

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES

May 04, 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
- Small Point Club Liquor License Application

**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Judy Marden for the annual Morse Mountain update

**Meeting held. Briefing is on file at the Town Office and also on the Bates College website. Ms. Marden reported that two college interns have been working with Mrs. Chapin's class at the Phippsburg Elementary School. Also, Carrie Chester brought second and third graders on a field trip to Morse Mountain. Morse Mountain did not have as many visitors as the summer before. Ms. Marden reported that there were no parking problems. Selectman Wells stated that he was pleased to see the school children visiting Morse Mountain and was also pleased with the interaction between the teachers at the Elementary School and Bates College staff.**

**Selectman Rice asked Ms. Marden to give a short overview of the use guidelines for the Mountain. She reported that the parking lot can hold 37 to 49 cars and it is a 2 mile walk to the beach. There are a lot of mosquitoes. No dogs are allowed. No items that can be used in the air (i.e. kites, frisbees, balls etc.) are allowed because they scare the nesting birds. The addition of the Town's Parking Officer has been a great help. The rules and policies for use are on the Bates College website.**

- Meet with Nancy and Gene Coffin

**The Coffin's failed to attend. The T/A tried to contact them by phone and the Selectmen recessed at 7:35 until 7:40 in case they were on their way to Town Hall.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Final plans for Town Meeting

**Final plans were discussed. The T/A reported that one side of the sound system board is not working and will need to be repaired after Town Meeting.**

- Selectmen's Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>

**The Selectmen voted (3-0) not to meet on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The T/A also reported that he will be attending the Planning Board Meeting that night.**

4. Review the following items:
  - 2004 Municipal Solid Waste report  
**Reviewed. The 2004 rate is 47.94%.**
  - County Budget Summary  
**Reviewed. The Town's increase has been reduced from \$107,000 to \$104,000. The T/A will send copies to the Budget Committee.**
  - Letter from SUSCOM concerning sale of company  
**Reviewed. No action taken.**
  - Annual Report from Mid Coast Hospital  
**Reviewed. No action taken.**
  - School Union Newsletter  
**Reviewed. Selectman Rice congratulated Ashley Doyle and Scott Long for winning the Elks Club essay contest on "How illegal drugs can ruin your life." He also mentioned that the school gym had a new floor.**
  
5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:
  - Fair Labor Standards  
**No one will attend.**
  
6. Miscellaneous
  - **The T/A will be on vacation May 19<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **The T/A reported that the printing of the Town Report was \$6,000.00 this year because of the number of pages required. Since only \$4,000.00 had been budgeted in the Town Administration account the Selectmen voted (3-0) to take the remainder of \$2,011.00 out of the Selectmen's Contingency account.**
  - **The T/A reported that the Selectmen's meeting tapes that have been sent to Bath CATV have not been edited by the Phippsburg CATV Committee. It is expected that the Town will be broadcasting live within two months. Members on the Phippsburg CATV Committee are Bill Perkins, Tom Totman, Everett Perkins, Jason Wells, George Szadis, Brent Hershey, and Bunny Geisler.**
  - **Les Smith, from the Road Committee, informed the Selectmen that according to Maine Local Roads a "100,000 pound road" would cost between \$900,000 and 1.7 million if the town already owned the necessary right of way - depending on the number of driveways and wetlands involved. They stressed that "100,000 pound roads" are not all weather roads and that small towns should not take a risk of allowing them to be used year-round by heavy vehicles. They also stated that they post their State roads in the northern counties.**
  - **Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, reported that the washouts on Sam Day Hill Road have been filled in with gravel and will be hot topped after the gravel has been packed down. Selectmen Douglass asked about the ditching problem. Mr. Doughty explained that they have cut a ditch and the major problem was a plugged culvert. He also stated that the other end (east end) did not fair as well. Mr. Doughty and Mr. Smith are currently negotiating with Dan Coombs for an easement to enable the rebuild of the Stoneybrook Road section adjacent to his property.**

- **Selectman Rice asked to revisit a speed limit request for Blacks Landing and Bailey Road which was tabled from a prior meeting. Selectman Wells was in favor of reducing the speed limit because it is a high traffic area and has a school bus stop. Selectmen voted (3-0) to request a speed limit reduction from State DOT. It was mentioned that Lisbon had adopted an ordinance which reduces the speed on any un-posted municipal road to 30 mph. The T/A will explore this option. The Road Commissioner asked if there were other roads that should be considered for a speed limit reduction. Selectman Douglass stated that he would rather wait for the research to be completed on a 30 mph ordinance before requesting any further reductions. Tom Totman asked if signs would have to be posted at the Town lines if a 30 mph Speed Limit ordinance was passed – it is unknown at this time.**
- **Selectman Rice mentioned that the Police Chief, John Skroski, had met with the Navy base Commander and his staff concerning the “green piece.” The Commander would like to meet with the Selectmen at a later date. Selectman Rice thanked the Chief for arranging the meeting.**

Adjourned at 8:54.p.m.