

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 27, 2003

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectman Douglass and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Contract with Mr. Hedges

The warrants and minutes were reviewed and signed. The contract for Mr. Hedges was not ready. However, Mr. Hedges provided the Board of Selectmen with a promissory note stating that he would pay \$450.00 per month (minimum) until his back taxes are paid up and that he understands that his tenant will be evicted if the payments become delinquent. Based on this letter, the Board of Selectmen voted to allow Mr. Hedges to obtain a building permit and move a mobile home onto his rental lot. Mr. Hedges will sign the contract as soon as the Town Attorney finalizes it.

2. Scheduled Meetings and Hearings:

- **None**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Commitment and assessment ratio

Discussed. Will commit taxes the first week in October.

- Homeland Security grants

Selectman Rice and Fire Chief Totman will attend the county workshop concerning this grant. The T/A sent copies of the letter to the Chief of Police and Harbormaster for input.

- County budget figures

The Selectmen reviewed the budget. The final county tax is approximately \$40,000 lower than the May estimate.

- Letter to the State Police and Governor

The T/A will still submit a letter to the State Police recommending a call share agreement between the County Sheriff and the State Police as well as requesting an increase in patrols on Routes #1 and #127. The T/A will also continue drafting a letter to the Governor and legislative leaders concerning the State's proposed tax reform package.

- Letter from DEP concerning landfill cap inspection

DEP is requiring that ATV's be prohibited from traveling on the landfill cap because it destroys the vegetation. Angie Zimmerman, from the Winnegance Wheelers, volunteered to post signs.

- Letter from MMA requesting local volunteer campaign coordinators for MMA legislation

Reviewed. No action taken.

- T/A taking vacation Sep 22, 23, 24 and Oct 14, 15 for moose hunts.

Approved.

4. Review the following items

- Automobile Graveyard response

Reviewed. Trooper Chris Tupper and Sgt. Michael Baker, Maine State Police, will meet with the Code Enforcement Officer in several weeks.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Met with Les Smith to discuss the upcoming RTAC Meeting concerning the State Gateway 1 program, which involves communities abutting Route #1. He will attend the meeting to find out the possible involvement of towns that do not abut Route #1, but are generators of traffic. Mr. Smith also gave a briefing on the visit by the State Planning Office.**
- **Selectmen reviewed a letter from DOT that outlined the recommended types of roadside warning devices. A copy was given to the Road Commissioner, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Road Committee.**
- **The T/A will advertise the lowering of Center Pond for repairs.**
- **The Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. No further action taken.**
- **The T/A reported that Phil Curtis, from the DOT Local Roads Center, was willing to attend the Town's "Posted Roads Workshop" in the fall.**

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.