

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

October 1, 2003

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Open Center Pond repair bids

A single bid for \$198,000.00 was received from CPM inc. Currently there is \$65,000.00 in the construction account. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to table a decision until they have a workshop on 10/06 with the Contractor, Road Commissioner and Coffin Engineering to see if the cost could be reduced. This item will be re-visited at the next Selectmen's meeting.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to discuss commitment and other issues

Meeting held. The Mil rate will be set at the next Selectmen's meeting. The "Assessing Project" has produced an extra 8.5 Million in valuation. Now that the project is completed, the Assessing Agent will draft a plan and time line to start equalizing assessments over the next year. Selectmen voted not to do any type of "across the board" percentage increase in valuation this year. It was agreed that the neighborhood codes need to be simplified.

- Meet with the Code Enforcement officer to discuss various issues

The CEO reported that Greg Gilliam's garage was built too close to Main Road (65 ft. vs. 75 ft). Mr. Gilliam will be applying to the Board of Appeals for a variance. The CEO also gave a briefing on code issues at the old Blaisdell farmhouse on Fiddlers Reach Road.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Obtaining the section of Pantelena's property for the Stoneybrook rebuild

Because Ms. Pantalena did not respond to a previous letter outlining the criteria involved with purchasing her property, the Selectmen voted (3-0) to send her another letter stating that the Town will start eminent domain procedures.

Selectmen also voted (3-0) to send a letter to the Harts stating that if an agreement could not be reached concerning the voluntary purchase of their property the Town would have to seek another course of action.

- Small Point Road "No Parking Zone" Ordinance

A decision on the length of the "No Parking Zone" was tabled (3-0) until Selectman Rice and the T/A could conduct an onsite visit. This will be re-visited at the next Selectmen's meeting.

- Scott Michael's request to put a waterline across Wallace Circle to the West Point General Store

Selectmen voted (3-0) to allow Mr. Michaels to place a temporary water line through a culvert in the vicinity of the West Point General Store. This would be done under the supervision of the Road Commissioner. The temporary waterline

could remain for a period of one year which would give Mr. Michaels the opportunity to obtain a permanent easement at the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting (Selectmen did not want to have it as a warrant article at a special town meeting.) If a permanent easement is granted, the time period for the temporary line could be extended to allow the permanent line to be installed when the Road Commissioner replaces the culvert.

- Town Hall Computer upgrade

The upgrade will take place from November 8th to the 11th. Selectmen voted (3-0) not to meet that week.

- Public Hearing to consider new General Assistance maximums

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the Selectmen's meeting on October 8th.

4. Review the following items

- None

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

- MMA Tax Reform Meetings
- Meeting with Sebasco Resorts and Planning Board concerning parking issues

Discussed. Selectman Rice will attend the Tax Reform meeting. All selectmen will be present for the Parking meeting.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen reviewed the Shellfish Warden report, schedule for joint jail meetings, and a letter from the Totman Library concerning Senior Citizens Day. No action taken.**
- **Upon the advice of the Road Commissioner, the Selectmen voted (3-0) to adopt a culvert policy. The standard culvert for driveway entrances will be 15 inch steel or plastic lined unless otherwise directed by the Road Commissioner. The property owner will pay for the first culvert and the town will pay for replacement culverts as per state standards.**
- **Selectmen met with the ACO and the Chief of Police. Martha Smith had complained of a dog running loose in Sebasco. The ACO and Chief of Police have made several visits but have not seen the dog. The Chief will meet with Ms. Smith and direct her to call the ACO directly the next time the dog is loose. Selectman Wells reported that a fox was hanging around the School while children were being offloaded for a dance over the past weekend. Selectman Wells had called Sagadahoc Dispatch who told him to call the local Fish and Game Warden. The Warden who was unable to respond because of other priorities. Selectmen Wells recommended that Sagadahoc Dispatch make notifications to other agencies vs. requiring callers to do it. The Chief will discuss with the Dispatch Supervisor.**

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.