

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Approved By:

August 3, 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
Items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Discuss changes to Stoneybrook Road rebuild plans
Selectman Rice explained that the design of the road was limited to the rights-of-way the town currently has. However, if the Town could do some additional work to further increase the safety of the Beals corner they should consider it.

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made and passed to adjourn for an onsite meeting and inspection of the Stoneybrook Road.

At 7:14 p.m. the meeting was called to order onsite at the Stoneybrook Road. The Selectmen met with Robert and Geneva Beals, Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner), Les Smith (Chair, Road Committee), Rob Prue (Pine Tree Engineering) Lee Rainey (CEO), Mark Hawkes, Danny Coombs and other interested individuals. The graveled road was inspected and the possibility of widening it even more by obtaining another easement from the Beals and paving the shoulders was discussed.

At 7:30 p.m. the onsite meeting was adjourned to reconvene at the Town Office.

At 7:35 p.m. the Selectmen reconvened their meeting at the Town Office. The process for obtaining the additional right-of-way easement from the Beals was discussed. A special Town Meeting would have to be scheduled to accept the conveyance of property. In order to complete the Warrant a survey would have to be completed by Ron Beal.

It was mentioned that additional ditching may be required at Capeview Drive and the drain should be extended on Dromore View.

Crooker and Sons estimated that it would cost an extra \$30,000.00 to further widen the road and pave the shoulders. The T/A advised the Selectmen that they have the authority from the Annual Town Meeting to use funding from the State Road Account (URIP) for major construction projects such as this. He advised them not to take money out of Surplus because \$700,000.00 was going to be taken out by Town Meeting vote to reduce taxes.

The Selectmen decided to: (1) have the required easement surveyed by Ron Beal; (2) hold an Emergency Meeting as soon as the survey is available to sign a Special Town Meeting Warrant; (3) schedule a special Town Meeting 7 days after the posting of the Warrant, and (4) fund the extra widening from the State Road Account.

Mark Hawkes questioned the need for complete survey instead of a deed description. Mr. Beal will complete the description with the least cost to the Town as possible.

- Meet with John Skroski, Chief of Police, to discuss the interview board's recommendations for the position of Part-Time Patrol Officer.

At 8:02 p.m. the Selectmen voted (3-0) to enter into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) to discuss interviews and employment for the position of Part-Time Patrol Officer.

At 8:15 p.m. the Selectmen voted (3-0) to come out of executive session.

Two applications had been received for the position. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept the recommendation of the interview board and hire Virgil E. Anderson II to fill the position of Part-Time Patrol Officer.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Review the safety recommendations of the Road Committee for the Parker Head/Center intersection.

The letter, which was drafted by Bob Butler after a Road Committee Meeting, was read by Selectman Rice. The Chief of Police, John Skroski, has requested that DOT review the speed limit and safety aspects of the intersection. The Selectmen reiterated that they would like to see the DOT Engineer meet with the Police Chief, Road Committee, and abutting property owners. Selectmen Rice stated that the Town has tried to have DOT make some changes in the past. However, speed limit reductions and a blinking light at the intersection were denied. DOT has stated in the past that they will review the curb cuts at the Bisson's Center Store.

Selectman Douglass stated that he remembers a law that does not allow parking on a state road. Chief Skroski said that that applies only if the vehicle is parked over the white line.

Selectman Douglass also said that he would like to see a consistency in the speed limit throughout Route 209. The State DOT has done the limits peace meal and it changes quite often along the route. He would also like to see the Town revisit the possibility of having a crosswalk from the Town Parking Lot to the School.

Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, stated that since we are now under Scarborough DOT we may get better results.

Selectman Rice mentioned that there were more people at the last school concert than at the last Town Meeting.

- Agenda for Seasonal Taxpayers Meeting: **Discussed. No further action.**

4. Review the following items: **None**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars: **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The Road Commissioner reported that the State DOT hasn't started tree cutting along the roads yet and he has not had a chance to meet with the property owner on Meadowbrook Road.**
- **Chief Skroski reported that he had stopped a truck heading for the Transfer Station loaded with debris that came from a building on Lincoln Street in Bath. He advised the driver that he could not dispose of it at the Transfer Station and took pictures in case it ended up in the Basin. The operator was also cited for several motor vehicle violations.**

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.