

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

April 21, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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:

- Discuss lifting Road posting and associated issues

Selectmen voted (3-0) to lift the road postings and allow all vehicles to travel. They also voted (3-0) to assess a consensual fine of \$250.00 to the Precast Company for traveling on posted roads in excess of the weight limits.

- Condemnation Hearings

Hearings were held. Lynn Pantalena was present and stated that the appraised value of her section of property to be taken by the Town was to low. The Selectmen discussed this with the Assessing Agent. It was determined by the Selectmen that the appraised value of both the Pantalena property and Hart property were fair. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to sign the Condemnation Order for the property owned by Lynn Pantalena (awarding \$425.00 in damages) and voted (3-0) to sign the Condemnation Order for the property owned by the Harts (awarding \$1,050.00 in damages.) The Condemnation Orders will be filed with the Town Clerk for Town Meeting vote in May.

- Award engineering contract for Stoneybrook Road

Tabled until research is completed by the Road Committee and Road Commissioner.

- Meet with Martha Smith concerning dog issues in Sebasco

Meeting held. Ms. Smith reported that she has been growled at by loose dogs and is afraid of being attacked by them She also had a tire slashed on her car, which she attributes to retribution for complaining in the past. The Chief of Police will discuss this situation with other agencies and increase patrols in Sebasco. The Selectman recommended that the ACO, Police Chief and DA have a workshop to review the Animal Control Ordinance and consider increasing the penalties for habitual violators.

- Meet with CEO concerning tree cutting issue

Tabled until Selectmen visit the King property on Fiddlers Reach Road.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent

Meeting held. An abatement was signed and an update on the equalization project was given. The Agent received questions from the audience concerning assessment procedures.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Agreement with Sebasco Resorts for Sebasco Road easement

Selectmen signed the agreement as voted on at the last meeting.

- Comprehensive Plan Status

The Selectmen will take sections home to review for editing.

4. Review the following items:

- Letters in support of Chief Skroski
- Budget Hearing response from Sagadahoc County
- Friends of Midcoast Maine Newsletter
- Maine Preservation Newsletter
- Suscom notice of additional channel

All items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A presented a citizen petition to the Board of Selectmen. This petition asked that the town include a warrant article to “vote to appropriate \$26,000.00 from surplus to purchase a four wheel drive vehicle for the Chief of Police.” It was signed by 130 registered voters (94 were needed.) The Selectmen voted (2-0) to include the Article on the Official Warrant for the May 10-12 Annual Town Meeting.**
- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on the wood chipping that will start on May 22nd at the Transfer Station.**
- **The Selectmen reviewed an E-mail received from Russ Smith (member of the Center Pond Alewife Committee) which advised the Selectmen of ongoing work at the Center Pond Causeway. He also recommended a sign be posted at the Causeway which would state that the fishery for Alewives is closed for conservation. The Selectmen requested that the full committee meet and discuss these issues.**
- **Selectmen voted (3-0) to appoint Helen Webb to the Historic Preservation Commission.**
- **Selectmen reviewed a letter from MMA concerning the constitutional validity of Carol Palesky’s Referendum Article. No action taken.**
- **Selectman Wells will pick up the Town Reports on May 24th.**

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.