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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2004

Approved By:

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Tax Commitment
- Two Holding Tank Variances

All items reviewed and signed. The Selectmen asked the T/A to send a copy of the tax bill letter to the Times Record and Portland Press Herald. Questions from the newspapers will be referred to either Selectman Douglass or Selectman Rice.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to sign abatements and supplementals

Reviewed and signed. Selectmen, acting as the Assessors, also signed a letter to the State petitioning for the Homestead Exemptions to be increased to the just value of 100%.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- GAC vs. Phippsburg - Posted Roads Court Case

The T/A informed the Selectmen that the case was scheduled to be heard today, but is has been delayed again upon the request of the GAC Attorney. The case is now scheduled for a pretrial phone conference between the Judge and the Attorneys on October 20th.

- Richard Hatch's marking of trees along the Basin Road

The trees that Mr. Hatch marked for cutting were along his sections of the Basin Road which is not used as the main thoroughfare for the public. The T/A will send him a map with the sections marked that need to be trimmed.

- Complaint on weapons firing at the "Green Piece"

The School Principal had written an article in his newsletter concerning the possible danger to the school children from the target practicing at the "Green Piece", which is private property owned by Mr. Hatch. The Selectmen discussed sending a letter to Mr. Hatch. Selectmen voted (2-0) to table the decision until the next meeting when Selectman Wells will be present. Doug Alexander, from the Phippsburg Sportsman's Association, stated that he had some safety signs for the "Green Piece" and needed permission from Mr. Hatch to post them. He will provide a copy of the sign to the T/A who will ask permission from Mr. Hatch. Mr. Alexander also requested that he be kept advised of any meetings where issues will be discussed that may be of interest to the Sportsman's Association. Lee Rainey also stated that he has forwarded a copy of the letter which was sent to the BNAS Commander to his brother in law who is a Master Chief on the base to see if action could be taken at a lower level. This letter had asked that the base personnel assist in cleaning up the "Green Piece."

4. Review the following items:

- School Union #47 Newsletter
- Shellfish Report
- County Commissioners Meeting Agenda

Items reviewed. No action taken.

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

- Maine Tourism meeting in Popham on Oct 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Selectman Rice will attend.

- Senior Citizens Fair on Sat, October 23rd.

Selectman Douglass will attend.

- CDBG Application workshop

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **The Selectmen asked the T/A to check with the Road Commissioner on the status of the reflectors for the corner at Stoneybrook where the guardrail was knocked down and also to report a pot hole on Basin Road. He was also asked to get a status on tree trimming along Route 209.**

- **The T/A had received a verbal request from Alice Knapp, who is running for State Senate, to be able to hold a “meet and greet” with Phippsburg constituents at the Town Office. The Selectmen approval the use as long as the T/A checks with the Town Attorney to insure that there is no legal reason not to allow it.**

- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on a Tax Cap informational meeting that will be held at the Totman Library on October 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kit St. John, from the Maine Center for Economic Agencies, and Leila Percy, State Representative, will give the presentation.**

- **The Selectmen gave approval for the T/A to work at home editing the Comprehensive Plan on October 7th and 8th. They also approved his time off to attend a property closing.**

- **The T/A informed the Selectmen that Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner), Les Smith (Road Committee), and Rob Prue (Pine Tree Engineering) had met to continue reviewing the engineering plans for Stoneybrook Road. Mr. Prue will provide preliminary plans and cost estimates at a later date.**

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.