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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 10th, 2004

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 the Bob Scott, from the Public Safety Advisory Committee, concerning speed sign requests for Winnegance and the Center

Meeting held. The Public Safety Advisory Committee had been approached by a couple of citizens in Winnegance concerning excessive vehicle speed on Route 209. The Committee recommended installing signs in the vicinity of GAC (northbound) and on the Winnegance Bridge (southbound) warning of the upcoming speed zone. They also recommended the installation of signs prior to the Main Road/Parker Head Road intersection at the Center which would warn of the upcoming intersection and state “no passing on right.” The Selectmen decided to forward this request on to State DOT with their recommendation that the signs be installed. Also, the State will be reminded that Phippsburg previously requested that they install “red flags” on the speed limit signs in Winnegance.

- Meet with Anne Phillips and Ken Textor from the Patten Free Library to discuss options that were noted in the Library Options report

Meeting held. Options listed in the report from the Phippsburg Library Options Committee were reviewed. Ms. Phillips and Mr. Textor explained that (1) they could not do an overall deactivation of library cards without a change in the by-laws which would not be possible unless approved by the Board of Trustees and probably even the cooperators, who do not meet until November – it would take some time to implement, if it could be implemented at all; (2) each year the Patten Free Library staff purges the patrons list and anyone who has a library card that has not been active for two years is deleted; and (3) they would recommend that the Totman Library provide them with brochures to hand out to new Phippsburg patrons. Selectman Rice and Wells both expressed their support of the funding article for the upcoming Town meeting. The Budget Committee also supported the request which will be the same as last year.

- Meet with Jeff Sneddon from MCBBD concerning his organization’s services

Meeting held with Mr. Sneddon and Chet Garrison, Selectman from West Bath. Mr. Sneddon briefed the Selectman on the services that MCBBD offered. The cost to join the organization was \$3,159.00. No further action taken.

- Meet with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning Septic Bids under the Small Community Grant Program

Meeting held. Selectmen Rice and Douglass approved the bid process for the septic replacement at 983 Main Road under the State Small Community Grant Program.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to review supplementals
- Meeting held. Supplementals were reviewed and signed.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Grant for Hazardous Waste Day

A grant is available through the State Planning office to cost share 50% of the cost for a “Hazardous Waste Day.” The Selectmen voted (2-1) to have a separate warrant article to see if the Town wanted to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to match it.

- NMR Watershed Plan

The Selectmen were provided copies for review. No further action taken.

- Posted Roads exemption for Ralph’s Homes

Ralph’s Homes requested a one time exemption for weight limit on Sam Day Hill Road so that they could remove a doublewide from Granite Ledge Road on 3/11/04. The Board of Selectmen voted (2-1) to repost the Sam Day Hill Road at the Transfer Station exit as it has historically been done in the past. This allowed the removal of the doublewide without granting an exemption. Selectman Douglass relayed this information on to the Road Commissioner by phone.

4. Review the following items:

- School and County Committee Agendas
- Legislative Bulletin and Bills
- Cemetery Annual Audit
- Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
- Maine Heritage Newsletter
- E-Mail from Jean Perkins concerning the Parker Head Septic System
- Letter from York County Superior Court transferring the ownership of a seized boat, trailer and outboard to the Town of Phippsburg
- Shellfish Warden Report
- Package from the Library Options Committee
- Legislative Document (H.P. 1402) from State Senator Mayo

The Code Enforcement Officer informed the Selectmen that he and the site evaluator were waiting for the frost to leave the ground before continuing with the Perkins Septic System project. No action taken on other items.

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

- Elected Officials Workshop
- Fair Labor Standards Act
- Chamber of Commerce Recognition and Awards Ceremony
- Emergency Tax Summit

Selectman Rice may attend the Chamber of Commerce Ceremony. No confirmed attendance at the other events.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectman Wells briefed the other Selectmen on the “Working Waterfront Seminar” that he attended at the Maine Fishermen’s Forum.**
- **Selectman Douglass and Les Smith, from the Road Committee, informed the other Selectmen that RTAC Region 5 was not changing; only the maintenance divisions were being consolidated. Mr. Smith also briefed the Selectman on a**

request that the Road Committee had received to review the condition of Cranberry Point Road, which floods over at an extreme high tide. The Selectmen directed the Road Committee to conduct the review. Mr. Smith also gave a briefing on the status of the Stoneybrook Road engineering proposals.

- **Richard Lemont, Chairman of the Shellfish Conservation Commission, discussed requests from the Shellfish Warden to (1) have a 25 cent raise effective July 1st (recommended by the Shellfish Commission and approved by the Selectmen); (2) amend the Shellfish Warden job description (Selectmen requested that Mr. Lemont and the T/A meet and make recommended changes for their approval); and (3) make some changes to the Shellfish Ordinance (not recommended by the Shellfish Committee – Selectmen took no action.)**
- **Gene Coffin briefed the Selectmen on his concerns that the town roads should be posted for travel at a lower temperature and that the present temperature and description of “solidly frozen” was not in the ordinance. It was explained that by not having these items listed in the Ordinance it gives the Selectmen the authority to change the temperature restriction as needed. They took no action on reducing the temperature restriction noted on the “Restricted Weights” posters**

Adjourned: 9:43 p.m.