

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Approved By:

September 28, 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.
 - Appointments
- All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with the Assessing Agent concerning supplemental tree growth
Meeting held. The Selectmen reviewed a supplemental warrant for Nancy and Bruce Kaake who have requested that their property be removed from the tree growth program. The penalty for removal was \$35,275.00. Selectmen voted (3-0) to sign the supplemental warrant.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- General Assistance Public Hearing to adopt state standards.
Hearing is set for 7:00 p.m. on October 19th at the Town Hall.
- ADA Seminar (American Disability Act)
The T/A briefed the Selectmen on this seminar and recommended that a consultant be hired to perform an ADA accessibility study of the town owned buildings as well as a review of the ADA policies. He recommended that an estimate be obtained from the organization "Alpha One". Bob Smith recommended that more than one estimate be obtained to which the Selectmen concurred.
- Jensen-Baird-Gardner-Henry Municipal Client Seminar
The T/A briefed the Selectmen on this seminar that included a review of the legislation and case law over the last two years that affected municipalities. He highly recommended that more town officials be invited to attend next year.
- Public Contract and Bidding Seminar
The T/A briefed the Selectmen on this seminar. He reported that there is no requirement that a municipality put a project out to bid unless Federal or State funding is used for the project or the Town has adopted an ordinance requiring it. If State or Federal funding is used and the project cost is over \$100,000 or the Municipal Officers choose to put a project out to bid, then it should be done in accordance with the State's competitive bid process.

4. Review the following items:

- **None**

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

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous

- **The T/A informed the Selectmen that they would be meeting with the Town's Attorneys on October 5th to discuss ongoing legal cases.**
- **The T/A reported that the Community Katrina Dinner was a huge success.**
- **Everett Perkins encouraged the Selectmen to attend the Planning Board Workshop on proposed State Shoreland Zoning changes. The T/A reported that e-mails were sent to Senator Art Mayo, Representative Leila Percy, and DEP requesting that the time period for comments be extended.**
- **Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, gave a report on the replies from Randy Dunton, DOT Engineer, concerning the Route 209 (Popham Road)/Parker Head Road intersection. State DOT will be unable to redesign the intersection because they do not own enough right-of-way. However, they will consider relocating the stop sign from Parker Head Road to Popham Road if the Town sends a formal request substantiating the need. They will not allow two stop signs (i.e. Parker Head Road and Popham Road.) The relocation of the stop sign would be identical to the sign placement at the intersection of Small Point Road and Popham Road. Mr. Dunton also highly recommended a 24-inch stop bar at both intersections – however it would be the Town's responsibility to paint the bars. Mr. Smith stated that the change in stop sign location would reduce the potential of accidents because people don't realize that Parker Head Road is actually considered a left turn. Les Smith stated that the Road Commissioner was in favor of the relocation. Selectmen voted (3-0) to request that the State DOT consider changing the locations of the stop signs. Bob Smith asked if it would be better to clarify the road throughway with signs and perhaps installing a left hand yield sign. Mr. Smith replied that the problem is not with the southbound lane, but with the northbound lane and that the DOT Traffic Engineer was not in favor of a yield sign.**

Adjourned: 7:22 p.m.