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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2004

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectman Wells and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Small Point Parking Ordinance
- Scott Michaels Release Deed for easement across Wallace Circle

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Tom Perry concerning Town's Insurance Policy

Meeting held. Selectmen voted (2-0) to change from MMA Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage to coverage provided through Cross Insurance (similar policy). This change will be effective July 1st and will result in a \$1,900.00 savings.

- Meet with Julie Finch concerning her seawall and the piping from the Parker Head Road culvert that leads to it.
- **Meeting held with Ms. Finch and Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner). Ms. Finch informed the Selectmen that the sea wall on her property in Parker Head had deteriorated and was in need of repair. She requested to know the town's position on this, since a pipe leads from a culvert on Parker Head Road to the sea wall for drainage. It was discovered that the prior owner of her property had installed the pipe in order to divert the flow of water from the property. Since installation was done by a private individual the pipe and sea wall is not the town's responsibility and therefore she would have to make arrangements for the repair of the sea wall. It was recommended that she meet with the Code Enforcement Officer to see if there are any available grants to help in this situation.**
- Meet with the Assessing Agent concerning abatements and supplementals

Meeting held. Abatements and supplementals were signed.

- Meet with the Police Chief to discuss the interview board's recommendation for the Part-time Police Officer (executive session at end of meeting)

Selectmen voted to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to review recommendations for the position of Part-time Patrol Officer. Selectmen voted to come out of executive session at 8:42 p.m. Based on the recommendation of the interview board, which consisted of Selectman Douglass, Police Chief Skroski and Public Safety Advisory Committee member R. Hutchinson, the Selectmen voted (2-0) to hire Jeremy Dewese as the Part-time Police Officer, subject to passing a drug test. Mr. Dewese will be on a one year probationary period.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Reply from the County Commissioners concerning budget hearings and minutes
- Reviewed. The Commissioners admitted that they failed to announce the final County budget hearing on their faxed agenda. Minutes of the Commissioners' meetings will be made available once compiled. The County Clerk is several months behind on these minutes.**

4. Review the following items:

- Tax Reform info from the City of Brewer

Reviewed. Selectmen voted (2-0) to promise that 100% of the increased revenues resulting from Referendum Question #1 will be used to lower the mil rate.

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

- None

6. Miscellaneous

- **The Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty reported that:**

A. Water was coming from the end of the rocks on the Kennebec side of the Center Pond causeway at low tide. It may be from the surrounding marsh or through the causeway itself. The T/A will discuss this possibility with Lee Rainey, the Codes Enforcement Officer (possible dye test) and Tom Totman, Chair of the CP Alewife Committee.

B. CPM had the sheet piling cut, but the bottom support for the handrails on the north steps was loose and the dry hydrant was not fixed

C. He wanted to put in crushed rock or gravel along the face of the sheet piling in Center Pond. He was asked to check with the Code Enforcement Officer.

- **Selectman Wells mentioned that the section of the Basin Road which passes over the Land owned by Richard Hatch needed tree trimming. The T/A will send a letter to Mr. Hatch asking him to make arrangements to have the growth trimmed back or to notify the Town and it will be done by the Road Crew.**

- **The T/A reported that:**

A. The Town's asset inventory for GASB 34 will be completed by June 30th. He will then concentrate on completing the Comprehensive Plan editing.

B. The Tax Collector/Treasurer will cease Wednesday night hours starting July 7th – she will be open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

C. Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner), Les Smith (Road Committee), Ron Beal (Surveyor) and Pine Tree Engineering reps will conduct a site walk on the Stoneybrook Road on Friday, June 25th at 9:00 a.m.

D. He met with Bob Morse from CMP to discuss providing electricity to the Universal Waste building that was built at the Transfer Station. Mr. Morse recommended either coming underground from the Transfer Station Office or the Sand/Salt Shed. Since the Road Commissioner wants to move the building from the old landfill to the Sand/Salt shed, he will check with Andy Hart to see about providing electricity from the Sand/Salt shed to both the Road Crew building and Universal Waste building.

- **The T/A discussed a sign for the Causeway to prohibit swimming. The Selectmen voted (2-0) to table the issue.**

- **The Police Chief will contact Dave Allen from DOT for an update on signs the State was supposed to post in Winnegance and other areas. He has started to receive complaints concerning vehicles on Stoneybrook Road and other issues in Sebasco. The Police Chief also reported that the new Parking Officer, C.J. Wesley, was doing a good job. He has ordered the new 4x4 patrol vehicle and it will be silver.**

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.