

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES
April 20, 2005

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice and Douglass present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Holding tank form for dwelling on Morrison Pasture Road.

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Peter Roberts concerning an amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (attached).

Meeting held with Peter Roberts, Marie Varian (Chair, Planning Board) and Lee Rainey (CEO). One year ago Mr. Roberts had violated Section 15.b.7 of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance by not obtaining a building permit for replacing a front porch on a building within the Shoreland Zone. This section of the ordinance requires a building permit for any construction within the Shoreland Zone, whereas the Land Use Ordinance requires a permit for any construction over \$1,000.00.

Mr. Roberts disagreed with the Code Enforcement Officer's interpretation of this section and stated that it was burdensome for those property owners that have property within 250 of water. Mr. Roberts stated that he had tried to meet with the Planning Board several times but they were too busy.

Marie Varian stated that the Planning Board does not like to hurry ordinance amendments because a change in one section may affect another section. They would rather take the time to research an amendment fully. She recommended that this requested amendment wait for next year's Town Meeting to allow the Planning Board to research it fully.

The Selectmen explained to Mr. Roberts that they would first look to the Planning Board for a recommendation prior to putting it on as a warrant article. Mr. Roberts was informed that he could submit a petition to the Town signed by 10% of the voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election which would force the article onto a warrant. Mr. Roberts was also informed that there would probably be opportunities to present this article in the fall at a special town meeting.

Mr. Roberts stated that he has not been given the proper forum and is unhappy with the situation.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Posted roads violations (Purse Line Bait and GAC)

Purse Line Bait had two violations: (1) they failed to have a truck (912721) owned by Lamont Rice weighed prior to traveling on Sebasco Road – although they

stated that they did transfer enough fish to bring it into compliance with the weight exemption and (2) they were unable to transfer fish off a truck (909098) owned by Paul Emery because the containers were loaded wrong and a hand truck could not be used. They took the entire load to Purse Line Bait via Sebasco Road. Selectman Douglass made a motion to assess a fine of \$500.00 (total) for both violations which was not seconded by Selectman Rice. Selectman Rice recommended that the issue be tabled until Selectman Wells was in attendance at the next meeting.

Jarrold Darling, GAC Enterprises, had been summonsed by the Chief of Police for driving a truck loaded with forms on Sam Day Hill Road. Mr. Darling was in the audience but had no comment. Selectman Douglass recommended a \$250.00 fine because it was the first violation this year. Motion was made and passed (2-0) to assess a \$250.00 fine.

- Nominations for MMA Executive Committee
Reviewed. No action taken.

4. Review the following items:

- Chamber Connections
Reviewed. No action taken.
- Proposed County tax

The proposed tax was reviewed. The FY 2006 tax will increase by \$116,174 for a total of \$642,811. This is a 22.06% increase. It is partially due to the Jail payments and the Town's increase in valuation. No further action taken.

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A advised the Selectmen of upcoming events.**
- **Peter Roberts asked questions about the Warrant petition process.**

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.