

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES

June 1, 2005

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

Selectman Perkins recorded the minutes.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
- Appointment letter for Stephen Warner to be assigned an alternate position on the Shellfish Commission as recommended by the Commission.

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Road Commissioner, Road Committee Chair, Fire Chief, Rescue Chief, and Police Chief to determine whether to close the section of Stoneybrook Road in front of Robert Beals property for construction or make it one way.

Les Smith, Chair of the Road Committee, presented recommendations from the joint meeting of the Road Committee and the Public Safety Committee that was held on May 31, 2005 at the Town Hall. They recommended that the section of Stoneybrook Road from Station 20+00 to Station 28+50, known as Beals Corner, be shutdown for thru traffic during daytime construction with access for emergency personnel (the foreman would have a radio and pager for emergency contact) and opened to thru traffic at night.

Much of the discussion revolved around the replacement of the culvert. It is made from concrete and will be installed in four foot sections. If no ledge is encountered, and the construction site is completely closed off, the job may take only half a day. Ledge and one lane traffic will be a determining factor in the actual time it will take to complete the job.

Based on recommendations from the Fire Chief, Road Commissioner, and Police Chief, the Selectmen voted (3-0) to put the project out to bid and get prices for closing the section to everyone except residents on the effected section and for allowing one way traffic during the construction period. Either way emergency personnel would have full access at all times and the road would be open to all traffic at night. The project is estimated to last three weeks. The advertisement for bid will be published on June 13th. The bids will be opened June 28th and the contract will be awarded on June 29th. The contract will be signed the next week.

- Meet with Matt Rice concerning violation of Town Lands Management Ordinance.

Matt Rice had driven his vehicle onto Town Owned property on Parker Head Road in violation of the Town Lands Management Ordinance. Selectman Rice did not participate in the discussion and withdrew himself from voting due

to a conflict of interest. Matt Rice had already repaired the damage before coming before the board. Although the Selectmen were pleased with his efforts it was voted by Selectman Douglass and Selectman Perkins levy a \$50 fine after hearing the details of the occurrence. Selectman Perkins suggested that the Town have a community service option for violation of local ordinances.

- Meet with Dave Barter from Winnegance Wheelers concerning the availability of a grant through the Department of Conservation.

Tabled because Dave Barter was not present.

3. Discuss the following issues:

None

4. Review the following items:

- RFP for auditor.
- School Union Newsletter

Items reviewed. No further action taken.

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

None

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen voted (3-0) to appoint Richard Wenzel to the PCTV Committee.**
- **Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the hiring of Victoria Jones as the Town's Parking Enforcement Officer. She was the only applicant for the advertised position.**
- **The Road Commissioner stated that the bush hog operator he wanted to hire is no longer available. Selectmen recommended advertising for a replacement.**

Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.