

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 20, 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
- Contract with Mr. Hedges

Mr. Hedges contract was not ready. Warrants and minutes were reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Road Commissioner concerning the Center Pond Causeway bid package.

Reviewed. Minor changes made to the bid contract.

The T/A went over a list of issues that Lynne Pantalena has concerning the taking of her property. These issues were: (1) taking less property (OK); (2) placement of a CMP pole (up to CMP); (3) installation of guardrails (no plans at this time); (4) driveway drainage (should not be a problem); (5) blowing ledge (will pound instead); (6) having her property appraised by someone else (she will have her own appraisal done at her cost.) The Selectmen voted to write a letter to her explaining their position on each of these issues and allow her 30 days to decide if she will voluntarily sell her property.

- Meet with the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss the William's property in Winnegance that was foreclosed on by Fidelity Bank

The modular home had a broken septic pipe underneath it and sewage has accumulated in the basement. The CEO had sent a letter to Fidelity Bank giving them 30 days to rectify the problem and clean up the sewage. The Bank has not responded. The CEO will contact the Town Attorney. A warning sign will be posted at the house due to the sanitary problems.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent

Meeting held. Assessing issues were discussed, including the "cost to construct" workshop to be held on August 21st and the recent mailing of letters to some veterans requesting backup information for exemptions.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Changing the meeting date with Sebasco Resorts and the Planning Board to October 8th (Planning Board's request.) This meeting is to discuss parking issues.

Selectmen voted to change the meeting to October 8th. T/A will notify Sebasco Harbor Resort.

4. Review the following items

- **None**

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

- MCBDP Annual Meeting

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen reviewed and signed a letter, drafted by Nick Nichols, to the new property owners (Jerry and Camilla Healy) at 30 Sister Point in West Point requesting that they allow public access across their property the shore.**
- **The T/A reported that Dave Acorn (DOT) had stopped at Town Hall and discussed several road sign issues with him. Mr. Acorn said that it would not be a problem to attach orange metal flags to the speed limit signs in Winnegance. He also stated that he would spend a day with the Police Chief monitoring traffic at the Center to see if it would help to lower the speed limit. Mr. Acorn had stated that he did not think DOT would approve a stop sign in the northbound lane of Popham Road at the intersection of Parker Head Road and Route 209. The T/A will ask for these decisions from DOT in writing, with their justification for not allowing the stop sign at the intersection.**
- **The Road Commissioner reported that the Parker Head Corner reconstruction plans are still pending.**
- **The T/A advised the Selectmen that FFA was aware of the sea plane that was damaged while landing in Center Pond.**
- **Selectmen approved a vacation day for the T/A on Friday, August 29th.**
- **The Road Commissioner reported that: (1) Karen Jorgenson wanted to put a driveway in off West Point Road by the church (between Dave Thombs and Yeaton.) The Selectmen reviewed the Land Use Ordinance which states that the Road Commissioner is the authorizing official for this decision. The Commissioner will discuss with the property owner; (2) Roger Herrigal wants to hot top in front of his Shrimp House on Wallace Circle – the Road Commissioner will meet with him; (3) A culvert on Cox Head road needed to be replaced and gravel brought in; (4) A person at the Seasonal Taxpayers Meeting requested that the Town paint white edge lines on Parker Head Road – no action taken.**
- **Selectman Douglass requested that the Road Committee look into the pros and cons of filling cracks in the roadways. T/A will forward the request.**
- **Selectmen met with Representative Leila Percy to discuss the Governor’s Tax Reform proposal that will be coming before the legislature on August 21st. She was in full support of the Town’s position to not establish a municipal tax cap. She has also submitted an amendment which will have a sunset clause for review of the legislation to see if the proposal is decreasing the tax burden. The T/A will draft a letter to the Governor and legislative leaders concerning their disapproval of the “fast track” that this legislation took, which allowed little time for input from communities. The T/A will also send copies of the Town School and Municipal budgets to these individuals.**

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.