

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved By:

MINUTES

October 26, 2005

Called to order at 7:12 p.m. with Selectmen Rice, Douglass and Perkins present. The Selectmen had attended a Business Hearing previously.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- **None**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Letter from Tom and Garda Bartlett concerning repairs to the Old Ferry Road
The Road Commissioner was present for the meeting. The Bartlett's have concerns with the condition and drainage of the Old Ferry Road which ends at the town-owned landing. They stated in their letter that a culvert had been removed and not replaced and that a second one has deteriorated to the point of having an oil drum put around it. They also mentioned that they had contacted the Road Commissioner and that he was going to address the issues as soon as the rain stopped.

Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, was out of town when the Bartlett's called with their concerns. In his place Hary Doughty inspected the road and found an issue in the vicinity of a telephone pole which he was going to grade when the rain stopped for awhile. When Curtis Doughty returned to Town it was still raining and he observed water running in the wheel ruts of the road which was creating gullies. He further explained that he has been holding off the grading of all roads until the road stopped and the roads dried up.

Selectman Rice asked if the existing culverts were adequate. Mr. Doughty replied that he knew nothing about a culvert having been removed and not replaced and that they could perhaps increase the size of one culvert. Previously he had found a second culvert washed out so they replaced the gravel and used a 55-gallon drum to replace a broken culvert band (it was rusted on the bottom but the ends were fine.) He has plans to replace the culvert with one made of plastic and is hoping to place it on the work list for next year.

Selectman Douglass stated that the State has had unusual rain for this year and he felt the Road Commissioner was on top of the situation and has a plan for repairs. He also asked if Lucas should have had some type of erosion control to which the Road Commissioner answered "yes." He also asked if other roads were in similar shape. The Road Commissioner replied that there were issues on the Basin Road and the Falls Cove area. He had to replace a culvert on Decker Hill because Falls Cove was washing across it.

The Road Commissioner and Selectmen will conduct an onsite visit with the Bartlett's to discuss the issues.

4. Review the following items:

- Letter from State Planning Office concerning the West Bath proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Reviewed and no further action taken. The T/A informed the Selectmen that the Phippsburg Comprehensive Plan Whole Committee would be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 15th.

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

- 2005 Regionalization Seminar

No one will attend.

- Chamber of Commerce lunch with Governor Baldacci

No one will attend. Selectman Douglass mentioned that Governor Baldacci has joined with other State Governors in considering emergency response at the State level which would rely on local rescue personnel.

- Popham Steering Committee Meeting

No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **The Selectmen will complete a Federal Issues Survey for Maine Municipal Association and return it to the T/A.**
- **The T/A will arrange a meeting between the Selectmen and Larry Scott, owner of Red Oaks Subdivision, concerning a possible Subdivision regulation violation.**

Adjourned at 7:32.