

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Approved By:

September 14, 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.
- Maine Surplus Donee ID Cards.

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to discuss the "Declaration of Certified Ratio."

Juanita Wilson (Assessing Agent) explained that the Selectmen/Assessors were at the point where they needed to declare a certified ratio for commitment. She explained that the Town's rate of appreciation is at 15%, which is similar to that of other Towns, Counties, State and Federal governments She further stated that the Town is no longer at 100% and she recommended a declared ratio of 89%. The Selectmen had been briefed through prior memos and were familiar with the situation. The Selectmen voted (3-0) to set the certified ratio at 89%.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Purchase of a 2004 John Deere 30HP Tractor for \$14,500.00 which includes bucket loader, bush hog, rake and forks. This would be primarily used at the Transfer Station.

The T/A briefed the Selectmen on the proposed purchase. Jim and Bill Totman, from Pine Tree Service Center, were familiar with the tractor and determined that it was mechanically sound and worth the asking price. Selectman Douglass asked if it was necessary to purchase all the attachments. Selectman Perkins explained that it could be used to bush hog the landfill and rake the ball field if it was purchased with the attachments. Selectmen voted (3-0) to purchase the tractor with attachments for \$14,500.00. They further voted (3-0) to appropriate funding from the Transfer Station Capital Improvement Account for the purchase (not to include operating costs.) This decision was made in accordance with Article 31 of the May 2005 Annual Town Meeting and 30-A M.R.S.A. 5802.

- Popham Beach Steering Committee Copy to Senator.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Elaine Clark (Bureau of General Services) concerning the establishment of the "Popham Beach Steering Committee" and proposed meeting schedule (see Selectmen's minutes from September 7th). The Selectmen established 2:30 p.m. as the starting time for any Phippsburg based meetings. Although neither the Selectmen nor Administrator can attend the first meeting on September 20th in Augusta there will be town representation by other interested parties from Popham. A representative from the Selectmen will attend the second meeting, which will be held in Phippsburg on October 11th. Selectman Douglass asked why it was decided to meet every three weeks rather than a specific day each month (i.e. second Tuesday of each month.) The T/A will contact Elaine Clark to inquire.

- Administrator's vacation on October 5, 6, 7.
Selectmen approved (3-0).
- Federal legislation concerning cable television franchising
There is proposed federal legislation to change the cable franchise law to require negotiations between the state government and the cable companies rather than between the municipal governments and the cable companies. Selectman Perkins (prior member of the negotiating committee) will contact Senator Collins and Senator Snowe to explain that this change would not be in the best interest of the municipalities. It was also recommended that Selectman Perkins contact Proctor Wells (prior Selectman and member of the negotiating committee) for input.

- 4. Review the following items:
 - School Union Newsletter.
Reviewed. No further action taken.

- 5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:
 - Reception for John Bubier, Bath City Manager (on Sept. 23rd from 4 to 6)
Discussed. No further action taken.

- 6. Miscellaneous
 - **The T/A informed the Selectmen that Les Smith, Chair of the Road Committee, would give a briefing on September 21st concerning Road Committee recommendations in regards to the recent visit from Randy Dunton (Scarborough DOT Engineer).**

 - **The Selectmen set a time of 6:30 p.m. on September 28th for a New Business Hearing for Watson Auto Repair.**

 - **The T/A announced that the Hurricane Aid Community Supper would be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23rd at the School. The Selectmen's meeting that was cancelled for September 21st (original date for the supper) has been reinstated.**

Adjourned: 7:13 p.m.