

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

April 28, 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
- Small Point Club Liquor License Application
- Town Meeting Warrant

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with DOT representatives concerning Popham Road rebuild

**Meeting held with Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner), Les Smith (Road Committee Chair), Sharon Hill (DOT), Jerry Sinclair (DOT) and Gail MacMann (DOT.) The DOT representatives state that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Town of Phippsburg will fall under the Region 1 DOT Office which is located in Scarborough and consists of Lewiston, Auburn and Cumberland County. Topsham will remain our maintenance division. Because of this the Popham Road construction project, funded under the URIP, has been transferred to Region 1 and has been included on their list of projects. This will result in a delayed construction date of spring 2005 at the earliest. It will still consist of an 11 foot roadway with 3 foot shoulders with a 2 rod layout. The revised cost will be \$340,000.00 (was estimated at \$420,000) of which the Town is responsible for 1/3. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to extend the original construction agreement with DOT. Selectman Rice mentioned that the State DOT should clear the brush away from the Route 209/Parker Head South intersection to increase visibility.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Town Meeting preparation

**The T/A briefed the Selectmen on his preparations for Candidates Night and Town Meeting. No further action taken.**

- Nominations for MMA Executive Committee

**Selectmen reviewed information and took no action.**

- Membership to Maine Community Development Association

**Selectmen reviewed and took no action.**

- Comp Plan editing

**Tabled.**

4. Review the following items:

- Suscom notice of HD

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Road Commissioner and Road Committee:**

**(1) Recommended that Pine Tree Engineering receive the contract for engineering the rebuild of Stoneybrook Road for the amount of \$12,500.00, which was the lowest qualifying bid. This bid includes field survey, cross sections, preliminary and final designs, preparation of specifications, contract documents, quantities, and a preliminary cost estimate for construction. Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept bid. The contract will not be awarded until after Town Meeting due to eminent domain procedures. The designs should be completed 6 to 8 weeks after authorization to start. The cost does not include required environmental permits (\$100.00 to \$2,200.00), construction layout and staking (\$2,500.00), the bid process (\$700.00), or administering the rebuild (2 months at \$6,000.00.) The decision on these extra costs will be determined after the layout is completed. Mark Hawkes recommended that the section of Stoneybrook Road from Main Road to Bowker Road be rebuilt to allow 100,000 pound vehicles to travel on it, so that it will not have to be posted each spring. The Road Commissioner, Committee and Selectmen will review this possibility after the engineering layout is completed.**

**(2) Briefed the Selectmen on the cost for paving Meadowbrook Road (\$134,350.00) and discussed the installation of guardrails at the Center Pond Causeway.**

**(3) Briefed the Selectmen on a culvert insert which may save expense and time on culvert replacement. The insert (Snap Tight) was recommended by Phil Curtis from DOT and can be used to permanently repair culverts without tearing up the road. The cost is \$6,812.07 for a 42” diameter insert 57 feet long (for Sebasco Road, by the Post Office) and \$867.16 for an 18” diameter insert 38 feet long. The Road Commissioner will do a cost comparison between this system and conventional replacement.**

- **Jim Totman briefed the Selectmen on the replacement School playground. So far \$21,000 has been raised and donated for the project. It was determined that the old playground equipment would be put out to bid for disposal. Part of the bid requirement would be for the winner to remove the equipment from the site. He also briefed the Selectmen on the possibility of having a Circus come to Phippsburg in June as a fundraiser.**

- **The County Jail meeting agenda and miscellaneous MMA legislative information packets were reviewed. No action taken.**

- **The T/A mentioned that Cross Insurance Company was gathering information so they could give a quote on the Town’s Liability Insurance.**

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.