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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2003

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectman Douglass and Wells present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Board of Appeals appointments
- FEMA Certification

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Small Point Parking Hearing

The hearing was opened at 6:00 for public comment. The Board of Selectmen outlined the proposed “No Parking Zone” to be posted. It would start at CMP pole #284 in the vicinity of the Small Point Water Company and run north to Pole #276 in the vicinity of 459 Small Point Road. They also explained that the zone length needed to be based on safety issues and not on trespassing issues and that Commercial Shellfish Harvesters should not be denied access to Lobster House Cove.

There were approximately 15 citizens in attendance, most of which were property abutters to the proposed zone. Everyone was in favor of having the zone, however a majority wanted to see it extended to the Lobster Houser Restaurant.

After giving everyone in the audience an opportunity to speak and discuss the proposed “No Parking Zone” the Board of Selectmen voted (2-0) to table the issue until the next meeting when Selectman Rice is present. The attendees were informed that the issue would again be discussed at 7:00 p.m. on November 19th and that everyone was invited to attend. Selectman Douglass and Wells also stated that they would meet on site with property owners Laura and Abbie Sewall as well as Brett Gilliam. The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Change of telephone service to “Lighthouse”

The Selectmen voted (2-0) to contract with “Lighthouse Inc.” for local and long distance service. This will result in a \$50.00 savings each month for telephone service. Currently the Town has 1-Com as their provider.

- Center Pond repairs

The Selectmen were briefed on the status of the Center Pond repairs. Everything is going according to schedule.

- Comp Plan status

The Selectmen reviewed the Comprehensive Plan status as provided by Esther Lacognata (consultant.) The Selectmen choose to have the Comprehensive plan presented at several public hearings and then sent to the State for approval prior to a Town Meeting vote.

- Parker Head corner

The Selectmen discussed the status of the Parker Head Corner rebuild with the Road Commissioner and Les Smith from the Road Committee. Approximately 850

feet of road would have to be rebuilt, including the installation of two culverts. The Selectmen requested that the Road Commissioner provide an estimate for the upcoming budget cycle.

- Letter of non-enforcement for Doyle property

Wayne and Karen Doyle had provided the Selectmen with a copy of a “letter of non-enforcement” for a fence setback on their property at Bushy Isle View that was dated 1993. Their lending institution needed to have the current Board of Selectmen attest that the letter was a copy of the original and still in affect. The Selectmen signed the letter.

4. Review the following items

- Letter to Robert Smith concerning addressing of subdivision

Reviewed, no action taken.

- Shellfish Warden report

Reviewed, no action taken.

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

- Elected Officials Workshop

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted to have the T/A research the costs of a voting machine for the next budget cycle.**

- **Gene Coffin (GAC) discussed the disposal of the spoils from the Center Pond Causeway rebuild. He had made arrangements with CPM to remove the spoils generated by their construction at the Causeway. The Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty, had questioned the “ownership” of the spoils and rather they belonged to the Town or CPM Construction. The contract with CPM did not specify that the Town retained ownership of the spoils. Mr. Coffin also wanted to know what right the Road Commissioner had to go to the Company representative concerning this.**

The Selectmen determined that the Road Commissioner had the right to be involved because of his position. The Road Commissioner stated that he really had no problem if CPM had worked out a deal with GAC. He had just told CPM that they could dump the spoils behind the sand/salt shed if they wanted to and he may be able to use it for a later project. Since the contract did not specify the disposal method for the spoils, the Selectmen and the Road Commissioner agreed that it would be no problem if GAC took the spoils away under an arrangement with CPM. Mr. Coffin was satisfied with the outcome, no further action needed. T/A will contact the Town Attorney for a clarification should this issue come up again in future contracts.

- **The Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, and the Board of Selectmen discussed plans for continuing the equalization update. They preferred that the Agent subcontract for technical evaluators rather than having the Town hire them as employees. Selectman Douglass asked that the agent make a list of her priorities for the equalization update.**

- **The Chief of Police, John Skroski, advised the Selectmen that a sexual offender will be residing on Stoneybrook Road. He will notify those that live in that area.**

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.