

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Approved By:

February 1, 2006

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Rice and Perkins present.

1. Review and Sign:

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

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with GAC concerning issuance of a bond to allow trucks to use Sam Day Hill Road when posted to prohibit heavyweight vehicles

Jared Darling represented GAC Enterprises. The company was requesting an exemption under the Posted Roads ordinance to allow them to travel Sam Day Hill Road to their business when the road is posted against heavy vehicle use. The vehicles would travel to the first GAC entrance which is approximately 600 feet from Main Road.

Selectman Rice stated that there are no roads posted at this time. He had a concern that if Sam Day Hill Road were damaged by heavy vehicle use it may be hard to prove what vehicle did the damage because it is used for Transfer Station access. He also stated that he had reviewed the notes from the "New Business Permit Hearing" that was held for GAC to operate on Sam Day Hill Road and posted roads was never mentioned.

Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, had the same concern in proving who does damage to the road. He stated that up until several years ago the Town posted Sam Day Hill Road starting at the Transfer Station exit. This was done to allow heavy vehicles to travel to the Transfer Station. When it was determined that these vehicles were exempt for travel, the posting was moved to the intersection of Main Road. Mr. Doughty reported that the more traffic that travels the road – the more damage that will be done. He further stated that he did not know if Jared was going to run just his trucks or if other trucks would be using it to get to GAC.

Selectman Rice stated that he wanted to do more research on bonding and he would support people using the road if it did not endanger its condition.

Selectman Perkins asked how much road could be repaired for a \$5,000 bond. Commissioner Doughty replied that it would pay for a 10 foot section. Mr. Darling asked what that would pay for? Commissioner Doughty replied that it would pay for the removal of the damaged section, fill and repaving. Mr. Darling asked what the cost would be to pave the entire 600 foot section. Commissioner Doughty stated that it depended on the square footage.

Selectman Rice asked when the last time Sam Day Hill Road was paved. Harry Doughty stated that the last overlay was done at least 6 years ago.

Selectman Rice asked for an update on the damage to the road from last year. Harry Doughty stated that the damage was cause by someone plugging a culvert. The damage was not caused by heavy vehicles.

When asked if he intended to run partial loads or full loads Jared Darling replied "full loads."

Selectman Perkins requested that any decision be postponed until the full board was present. Selectman Rice agreed. Issue was tabled until the next meeting.

- Meet with Ed Skillin concerning County law enforcement issues
Mr. Skillin requested that this issue be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting. No further action taken.
 - Meet with Assessing Agent to consider corrective abatements/supplementals
Meeting not held.
3. Discuss the following issues:
- **None**
4. Review the following items:
- LD1 Report
Selectman Rice will take for review.
 - School Union Newsletter
Reviewed. No further action taken.
 - Appreciation Letters to Road Crew
Appreciation letters were received from Jane Stevens and Tamara Adams. Selectman Rice reviewed some aspects of the letters and passed on his congratulations to the Road Crew. The T/A will make copies for all road crew personnel.
5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:
- Moderating Town Meeting Course
Selectman Perkins and Administrator Young will attend.
 - Chamber of Commerce – Delegation Dinner
No one will attend.
 - Public Records and Open Meetings Course
Administrator Young will attend.
6. Miscellaneous
- **Dick Lemont, Chair of the Shellfish Commission, reported that the overboard discharges on New Meadows River and Parker Head have been replaced. He has been in contact with Representative Percy (co-chair on Marine Resource Board) who has recommended that the Selectman and Code Enforcement officer write letters to DMR, DEP and the Governor requesting that immediate action be taken to conduct a shoreline survey and sanitary survey (if needed) to get the two areas opened up for shellfish harvesting by summer. Copies should be sent to Representative Percy and Senator Mayo.**
Mr. Lemont further stated that he has just returned from testifying before the Resource Board. He mentioned that Don Card (Area Biologist) has determined that there is at least ½ Million dollars of product in the Parker Head Mill Pond. It is unknown the last time the pond was open for harvesting. The process for removing the overboard discharge in Parker Head started in 1992.

- **Jim Bunce, Jared Darling, and Curtis Doughty discussed a drainage problem in Parker Head Village, where road and septic work is occurring. All the drainage from the road is going across the Bunce's property next to their foundation. Mr. Bunce recommended continuing the trench and diverting the water around his house.**

Selectman Rice stated that he has visited the property with the Road Commissioner and Mr. Darling. In order to continue the actual road ditch it would require a survey and easements from property owners which need to be accepted at a Town Meeting. Mr. Darling stated that a temporary option would be to dig a ditch alongside Mr. Bunce's house to keep the water away – if Mr. Bunce will allow it.

Mr. Bunce will check to see how frozen the ground is by his house and the Road Commissioner will see what can be done. Mr. Darling stated that he would work with Mr. Bunce on an interim fix to mitigate the drainage problem.

- **Tom Totman asked what action the Town has taken concerning the fishing camp on Center Pond that has gone through the ice. Selectman Perkins replied that he has contacted Inland Fisheries and Warden McDonald has already investigated it and has made sure that there is no kerosene in the camp. The Warden knows who the owners are and will track the removal of the camp. Dick Lemont mentioned that all camps have to be removed three days after ice fishing season closes.**

- **Ed Skillin asked how much time he had to get a "spot zone" on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The Administrator explained the procedure.**

Adjourned: 7:03