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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES

July 6, 2005

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
- Committee Appointments.

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Phippsburg Community Access Television Committee for an update.

Meeting held. Everett Perkins gave a verbal list of equipment purchased through funding provided by Suscom (\$15,000.00) and offered to give the Selectmen a guided tour once the equipment is installed.

The Committee is currently waiting to have electric outlets installed in the CATV room on the bottom floor of Town hall. Once the outlets are installed, Suscom representatives will assist in hooking up the equipment and activate the live capacity at Town Hall and the School. In the meantime, the committee members will continue taping meetings and provide them to Bath CATV.

The Committee thanked Dave Brooks and Laura Brill from Bath CATV for all their help and training. It was reported that Phippsburg events have been aired over 65 times on Bath Community television since the Committee was established.

Channel 7, which will be dedicated to Phippsburg 24/7, should be on line by August 31st. The channel will only be available to those who have cable in Phippsburg. However, Bath CATV has volunteered to air events on their channel which may be of interest to the entire area. The Town will also have a reciprocal agreement with Bath CATV to air Bath events that may be of interest to Phippsburg citizens. Events which are aired live will also be taped and rebroadcast.

The editing of tapes was discussed. Chairman Bill Perkins stated that several tapes were edited due to the length of the meetings; however there has been no editing of the Selectmen's meetings. There was one incident where the entire meeting was not broadcast due to a technical difficulty at Bath CATV, however it was re-broadcast in its entirety at a later date.

The committee discussed using the top of the Totman Library as a studio. The only problem will be the cost of running fiber optics to library. The second phase of Suscom grant funding (\$10,000) may be used for this. Also, the committee may request that the Town allocate some of the cable franchise money towards a stipend for someone to run the CATV office.

George Zsadis has been working with the School body on videotaping. The

Committee needs people to volunteer to film, help out in the studio, provide information for the bulletin board and come to committee meetings for input.

Josh Bate asked if there was a way to loan tapes of meetings out (i.e. Gene Coffin.) Tom Totman stated that once they are set up for copying the committee will provide loaners to the library, but a specific date when this service will be provided is not known. It was mentioned that someone in the community could pre-record from their home and supply a tape for Mr. Coffin.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Bate concerning the difference in guidelines between Bath and Phippsburg CATV. It was explained by Bill Perkins that the Bath guidelines were copied almost word for word. Mr. Bate then accused the committee of trying to have the Sam Day Hell production banned, which was produced by Gene Coffin and edited by Mr. Bate, from airing. Chairman Perkins explained that the committee just asked Laura Brill at Bath CATV if she would review the tape and see if it met their guidelines. It was aired, although there was some borderline stuff in it. Selectman Rice directed that the conversation end on this subject.

Josh Bate again asked what the standards of airing tapes would be and started to swear. Selectman Rice directed that the Board continue onto another topic and reminded the audience that if people swear they will be asked to leave. The T/A reminded everyone that copies of the CATV Committee policies and guidelines were available at no cost and were provided at the recent town meeting.

Selectman Perkins stated that he was proud of the work the CATV Committee has accomplished and thanked them for their work.

- **Meet with Jennie Bichrest from Purse Line Bait concerning posted roads violations in April.**

The T/A stated that Ms. Bichrest had not paid the assessed fine for traveling over posted roads and when reminded about it she immediately stated that it was an oversight and she would pay it. She also informed the T/A that she didn't feel it necessary to meet with the Board over her letter, she just wanted to the Selectmen know her position on the matter.

- **Meet with Bill Emerson from the Conservation Commission concerning the Commission's future.**

Joan Detel and Bill Emerson were present. Mr. Emerson did not seek reappointment to the Conservation Commission so Ms. Detel is the only existing member and her term expires in one year.

It was explained that the Town has tried to recruit new members to no avail and the Commission does not seem to have a future at this time. Many of the responsibilities that the Conservation Commission had been assigned overlap with other committees and organizations (i.e. Town Lands Management Committee and Land Trust.) Several items that the Conservation Commission could still be involved with would be public education, inventorying vernal pools and wildlife.

It was determined that it would take a vote of town meeting to disestablish the commission, therefore it would be left as an inactive committee. In the meantime other committees will be assigned necessary responsibilities and

advertisement for positions will continue through the CATV Committee.

Joan Detel volunteered to produce an informational program on the Conservation Commission.

This issue will be revisited prior to the 2006 town meeting

- Meet with Josh Bate to review and sign a utility easement for Cranberry Point Road.

Mr. Bate submitted an easement request and survey to run utilities under Cranberry Point Road. All wetland permits will be his responsibility. The Selectmen voted (2-0) to grant the easement. Mr. Bate will forward the proper deed to the Selectmen for signature at their next meeting.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Grading and Ditching Easement from Lynne Pantalena for Stoneybrook Road construction.

Ms. Pantelena was present. She stated that she would grant a grading and ditching easement if the Town put a clause in the deed that the easement would cease if guardrails were installed on the town land abutting the easement. It was reemphasized that the Town had no intentions of erecting guardrails in that section during construction. Selectman Rice will contact the Town Attorney to discuss whether a clause can be added.

- Review RFP's from auditors.

Three RFP's were received. Ron Beaulieu & Company - \$5,000.00, Purdy Powers and Company - \$11,400.00, and Clark, Friel and Nicholson - \$7,000.00. The Selectmen voted (2-0) to accept the proposal from Ron Beaulieu & Company.

4. Review the following items:

- Review Letter from CEI concerning waterfront access identification.

Reviewed. Selectmen voted (2-0) to have CEI conduct a GIS survey of all public water access. This will be done at no cost to the Town.

- Revenue Sharing figures.

The T/A reported that State Revenue Sharing for the Town would drop \$40,000 in FY 2006. No further action taken.

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

- **None.**

Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.