

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 31st, 2004

Approved By:

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Conduct Liquor Licenses Hearings (6:00 p.m.)

Started license hearing at 7:00 p.m. Liquor license applications were reviewed for Sebasco Harbor Resort (Class IA), Small Point Club (Class V), Spinney's Restaurant (Class IA), Lobster House Restaurant (Class I), Water's Edge Restaurant (Class I), Scott's Fish House Cove (Class I). No public comments were made. Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. Selectmen voted 2-0 to approve all applications.

- Open bids for replacement septic system at 983 Main Road (Small Community Grant Program)

Tabled until next meeting.

- Meet with representatives of Sebasco Resort concerning easements under Sebasco Road for utilities

Meeting held. Sebasco Resorts will be replacing water lines under Sebasco Road. They requested that the Board of Selectmen grant a prescriptive easement for the current water line locations and also include a warrant article for the May Annual Town Meeting to have an easement for a new location. Selectmen voted 2-0 to place an article on the warrant for the new easement and tabled the decision on the prescriptive easement until more information is provided.

- Conduct Shellfish Licenses Hearings

Hearings were held. It was determined that Mitch Wallace and Tamara Liberty had participated in the annual Phippsburg clean-up day and were therefore entitled to conservation hour credit (the allowance for credit from clean-up day had been voted on by the Shellfish Committee.) Even though they had not officially signed in, there were witnesses who saw them picking up trash. Mr. Wallace was credited with ½ hour more of conservation time which put him back into the Renewal Commercial Resident License category and therefore guaranteed him a Shellfish License. As she requested, Ms. Liberty was credited with 4.5 hours of conservation time which gave her a total of 11 hours and left her in the New Commercial Resident License category. Bruce Wyman was present but had no evidence of additional conservation time. The new priority list for licenses is Mitch Wallace (1), Paul Pierce (2), James Robinson (3), Arthur Moore (4), Heath Hawkes (5), Bob Brown (6), Bruce Wyman (7), Tamara Liberty (8) and Warren Alexander (9). There were no appeals in the Non Resident Commercial License Category or the Student Commercial License Category. Lotteries will be held on April 1st at 10:00 a.m. for a tie in the Non Resident Commercial Category and Student Commercial Category.

- Meet with the Town Landing and Town Lands Management Committees concerning ordinance changes

Meeting held. Amendments to the Town Landings Ordinance and the new Town Lands Management Ordinance were reviewed and approved for Town Meeting vote. The T/A will issue passes to the non-resident Commercial Harvesters allowing them access to the landings. Selectman Wells informed the Town Landing Committee that they may be receiving a call from a company interested in attaching a ramp and float to the Popham Wharf for the offloading of passengers from their boat.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent

Meeting was not held.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Posted roads issues

(1) An exemption was granted to Ed Skillin to move a trailer from one lot to another in his trailer Park.

(2) Purse Line Bait had voluntarily notified the T/A that they had two vehicles come to their business which were not in compliance with the weight restrictions. One truck, which they own, had a new driver who failed to weigh the vehicle prior to entry. It was determined by Purse Line Bait that it was 4,200 pound overweight. A second truck, which they do not own, was loaded with “Exacto’s” and was supposed to offload to smaller trucks. This was not done and the truck traveled over posted roads with no exemption and was in excess of 23,000 pounds gross weight. The Selectmen voted 2-0 to assess the minimum penalty of \$250.00 for each violation of the ordinance.

(3) Gene Coffin expressed a concern about trucks, which are hauling solid waste from the Transfer Station, traveling over Sam Day Hill Road. He stated that they should be traveling at reduced loads. The Road Commissioner stated that they were operating on behalf of the Municipality and they were listed on the postings as being exempt. Mr. Coffin disagreed with that position. The T/A will contact State DOT to see what their opinion is on this issue.

- Set a date for the Stoneybrook Road “Lay Out” Hearing

Date set for April 21st at 7:00 p.m. The T/A will draft notices.

- Permission for the Town Attorney to advise and represent the Board of Appeals as needed regarding an appeal by Suzanne Nusbaum concerning Popham building permits issued by the Code Enforcement Officer

Selectmen voted 2-0 to approve request.

- Appointment of Tom Totman to the Board of Assessment Review.

Selectmen voted 2-0 to appoint Mr. Totman to the Board of Assessment Review.

- Acceptance of donated items from the various Fire and Rescue Department support organizations

Selectmen voted 2-0 to accept the donation of items on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Department. The list is attached to these minutes.

- Parcel Grant Proposal

No action taken.

4. Review the following items:

- Legislative Bulletin and Bills

Reviewed. No further action taken.

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

None

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen reviewed an “Action Alert” from MMA which informed all municipalities that a bill (LD 419 - requiring a committee to be set up to review unfunded mandates) would be voted on in the House. The Selectmen directed the T/A to contact Representative Percy and ask her to vote in support of this bill.**
- **Dick Lemont, Shellfish Chair, briefed the Selectmen on a possible pollution closure at North Creek. It has been testing high for bacteria from sewage and he expects that the area will be closed by DMR any day.**

Adjourned: 8:54 p.m.