

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

January 21, 2004

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

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes  
**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Health Insurance Options Committee for a briefing  
**Meeting held. The committee recommended that the town offer health care benefits similar to Anthem PPO 1 or Aetna PPO A to full time employees (defined as those working 30 hours or more weekly) and their families, with premiums paid as follows: Employee Premium: Town 75%, Employee 25%, Spouse and children: Town 25%, Employee 75%. The total cost to the town is estimated at \$17,195.00 or less. The Committee was complimented on their professional approach, extensive research and presentation of this subject. A full report is on file at the Town Office. No further action taken by the Board of Selectmen.**

- Meet with members of the Harbor Commission to discuss the job description and compensation of the Harbormaster

**Meeting held with the Harbor Commission, Harbormaster and Chief of Police. After a lengthy discussion the Board of Selectmen authorized the Harbormaster to: (1) carry a firearm as needed, (2) enforce all applicable State regulations and Town ordinances in regards to water activities, (3) write warnings, summonses and citations.**

The Selectmen's recommended policy is to stop vessels for obvious violations and respond to specific complaints; but not to conduct routine boardings. The Harbormaster will have jurisdiction over vessels tied up to the town landings and will be authorized to enforce the dockside regulations of the Town Landing Ordinance (i.e. stowage of gear.)

If the Harbormaster is involved in a situation which he is not comfortable with he will contact the Chief of Police or Sheriffs department.

The Harbormaster and Harbor Commission will be responsible for the operation of the patrol boat. Boat expenses shall be paid through the Harbor Commission account either by the collection of mooring fees, appropriations or a combination of both.

The Harbor Commission will: (1) make necessary changes to the Harbor Ordinance and Harbormaster job description (2) prepare a budget for the operation and maintenance of the Harbormaster's newly acquired patrol boat (estimated at \$2,600.00), (3) include a synopsis of the patrol boat acquisition and planned use in the 2003 Town Report, (4) review the Harbormaster's salary and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen if it should be changed and to what amount.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Scheduling a meeting with the Fire Chief, and possibly the Town Attorney, to discuss the legal status of the Fire/Rescue Department (pros and cons of Municipal Department vs. Incorporated.)

**Meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.**

- Motor home on Danish's Fiddlers Reach property (with CEO)

**The Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 8:01 p.m. The Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 8:20. The T/A and CEO will draft a letter to the Danish's concerning the use of the motor home as a residence and require that they clean up the junk in their yard. The Selectmen will review and sign the letter at their next meeting.**

- MCBDP meeting conflict with County Budget Committee Caucus

**The Caucus has been changed to February 10th.**

4. Review the following items:

- BTIP Information

**Reviewed. No action taken. The T/A will forward copies of the Harbor Improvement Grant to the Harbor Commission and Town Landing Committee for review.**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous:

- **Lee Rainey, Code Enforcement Officer, will be meeting with Al Frick, Soil Consultant, the first of February on site at the Town owned property in Parker Head village to discuss septic designs.**
- **Ed Skillin was given a briefing on the Posted Roads workshop. The Selectmen explained that changes to the Posted Roads Ordinance would include an exemption for vehicles with a gross registered weight in excess of 23,000 pounds which are traveling empty.**
- **The T/A will be working at home on January 30<sup>th</sup> to edit the Comprehensive Plan.**

*Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.*