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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
December 17, 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

**Items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Library Options Committee for an update

**Meeting held with Anna Little from the Committee. They have had two productive meetings and are waiting for some more information before making a presentation to the Selectmen.**

**The Selectmen reviewed their expectations for the Committee which were:**

**(1) Focus on long range viable options based on facts, pros, cons and cost; (2) Provide a list of services provided by the Patten Free Library, Totman Library and School Library; (3) Describe how the libraries co-operate and interrelate with each other. Once the options are provided to the Selectmen, they will consider holding a hearing for more public input. Several options may then be listed for consideration at the Town Meeting in May 2004.**

- Meet with Jeff Sneddon from MCBBD concerning the establishment of a Midcoast Economic Development District

**Meeting held. Selectmen voted (3-0) to sign a letter of support for the establishment of a Midcoast Economic Development District. The Selectmen requested that Mr. Sneddon prepare a presentation for the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen on the services that MCBBD provides. The Selectmen also discussed some regional issues with Mr. Sneddon such as bike paths, public transportation and the "Gateway One" plan. Mr. Sneddon volunteered to be the contact for any input that the Selectmen have for "Gateway One."**

- Meet with Martha Smith and the ACO concerning dogs running loose in Sebasco  
**Cancelled.**

- Meet with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning Perkins and Bunce septic systems

**Meeting held with Jean Perkins in attendance. A letter from Jim Bunce was reviewed. Jean Perkins reported that she and Jim Bunce had reviewed the septic design completed by Al Frick and, upon contacting other site evaluators and the State, determined that Mr. Frick's plan was not the best solution to their septic problems. They will not sign the well and property setback releases required to install the system.**

**Ms. Perkins and Mr. Bunce recommended having a community leech field installed on the town-owned property on Parker Head Road (previously owned by Degolyer.) Ms. Perkins also stated that the Lewis's are interested in hooking up to this community system. The CEO, Lee Rainey, will check with Rick Greene and Jay Hardcastle, from the State Health Engineering Division, to discuss the possibility of this community system as well as funding prospects. This system would require an easement from the Town and also from the property owners**

whose property the septic piping would run over. Ms. Perkins has already checked with David Gray and Wayne Elowe, whose property that the piping would have to cross, and they had no problems with it. The Selectmen requested that Jean Perkins provide them with a letter of interest from the Lewis's. A future meeting of all interested parties will be held.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent

**Meeting held. The Agent, Juanita Wilson, went over supplemental bills and abatements.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Who will review draft of Regional Issues section of Comprehensive Plan

**The Selectmen and Comprehensive Planning Committee Chairs will review the draft.**

- Totman Preserve Conservation Easement Amendment for parking areas

**The Selectmen reviewed the amendment which consisted of technical changes only. They voted (3-0) to sign the amendment.**

- The posting of warning signs at the Causeway

**Tabled. The T/A will draft the wording and have the Town Attorney review it.**

4. Review the following items:

- Public Utilities Commission "Request for Comments" for the reduction of Public Safety Answering Points

- DOT Community Gateways Grant Competition

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous:

- **The CEO, Lee Rainey, briefed the Selectmen on the failed septic system at the Wilgus property in Winnegance. The site has been visited by both the Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer. Mr. Wilgus is taking immediate steps to alleviate the problem by having the tanks pumped. He has a replacement system designed and is waiting for a contractor to install it.**

- **Selectman Douglass will contact Lauren McKinnen at Midcoast Hospital concerning having Hepatitis B vaccinations for The Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer.**

- **The CEO will contact Attorney Hornbeck concerning the motor home located at the Danish residence on Fiddlers Reach Road, which is in violation of the Land Use Ordinance. The Danish's have already received a written warning.**

- **The Chief of Police, John Skroski, will research a complaint concerning Dave Jacobs keeping personal property on town-owned land. The Chief also gave a briefing on the recent computer training he attended.**

*Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.*