

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

October 20, 2004

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Joanne Wells, Recreation Commission, for an update on the Bodwell Grange

Meeting held. The Bodwell Grange Chapter will be de-organizing this year and the building and land will probably be sold by the State Grange. The Recreation Commission is interested in obtaining the property so that they can use it to store equipment and hold community events. They have already had a building survey completed which is on file at the Town Office. The Selectmen voted to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and include a warrant article at the May 2005 town meeting to purchase the property. The T/A will advise Bill Gilman, Grange Leader, of this decision and ask him to get a sale price from the State Grange. The T/A will also arrange for appraisal of the property and receive a "Limited Letter of Opinion."

- Open septic bids at 7:15 p.m.

The following bids were received:

Ned Robbins System: Ed Skillin (\$18,646.00)

Ronnie Harrison (\$16,795.00)

Earl Wallace System: Ed Skillin (\$17,500.00)

Ronnie Harrison (\$11,900.05)

Parker Head System: Mitchell Construction (\$85,000.00)

Selectmen voted (3-0) to recommend that the State award the contract for Ned Robbin's system to Ed Skillin and Earl Wallace's system to Ronnie Harrison. They rejected the bid from Mitchell Construction for the Parker Head system because it was the only bid received and seemed high. This system will be re-advertised for bids.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to sign abatements and supplementals

No supplementals or abatements were presented. The Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, gave a briefing on meetings that she has had with taxpayers concerning new assessments.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Meeting between Popham residents and Maine Tourism Bureau on Oct. 15th.

The Maine Tourism Bureau (non-profit) met with some Popham residents, Leila Percy (State Representative) and Art Mayo (State Senator) to discuss what the Bureau could offer for assistance to the State Park in way of maintenance and funding for the preservation and maintenance of Fort Popham. The T/A provided

an e-mail from Bob Butler to the Bureau concerning this issue. The State is going to conduct a structural survey of the Fort to see what needs to be done to preserve it. The Bureau would be willing to help with small projects. It was the consensus by the residents that they do not want anything done which will increase tourism in Popham. No further action taken.

- **Selectmen's meeting on November 3rd (Elections Week)**

Because the T/A will be extensively involved in the General Elections the Selectmen voted (3-0) not to have a meeting.

4. Review the following items:

- **None**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted (3-0) to allow the T/A work on the Comp plan at home on October 25th.**
- **The T/A reported that the Accuvote has been tested in accordance with State Election requirements and is ready for the General Elections. A contingency plan has been developed should there be an interruption of voting at the Elementary School.**
- **The Harbormaster mentioned that he is still waiting for a communications radio to use and also installation of a blue light on his patrol boat. The T/A will request that the Chief of Police contact him.**
- **Josh Bate asked why the Selectmen were going forth with a court case concerning a posted roads violation against GAC. He felt it was a waste of the Town's money to pursue it. The Selectmen referred Mr. Bate to the public records (i.e. Selectmen's Minutes) and refrained from any in depth discussion due to pending litigation.**

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.