

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES
June 8, 2005

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

1. Review and Sign:
 - Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
 - Local Roads sign replacement request
All items reviewed and signed.
2. Meetings and Hearings:
None
3. Discuss the following issues:
 - Warrant for Special Town Meeting (Acre Lot Wharf Expansion articles)
Reviewed and approved (3-0). Article 1 - Choose a moderator; Article 2 – Approve Bond Bank Loan for \$176,000.00; Article 3 - Approve a \$3,700.00 appropriation from surplus for the first Bond interest payment due in May 2006.
 - Letter from Purse Line Bait concerning posted roads violations in April
A letter of complaint was received from Purse Line Bait concerning two assessed fines for traveling over posted roads. The T/A was directed to ask Jennie Bichrest, owner of Purse Line Bait, to attend the Selectmen's meeting on July 5th.
 - Renewal of Assessing Agent contract
An annual contract, renewable each year a total of three years, was reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen. The contract is for assessing services provided by Wilson Hennessey Appraisals. Renewal is dependant on annual funding approval from Town Meeting.
 - Letter from Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce concerning NASB realignment and closure.
Reviewed. The letter requested donations from area Towns to support the fight against realignment and closure. The only account available to take funding from would be the Selectmen's Contingency Account. The Selectmen voted (3-0) not to make a donation.
 - Nomination petition for MMA Executive Board
Reviewed. No selection made.
 - Transfer Station holiday schedule
The past practice was to have the Transfer Station open during holidays in the summer, as well as the day after. This was done for the convenience of the seasonal taxpayers who may be leaving Town on the holiday. Because very few people have taken advantage of this in the past, and at the request of the

Transfer Station Attendants, the Board voted (3-0) to discontinue the practice of having the Transfer Station open on holidays. It will continue to be open the day following the holiday.

4. Review the following items:

- Letter from Suzy Verrier concerning North Creek Farms business - with reply
Ms. Verrier had asked the T/A for advice on how to continue serving food for onsite consumption until their "Expansion of Business Permit" hearing. The T/A responded that his advice was to follow the required process and not allow on site consumption of food until permission is granted through the Planning Board and Selectmen. The Selectmen stated that they are hoping North Creek Farms is not still violating their current business permit and that Sue Verrier and Kai Jacob will follow through with the required permit expansion process.
- Letter from Joyce Marco to the CEO (Cc: Selectmen) concerning the issuance of permits to the property at 29 Main Road.

A letter was sent to the CEO (cc. Selectmen) that questioned the permit process and subsequent issuance of a demolition permit, building permit, and plumbing permit for the residence at 29 Main Road which was previously owned by Mavis Ricker and was purchased by Robert Smith.

Ms. Marco was present for the meeting and informed the Selectman that there were a lot of concerned taxpayers and citizens in Winnegance over this issue. Mr. Smith had purchased the property and demolished the building, with intentions of installing a new septic and building. The building was probably demolished because it would have been expensive to move. She stated that over two dozen inquires were made to the Town (CEO) concerning the property and people were told that it was a non conforming lot, nothing could be done for a septic, and installation of a well may be a problem. Ms. Marco would like a review of the process and an opportunity to discuss changes in policy - such as notification of abutters in situations like this. She is in the process of getting copies of permits from the CEO.

Selectman Rice asked her if the process was flawed and Selectman Douglass stated that at this time Ms. Marco was second guessing the CEO because she has not reviewed the paperwork.

Ms. Marco was advised to review the paperwork provided by the CEO and if the process was not followed, as required by the Ordinance, to notify the Selectmen. Also, if she wished to make revisions to the process she should show that there is enough interest in Town, draft the changes and meet with the Planning Board to see if they will endorse them. Without Planning Board support any changes would probably not be included on a town meeting warrant unless there was a legal petition.

Selectman Rice also reminded Ms. Marco that all of the Town's records are available for citizen review as per the FOIA.

- Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce Vision guide package
Reviewed. No action taken.

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

None

6. Miscellaneous

- **Ed Skillin stated that he was hired by couple from Texas inspect the property located at 29 Main Road (see Joyce Marco issue above) and it was in horrendous shape for moving.**
- **Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, will meet with the T/A concerning the possibility of advertising for a company to trim bushes along Route 209. Joyce Marco mentioned that she had contacted State DOT and they did not have money in their budget. Robert Beals asked why the Town was involved with trimming along Route 209 if it was a State Road. Mr. Doughty replied that it was because the State did not have the funding. It was thought that the Town could perhaps pressure the State to do the cutting and it was questioned whether the Town could spend money on a State road for this purpose.**

Adjourned: 7:34 p.m.