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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES

Approved By:

January 13, 2006

*Called to order at 3:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice, Douglass and Perkins present.*

1. Review and approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Warrant Articles will include (1) Election of Moderator, (2) Consideration of a Subdivision Moratorium and (3) Appropriation of \$10,000.00 out of surplus for the legal account.

**The Selectmen reviewed the warrant, which included the Subdivision Moratorium Ordinance as submitted by Nick Nichols and amended by the Town's Attorney. Mr. Nichols was made aware of, and agreed to, the changes.**

**Selectman Perkins asked what the legal impact of the moratorium was. Selectman Douglass replied that the language had been changed to make it a legal warrant article and the major challenge will be to the retroactivity clause.**

**Selectman Perkins asked if an option was to return the petition to the Citizen's Group and require a new petition with the Ordinance. It was discussed that the Selectmen had promised to have the article on the warrant for the 25<sup>th</sup> as long as there was a legally worded warrant article.**

**Selectman Perkins asked if the Selectmen had the right to voice their opinion on this issue at the Town Meeting. He was informed by the Board that as an elected official he could have an opinion one way and yet as an individual he could have a different opinion.**

**Selectman Douglass stated that the Citizens Group should have separated out the minor subdivisions and that once the Comp Plan passes it will force the town to review the ordinances.**

**Selectman Rice stated that he had encouraged Nick Nichols to remove the retroactivity from the ordinance and make it a separate warrant article but he refused.**

**The Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant and not include any recommendation.**

**The Administrator reported that the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the School.**

*Adjourned: 3:25*