

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2003

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 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:

- Meet with Kim Shade concerning Alice Atwood purchasing back her property for back taxes

Meeting held with Kim Shade and Michelle Morong (nieces to Alice Atwood.)

Ms. Shade requested to know if the Selectmen would sell back her aunt's foreclosed property and what the cost would be. The property is 50 feet by 50 feet and is located in West Point with no water frontage. It was foreclosed on in 1964 and no taxes have been paid since. The figure for the payment of back taxes and penalties would be approximately \$34,419.00. The current assessed value is \$29,700.00. The Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to sell back the property, by Quit Claim Deed, to Alice Atwood for the amount of \$29,700.00.

- Meet with Bob Smith concerning the naming of a road in the Kennebec Landing Subdivision
Mr. Smith was unable to make the meeting.
- Discuss the "No Parking" zone on Small Point Road – abutting property owners may be in attendance

This issue was tabled from the Selectmen's Meeting on November 5th.

Approximately 15 property owners who abut the proposed "No Parking Zone" were in attendance. Although the Selectmen were unable to meet on site as a group with the property owners, they had conducted individual visits to review the zone again. They gave everyone in the audience a chance to speak on the proposed zone. Most of those in attendance still supported the "No Parking Zone," but wanted it to go all the way to the Lobster House Restaurant.

Selectman Douglass made a motion to post the "No Parking Zone" as originally proposed – from CMP pole #284 in the vicinity of the Small Point Water Company, north to Pole #276 in the vicinity of 459 Small Point Road. This motion did not get a second and failed.

Selectman Rice made a motion to post the "No Parking Zone" from CMP pole #284 in the vicinity of the Small Point Water Company, north to the Lobster House Restaurant. This motion did not get a second and failed.

Selectmen Wells made the motion to post the "No Parking Zone" (both sides) from CMP pole #284 in the vicinity of the Small Point Water Company, north to CMP pole #272, which is south of the Lobster House Restaurant. This motion was seconded and passed (3-0).

- Meet with Nick Nichols concerning his involvement with the Comp Plan

Meeting held. Mr. Nichols agreed to take a "sabbatical" from the current process. He will attend the Comprehensive Plan meetings as a member of the public and only give input on technical issues. He will be involved with the

comment period during the Public Hearing process and will also be involved with making changes to the Comprehensive Plan once it is returned from the State Planning Office.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Comp Plan status

The Selectmen reiterated that the plan will go to the State after the public hearings - but before any Town Meeting vote. Esther Lacognata (consultant) will negotiate her final payment with the Town once the process is completed. No further action taken.

- New procedures for admitting prisoners to the Cumberland County Jail

Chief Skroski went over the requirements for admitting prisoners to the Cumberland County Jail. These requirements include taking a prisoner to the hospital for evaluation if the arresting officer feels that the individual is under the effect of alcohol or drugs.

- Amendment to the Totman Preserve conservation easement

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve an amendment that allows a second parking lot closer to the beach. The Town Lands Management Committee also approved the amendment.

4. Review the following items

- Applications for Town Hall Custodian (executive session)

The Selectmen voted to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to review applications for this position. The Selectmen voted to come out of Executive session at 8:40 p.m. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to hire Marie Harvell as the Town Hall Custodian.

- Maine Preservation News

Reviewed. No action taken.

- Chamber Connections

Reviewed. No action taken.

- Letter from the State concerning "Lands for Maine Future" vote on the funding for Sprague Pond purchase

Reviewed. No action taken.

- Audit Report for 2002-2003

Reviewed. No action taken.

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

- RSMS Workshop

The T/A and Les Smith will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Merry Chapin was present to discuss an upcoming meeting on December 2nd between the Land Trust and Cindy Carney, from CEI, concerning affordable housing. The Selectmen will be unable to make the meeting, but have requested that Ms. Carney meet with them separately on a Wednesday evening. Mrs. Chapin will check with Ms. Carney.**

- **Town Meeting will be May 10th (Elections), 11th and 12th (Business.)**

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.