

Submitted By: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved By:
JMY SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 17th, 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
- Quit Claim Deeds

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Town Landing and Town Lands Management Committee to review attorney letters concerning non-resident access to Totman Preserve and the town landings

Meeting held and letters were discussed. The Selectmen and committee members agreed that the Town Landing and Town Lands Management Ordinances should be reworded to strengthen the Town's rational basis for restricting Totman Preserve and the Town Landings to use by residents, taxpayers and their guests only. Selectman Douglass will meet with the Town Attorney to review the ordinances for recommended changes. The definition of "guest" will also be included in each Ordinance.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to review supplemental totals.

Meeting held. No action taken.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Grant for Universal Waste Building

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept a \$1,750.00 grant from the State Planning Office to construct a small building at the Transfer Station to store mercury laden products. The funding will be used to purchase materials and the building will be constructed by the VOA community service workers. The separation of these products is required by state law in January 2005.

- Voting Machine

Selectmen approved the trial use of an "accu-vote" voting machine for the municipal election on May 10th. It will cost \$500.00 for use of the machine and training, \$350.00 which is credited towards the purchase of the machine.

- Town report review date

The Selectmen will conduct a final review of the Town Report at 7:00 on Thursday, April 1st.

- Weekly posted roads review

The Selectmen reviewed the status of the posted roads. Many of the local contractors were in attendance. Upon the recommendation of the Road Commissioner, the Selectmen voted (3-0) to repost Sam Day Hill Road at its intersection with Main Road. The T/A will contact Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Dept. concerning enforcement of the posted roads and will also contact Purse Line Bait and remind them to list the vehicle registrations numbers on each weight slip that they fax to the Town Office. Other posted roads issues were discussed concerning the ordinance, temperatures and exemptions.

4. Review the following items:

- Legislative Bulletin and Bills

Reviewed. No action taken.

- Proposed School Budget

Reviewed. Expected increase is \$164,190.00 (6.34%). No action taken.

- Budget Package

The T/A gave new budget packages to the Selectmen for their review prior to the upcoming Budget Committee meeting on Monday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

- Road Committee Report

The Road Committee's report for the Town Report was reviewed by the Road Commissioner. He and Les Smith, Chairman of the Road Committee, will meet and refine the report.

- Governors Budget Document concerning E-911

A letter was written by Rob Morris, Supervisor of the Sagadahoc County Emergency Communications Center, which stated his displeasure that the Governor was considering increasing the E-911 telephone surcharge and then putting the extra funding in the State's General Fund. Selectmen reviewed the response. No further action taken.

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

- Regional Meeting

No one will attend because it conflicts with the Wednesday night Selectmen's meeting.

6. Miscellaneous

- **Dan Coffin, Chairman of the School Committee, briefed the Board of Selectmen on the Union 47 and Bath School Department Governance Study and Analysis of Survey Data. A copy of the report is on file at the Town Office. No further action taken.**

- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on the response from State Representative McLaughlin concerning her committee's reasoning behind an "ought not to pass" vote on a bill to review all state mandates. Her committee maintains that since each mandate was a separate bill, then a separate bill should be introduced for the review of each, instead of doing a blanket review of all.**

- **Upon request from the Town Landing Committee Chairman, Arthur Pierce, the Selectmen approved the expenditure of funds from the Town Landing Account to repair the erosion on the north side of the Meadowbrook Boat Ramp.**

- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on building debris being illegally dumped at the Transfer Station.**

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.