

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Approved By:

August 24, 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
 - State Surplus Program Forms
 - Appointment for Mark Hawkes to Phippsburg Land Trust
- All items reviewed and signed. The T/A explained that certain officials (i.e. Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chiefs, Police Chief, Road Commissioner, etc.) are authorized to obtain items from State Surplus Property.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- **None**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- **None**

4. Review the following items:

- Superior Court Summons for Gallagher vs. Town of Phippsburg
- The Court Summons was reviewed. The case involves Mr. Gallagher's appeal to Superior Court of a Board of Appeal's decision concerning the allowed expansion of a building owned by Live Lobster Company in West Point.**

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

- Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry Client Seminar
 - MMA "Municipal Officials and Design Professionals"
- The T/A will attend both courses.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A briefed the Selectmen on a change in the amount of trash that will be deposited at the Transfer Station. In the past, Sebasco Harbor Resorts had their trash hauled out of town by a private contractor. They have since purchased a compacting trash truck and will now be hauling their trash to the Transfer Station. It is estimated that this will increase the Town's cost for trash disposal by \$8,000.00.**
- **Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, briefed the Selectmen on the following issues:**
 - (1) **His recommendation that a tree on Stoneybrook Road by Dick Soule's property be removed. This was approved. It was reiterated that landowners would have the first opportunity to keep the wood from trees being removed from their property.**

(2) A situation on Meadowbrook Road where drainage water and sand from the road goes 10 or 12 feet onto a property owner's driveway. The Road Commissioner is recommending that a hot top swale be constructed because a culvert cannot be put in. He was obtaining a price from Crooker & Sons. Selectman Rice asked if it is the Town's responsibility, whether it will save the Town money, and if there were other areas in Town where this has been done. Mr. Doughty stated that the sand will come up against the hot top and then be graded back in and that the same type of construction had been done on Wallace Circle and Parker Head. He further stated that when dealing with culverts it is the responsibility of the property owner to install the first one and then the Town's responsibility to install any replacements. The Road Commissioner will obtain a price for construction of the swale and discuss his recommendation with the Road Committee. Also, the T/A will review the MMA Road Manual.

(3) The planned installation of a plastic liner in the culvert on Sebasco Road by Wat-tuh Lake. It will cost \$6,800 for the liner plus \$300 to \$400 for delivery and an additional cost for six yards of concrete and preparation work. This will extend the life of the existing culvert and negate the necessity of tearing up the road and old culvert. He also recommends using a liner on a Sam Day Hill Road culvert. The funding will come from the General Road Account and the liner will be delivered to Sebasco Road next week. The use of liners has been discussed in the past and it was determined that there would be a long-term savings on the larger culverts.

- Selectman Rice asked for a briefing on the Phippsburg Public Access Channel. It was reported by Dick Wenzel that the Bulletin Board is now running and the next step would be broadcasting tapes, which requires the installation of a piece of equipment which is on order.
- Josh Bate requested that he be considered for an appointment to the Road Committee. He accused the Committee of poor file management, missing a contract addendum, invoices that do not add up, and having a self-appointed Chairman. He stated that all this is indicative of what is going on and that there is a controversial history concerning roads in Town. He stated that he tries to attend as many Road Committee Meetings as possible and then accused the Town of not having the meeting list published on the web site in time for him to attend that last Road Committee meeting – which the T/A disagreed with. He complained that the September meetings were not on the website yet. Selectman Rice reconfirmed that Mr. Bate's reason for attending the meeting was to request consideration for an appointment to the Road Committee to which Mr. Bate replied an affirmative. Selectman Rice stated that it would be considered and informed Mr. Bate that the Board was going to move on to consider other business.

Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.