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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

January 14, 2004

*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:

- **None**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- CPM invoice for Center Pond Construction (tabled from last week)

**Selectman Rice had contacted Kim Suhr, from CPM Constructors, to discuss the sheet pile charges. This resulted in a \$600.00 reduction in cost due to having 19 inch corners vs. 25 inch corners. The Selectmen voted unanimously to pay the current invoice of \$192,150.00**

- Legislative Public Hearing Notice and Carry Over update (tabled from last week)

**Selectmen Rice recommended that the School Board and Selectmen continue to monitor the effects of the "Learning Results" and "No Child Left Behind."**

- Draft NMR Watershed Management Plan

**Copies were given to each Selectmen for individual review after the meeting. Any comments will be discussed at a future meeting.**

- Invitation from MCBBD to attend a regional planning session

**Selectman Rice and Douglass will attend. The T/A will also request that the Lee Rainey, Les Smith, and Marie Varian attend.**

- General Assistance services

**The Town of West Bath has contracted with the Bath GA Administrator to process cases. The T/A will research the possibility of Phippsburg doing the same.**

- P.R. Russell Inc. wood chipping proposal

**Selectmen reviewed the cost comparison for Commercial Paving and P.R. Russell Inc. They voted to contract with P.R Russell to complete the wood chipping process in the spring. The company will also use their own loader and driver. This will result in an approximate savings of \$4,000.00 based on 341 tons.**

4. Review the following items:

- RTAC agenda and minutes

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

- DMR Rule-Making proposal concerning shellfish sanitation regulations

**Reviewed. The T/A will ask the Shellfish Committee to discuss this at their next meeting and report any recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.**

- Town Meeting schedule

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:
- **Attendance at the GA Basics and IRS workshops were discussed. No one will attend.**
6. Miscellaneous:
- **The Selectmen approved a request from the T/A to work at home on budget figures (1/16)**
  - **The Chief of Police, John Skroski, was granted permission to have his faulty handgun destroyed.**
  - **Gene Coffin was present to discuss:**
    - (1) Disposition of the Fire Station overhead doors - The Board of Selectmen reiterated that the removal and disposal of the doors were part of the PDQ contract and what PDQ does with them is their business (this was also discussed at last weeks meeting.) The Fire Chief, Jim Totman, has offered to provide a copy of the bill to the T/A who will forward it on to Mr. Coffin. A copy is not available from the Town Office because the funding for the replacement doors came from Fire Dept. donations.**
    - (2) Donation accountability for the Fire Department - The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Fire Chief, and possibly the Town Attorney, to discuss whether the Fire/Rescue Department should incorporate or be voted on as a municipal department. Selectman Douglass will discuss this issue with the Fire Chief.**
    - (3) Who receives Road Crew standby pay? - The list was provided to Mr. Coffin, which included Harry Doughty, Curtis Doughty, Eddie Gray and Warren Doughty Jr. Mr. Coffin questioned why other people, i.e. Teddy Gerow, who plow for the Town don't get standby pay. It was explained that standby pay was for the four individuals to be available 24/7 for plowing and sanding.**
    - (4) Giving a stipend to members of the Fire and Ambulance crews - The Selectmen explained that this has been offered in the past and the Fire/Rescue Department has preferred not to receive a stipend. It will be offered again this year.**

*Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*