

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES  
April 27, 2005

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Lobster House Liquor License Application

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Chief of Police concerning the "Green Piece"

**The Chief of Police, John Skroski, received a complaint about litter and was able to identify the Navy person who left it. Chief Skroski worked with the NCIS to locate the individual and discovered that he had been transferred out of state. The Chief reported that he will be meeting with the Navy base Captain and his staff on Friday morning (April 29<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 am. The Selectmen asked the Chief to present the Captain with a list of Navy personnel that have used the green piece" for target shooting.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Violation of Posted Roads agreement by Purse Line Bait (tabled from last meeting)

**The Selectmen voted (3-0) to assess a fine of \$350.00 for the first violation and \$400.00 for the second – for a total of \$750.00. The company has violated the Posted Roads Ordinance five times this year. Selectman Rice reiterated that roads are posted to protect them and that fines need to reach a level where it is not cost effective to violate the ordinance.**

- Bodwell Grange negotiations

**The T/A reported that the State Grange is asking a purchase price of \$64,000 which is the town's assessed value for the property. The voters will be advised of this at the upcoming Town Meeting.**

- Estimates for Wood Chipping Marshall Specialty grinding.

**The following estimates were received for a spring and fall chipping:**

**Marshall Specialty: Clean - \$0.00 per ton, Demo - \$15.00 per ton**

**Commercial Paving: Clean - \$4.00 per ton, Demo - \$14.00 per ton**

**P.R. Russell Inc.: Clean - \$6.95 per ton, Demo - \$16.00 per ton**

**The Selectmen voted (3-0) to award the chipping to Marshall Specialty.**

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive #5

**Reviewed. The T/A explained that he has requested that the County assist in formulating the plans required in this directive. No further action taken.**

- County Commissioners Budget Workshop

**The T/A will forward the meeting agenda to the members of the Budget Committee.**

4. Review the following items:

- Final Town Meeting Warrant.

**The T/A mentioned that articles 73A and 73B had been added to the Warrant. These were for purchase of Stoneybrook Road right-of-ways from the Coombs and Beals. Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, explained the current plans for relocating the road in the vicinity of these two properties.**

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

- None

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A gave the Morse Mountain Annual Report to the Selectmen. Judy Marden will meet with the Selectmen at their next meeting to go over the report.**
- **Les Smith discussed the criteria a "100,000" pound road has to meet. He stated that the 100,000 pounds is merely a figure that the state uses for vehicle registration. He also mentioned that the type of road construction is based on the size of vehicle and volume. He stated that the town is building the best road they can as long as it is posted during the spring season. Heavy vehicles will not affect the road off season because of the low volume.**

**Selectman Rice asked what taxpayers can do to get the road to a level so it doesn't have to be posted. Mr. Smith stated that there is no such thing as an all weather road and added that we were building a better road than Popham Road. He further stated that Local Roads recommends an 18 inch base with 4 inches of pavement for a town road and that 100,000 pound roads are not built in small towns because it is not economically feasible. Mr. Smith knows of one road being built at a cost of 2 million dollars a mile. Mr. Smith estimates that it would cost at least one million per mile to build Stoneybrook Road to 100,000 pound standards. He also mentioned that the road would have to be raised at least 3 feet which would cause problems for abutters.**

**Mr. Smith reported that the State is in its final stages of designing the rebuild of a section of Popham Road from the Parker Head/Popham intersection to Tom Percy's. Public Hearings will be held on the final design. Work was supposed to start in the spring of 2005 but it has been delayed because the State is still purchasing right of ways for the project. Mr. Smith did not know what the new start date would be.**

**Mr. Smith stated that he is waiting for the State's new GIS road inventory which will consist of a colored map with all the State and Town roads on it**

**Chief Skroski briefed the Selectmen on a call he got from a resident on Bailey Road requesting that speed limits be set on that road as well as Blacks Landing. Nether road has a posted speed limit. He also mentioned that the resident requested "Dead End" signs for Blacks Landing Road. Les Smith stated that this could not be done because Blacks Landing leads to private roads, however, signs that state "End of Town Way" could be installed.**

Selectman Rice made a motion to request that State DOT review the roads for a change in speed limit. Selectman Douglass requested that the decision be delayed until other property owners along the roads have a chance to come in and speak to the Selectmen at their next meeting after viewing the meeting on BACTV.

Selectman Rice rescinded his motion. Les Smith mentioned that some towns have an ordinance to post roads at 30MPH.

- Chief Skroski had received a complaint from a Popham citizen concerning the Parker Head/Popham Intersection not having more stop signs. Although the State has refused to install any more stop signs at the intersection in the past, Les Smith will discuss it with the Planning Engineer during the design phase. Selectmen Rice and Wells stated that the intersection should have a 3 way stop. Selectman Douglass reiterated that the Town has tried to discuss this with State DOT but they have not been receptive.

- Selectman Wells thanked everyone for his dedication write up in the Town Report.

- The T/A will correct the minutes from April 20<sup>th</sup> and have them for the next meeting.

- The Selectmen and Les Smith discussed the condition of Sam Day Hill Road in the vicinity of the lagoon. Mr. Smith stated that capital money will be used for a rebuild of that section. Mr. Smith stated that possibilities were to construct a bridge in place of the causeway, remove the beaver dam, or raise the road up higher which would require filling in the lagoon with permission from DEP. He is also recommending the installation of a plastic liner in the large culvert to improve flow.

- Selectman Douglass asked Mr. Smith if he had completed a gravel roads survey in addition to a paved roads survey. Mr. Smith stated that he had and it would be done again this summer. Mr. Smith also mentioned that State URIP money must be used for capital improvements.

- Jared Darling asked what was being done with the other end (west) of Sam Day Hill Road where the pavement was washed out. The Selectmen will check with the Road Commissioner.

*Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*