

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
August 13, 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
- Appointment Certificate
- Hedges contract (if ready)

**The Town Attorney is still drafting the Town's contract with Mr. Hedges. It will allow Mr. Hedges to lease a section of his foreclosed property to a mobile home owner and will require that he pay \$450.00 to the Town per month for back taxes. Once the contract is signed by Mr. Hedges, the CEO can issue a building permit for the ground work and placement of the trailer. The Selectmen will then sign the contract at their next meeting. All other items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Assessing Agent concerning abatements

**Meeting held and abatements signed. The Agent discussed her policy concerning "Open Space Exemption" applications. Her approach, which was approved by the Selectmen, is for her to provide available information to the property owner, but it is up to the property owner to research it through a Land Attorney to see if it is in their best interest. Granting of an "Open Space Exemption" is not automatic - the applicant must show a public benefit. The "Cost to Construct" Assessing Workshop will be held at 6 P.M. on Thursday, August 21st at the Town Hall. The Agent has invited local building contractors to attend.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Items found in the Basin which cannot be accepted at the Transfer Station

**Any unacceptable items will be left on the Basin property and the property owner will be notified that they are responsible for removal.**

- Seasonal Taxpayers Meeting

**The handout was reviewed and approved.**

- MMA letter concerning a response to the Governors criticism of local government

**The T/A will draft a response. This issue will remain as unfinished business.**

4. Review the following items

- Letter from First Federal concerning the financial capacity for the Kennebec Landing Subdivision

- E-mail concerning the Suscom Update

- E-mail concerning the Environmental package for the November Referendum

- Clean Harbor Invoice (\$3,000.00 less then last year)

**All items reviewed. No action taken.**

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

- Biennial Municipal Client Seminar

**The T/A will send notification to the CEO, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A provided a copy of the Center Pond causeway repairs contract to the Selectmen, Road Commissioner and Dick Murphy (Resident Inspector.) Any changes to the contract will be discussed at the next meeting.**
- **Loring Hart met with the Board of Selectmen to find out why Nick Nichols was no longer in charge of the comprehensive plan re-write. The prior decision of the Selectmen was explained (see Selectmen's meeting minutes of 7/30/03.) Mr. Hart stated that he would be willing to assist Esther Lacognata with editing of the plan.**
- **The Selectmen voted to concentrate on completing the purchase of properties and construction on the South end of the Stoneybrook Road. They will then concentrate on the North end.**
- **Selectmen Rice received a complaint that Dave Jacobs has not removed his personal items from the piece of Town owned property off Parker Head Road. He actually has more items there then before - including an umbrella, netting, table etc. The Chief of Police had already asked him to remove the items see Selectmen's meeting minutes of 7/9/03.) The T/A will notify the Chief of Police to cite Mr. Jacobs for littering if he does not remove the items within 7 days.**
- **The T/A informed the Selectmen that, in the Town Attorney's opinion, the Town has no legal obligation to get involved with the issues surrounding the private section of Sea Street. Access over the private section of the road is a civil matter between the abutting landowners.**
- **The CEO reported that he issued a stop work order to Mr. Hedges for starting work on his property without a building permit.**

*Adjourned at 9:48 p.m.*