

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES

Approved By:

March 29 2006

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

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable and payroll warrants
- Appointment Certificates for Comprehensive Plan Main Committee
- Sarahs Caters Liquor License for Catered Function (approve 3-0)  
**All items reviewed and signed. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve Sarahs Caters Liquor License.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Conduct Liquor License Hearings for Sebasco Harbor Resorts, Small Point Club, Spinney's Restaurant, The Lobster House, Anna's Water's Edge Restaurant  
**Hearings were opened at 6:00 p.m. No public comments were received. Hearings closed at 6:01. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve all liquor licenses.**
- Meet with the Contract Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, to review tree growth supplemental warrants and corrective documents  
**No corrective documents were presented. Three tree growth supplemental warrants were reviewed and signed. They were from Claire Hurd and Gillette/Thompson. Ms. Wilson also reported that Phippsburg has the greatest amount of property in tree growth in Sagadahoc County.**
- Meet with Proctor Wells concerning Heavy Vehicle Staging Area  
**Mr. Wells was not in attendance. Selectmen recommended that the Road Committee develop a plan for the staging area. The Selectmen will revisit the issue with the Road Committee and Road Commissioner in two weeks.**
- Meet with Richard Lemont concerning reply from Amy Fitzpatrick (DMR) in regards to opening shellfish areas that have had OBD's removed  
**Meeting was held. Mr. Lemont stated that the time frame listed in the letter from DMR was unsatisfactory. The Town has spent an absurd amount of time taking care of overboard discharges and malfunctioning septic systems and the State needs to get the surveys completed to reopen shellfish flats. Selectman Rice asked what the priority area would be and Mr. Lemont state that Meadowbrook would be the area that would open the quickest. The Selectmen will send a letter back to DMR thanking them for the work done, however reiterating that the time frame for surveying and opening areas is unacceptable. This response will be sent to those individuals that received the original letter from the Town.**  
**Selectmen gave the Town Administrator permission to issue Dan Watson his adult commercial shellfish license on Friday, April 31st at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Watson had a student license in 2005-2006 and this will allow his adult license to start at the expiration of his student license so that he can still harvest the double tides over the weekend.**

Dick Lemont stated that Don Card, Area Biologist, recommended that the Selectmen request the last 30 readouts of the water test stations. Mr. Lemont presented photos of the testing stations taken on March 20<sup>th</sup> at low tide depicting those that he could not get to. He had a letter from DMR which stated they would take the samples and do makeup tests. However, they have again asked him to take the samples and document to FDA that he can't get to some of the testing stations at low tide. Mr. Lemont further stated that the testing program has been backsliding for 4 or 5 years because DMR is short on staff. Now they are asking him to take meat samples. He only gets paid \$8.00 per hour and mileage to do this.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Condition of the roads (un-posting?)

Ed Skillin reported that Clifford Road was in good shape. The Selectmen asked Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, if there were any roads that he would recommend un-posting. Mr. Doughty recommended waiting for another week because there were a few spots on the roads which could be a problem and he can't just post every little section. Ed Skillin stated that maybe all the roads are not ready for un-posting but some are and people have to work for a living. Mr. Doughty stated that he had not been on the Clifford Road or Fiddlers Reach Road.

Selectman Douglass stated that the decision on un-posting the roads should not be based on who needs what, but on which roads are ready and which roads are not. Mr. Doughty stated that Parker Head Road, Small Point Road, and Meadowbrook Road should remain posted.

Josh Bate stated that he had followed a rubbish truck on Sam Day Hill Road. Mr. Skillin stated that the State has told him that rubbish trucks are not exempt from posted roads. The Town Administrator reported that the State does not control what is allowed or not allowed on Town Roads - it is determined by the Selectmen in the Town's Posted Roads Ordinance and that the Town is required by State Law to provide trash removal services for the Town. Mr. Skillin questioned the use of State heavyweight vehicle posters as being a legal posting when they do not agree with the Ordinance. The Selectmen stated that they would review the ordinance and posters for next year to clarify this issue.

Selectmen Perkins stated that it would be difficult to revisit posted roads because the Selectmen would not be meeting for two weeks. He also understands that it will be dry and warm for the next few days.

Selectman Rice made a motion to un-post all Town Roads effective Sunday and said that if there was a problem with damage to one of the roads the Selectmen could call an emergency meeting. The Town Administrator stated that the Selectmen could keep the dirt roads posted and open up the paved for travel. The Road Commissioner made a recommendation not to un-post the roads and if the Selectmen did, it would be on their shoulders. He further mentioned that Holland Drive was going to be a problem. Selectmen Rice reiterated that they could re-post a road if it became a problem. Selectmen voted (2-1) to un-post the roads effective Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Relocation of school shelters.

Tom Wirth from Cox Head Road requested to use the school bus shelter on the corner of Cox Head Rd. and Parker Head Rd. to place a set of mailboxes in. Four shelters had been donated to the Town a few years ago and because of the change

**in location of children some shelters are no longer being used (i.e. Cox Head.) The Selectmen requested that the Town Administrator and Road Commissioner check with the school bus drivers to see if there are other areas in Town with children who would make use of them. If so, the shelters should be moved.**

- Review bids for tire disposal and door replacement at Town Hall (tabled from last meeting)

**Selectmen reviewed the tire disposal bids and voted (3-0) to award the contract to Lin-Cor (pending Town Meeting Approval.) Lic-Cor was the lowest bidder. The door replacement bids were tabled until the next meeting pending more information.**

- Set a date to review the Town Report  
**Date set for Thursday, April 6 at 5:00 – Town Hall.**
  - Approve date for the Popham Beach Club New Business Meeting  
**Date set for Wednesday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. – School.**
  - Request from Jane Davenport to conduct a 50/50 raffle at Town Meeting for the Shariki, Japan school exchange program.  
**Selectmen voted (2-1) to approve.**
4. Review the following items: **None**
5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars: **None**
6. Miscellaneous
- **Selectman Rice announced that he would be attending the upcoming jail tour.**
  - **Angie Zimmerman reported that the Winnegance Wheelers were going to be conducting a fundraiser for Gene Coffin on April 30th. The Coffins have opened up their property on Sam Day Hill Road for ATV rides and a day of fun. Ms. Zimmerman asked if they could use the Sand/Salt Shed for parking. Curtis Doughty had no objections as long as the Town was not held liable for any vehicle damages. Selectmen granted permission for the Wheelers to use the Sand/Salt Shed area for parking. She also asked if the Police Chief or Patrol Officer could help out and if she could put up signs for the event. She was referred to the Code Enforcement Officer for the sign question.**
  - **Jared Darling asked that the Selectmen review the listing of Road Commissioner duties in the MMA Road Manual and see if the current Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty, is satisfactorily performing those duties. Selectman Douglass stated that he wanted time to review the manual. Selectmen tabled consideration until the next meeting.**
  - **Josh Bate asked for permission to conduct a 50/50 raffle at the Town Meeting to raise money for Gene Coffin. The Selectmen voted (2-1) to allow this.**
  - **Josh Bate asked Selectman Rice if he would make a motion to remove postings on Sam day Hill Road immediately. Selectman Rice had made the motion at a prior meeting when only two Selectmen were in attendance and it did not carry. Selectman Rice made a motion to un-post Sam Day Hill Road and the motion did not get a second.**

Adjourned: 7:12.