is ongoing.**
- **Bruce Wallace complained about the parking around Wallace Circle. There is no ordinance that prohibits overnight parking at the circle. T/A will ask the Chief of police to increase patrols in that area to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through.**
- **The T/A, Selectman Douglass and Selectman Rice will attend the upcoming MMA Grant writing course.**

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.