

December 10, 2003

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 the Road Commissioner to discuss road repairs and guardrail locations at the Center Pond Causeway

Meeting held. The Road Commissioner, C. Doughty, will use cement blocks as a temporary guardrail until next spring when a permanent one will be installed. The exact location and design of the permanent one will be at the discretion of the Road Commissioner and Fire Chief Totman.

The Road Commissioner will also complete temporary repairs (cold patch or concrete) to the causeway section of Parker Head Road until it can be paved in the spring. He will also provide Rip Rap and fill along north side of fishway where erosion has occurred.

The Town Administrator, Mike Young, will contact the Center Pond Alewife Committee and request that they inspect the bolts in the aluminum baffle brackets to see if they are sturdy enough for the intended purpose.

The T/A also discussed the posting of signs at the causeway warning people not to dive or swim off the causeway due to the possibility of jagged edges on the sheet pilings. This was tabled until he can contact the Town Attorney.

Les Smith, Road Committee Chairman, and the Road Commissioner will meet concerning Parker Head Corner and Stoneybrook Road projects.

The Road Commissioner also asked permission to dispose of the two Bryant tow-along sanders at the Sand & Salt Shed. They were built in the late 70's early 80's and are not usable at this time (motors don't work among other issues.) The Selectmen voted (3-0) to put them out to sale by bid.

Selectman Rice asked for a briefing on Road Crew "Standby Pay." The Road Commissioner explained that it is pay for a vehicle and driver to be ready for sanding or plowing upon demand. The amount is \$300.00 per week, but if the driver and vehicle are used for sanding during that week the standby amount is reduced to \$150.00.

- Meet with Charlie Stevens for a briefing on the School Playground (6:30 p.m.)

Meeting held. Mr. Stevens, from the Playground Committee, briefed the Selectmen on the Committee's work concerning the replacement of the school playground. It has become a safety issue due to age and construction. The Committee has raised \$6,000 of the required \$30,000+ to purchase the equipment. They hope to remove the old playground and build the replacement using volunteers. Curtis Doughty, as well as members of the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, have volunteered their time. The Committee is also in the process of researching possible matching grants. Although the projected completion date is set for FY 2005, they are hoping to have the playground replaced sooner. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to have a Town Meeting Warrant Article, of approximately

\$9,000, to match available funding and donations. Selectmen Douglass recommended that the Committee hold a public hearing to get input from the community on design. The Committee is also going to contact West Bath to get information on their new playground.

3. Discuss the following issues

- Hiring of permanent Assistant Transfer Station Attendant

Only one application, submitted by Russell Alexander, was received for the position. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to hire Mr. Alexander as the permanent Assistant Transfer Station Attendant.

- End of School Zone signs

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to purchase two “end of school zone” signs for installation on the school light poles.

- Library Options meeting with Selectmen

Selectmen will meet with the committee at 6:00 p.m. on December 17th.

- Street light request for Bakers Wharf Road

A citizen on Ridge Road has removed a light on her garage that used to illuminate the road. She has requested that the Town fund the installation of a street light to illuminate the area. The only street lights funded by the town are those on Town owned property. The Selectmen voted (3-0) not to install one.

- Construction of a small building at the Transfer Station to protect the snow blower and stow equipment

Selectmen voted (3-0) to have a small building constructed as long as the cost is less then \$1,000.00

4. Review the following items

- Draft of New Meadows Watershed Management Plan

Reviewed. No action taken.

5. Miscellaneous

- The CEO, Lee Rainey, requested vacation from December 24th through January 2nd. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve his request.

- The Contract Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, gave a briefing on the ongoing equalization project. She is very positive about the results.

The T/A briefed the Selectmen on a question from Gil Marco concerning the possibility of some property owners in Winnegance hooking up to the Bath sewer system. Peter Owen, Bath Public Works, stated that the City has no problem with the residents hooking up to their sewer as long as it is at no expense to the City (currently the City has some West Bath residents hooked into the system.) Mr. Owen recommended that an engineer be hired to conduct a feasibility study on the issue. The T/A will pass this information onto Mr. Marco.

- Doug Alexander, Town Lands Management Committee, informed the Selectmen that that the State may be researching the possibility of constructing a boat landing on the southern section of the Kennebec River. The T/A will contact the State concerning this issue and recommend that they consider the property at the Center which is already owned by Maine Inland Fish and Game.

- Selectman Douglass will attend the County Communications BOD meeting on 12/11/03.

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.