

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young
Administrator

MINUTES
July 05, 2006

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Douglass (Chair), Selectman Perkins and Selectman Pye in attendance.

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes from the June 21st & 28th meetings.
3. Sign appointment certificates for the Comprehensive Plan Implementation and Land Use Ordinance committees

All items reviewed and signed.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Discuss hiring a temporary Assessing Field Worker.
Selectmen voted (3-0) to hire Julie Cromwell for this position. She was recommended by the Contract Assessing Agent due to her qualifications.
2. Review and select officers for MMA Executive Committee.
Reviewed. No action taken.

III. New Business

1. Discuss hiring Lynn Totman for the position of Board/Committee Secretary.
Selectmen voted (3-0) to hire Ms. Totman pending a reference check by the Town Administrator. She was the only applicant.
2. Review and sign catering liquor license for Destination Catering.
Selectmen voted (3-0) to recommend State approval on the catering license. Selectman Douglass requested that the Town Administrator obtain more company background information on future applications.
3. Day off for Town Administrator to attend ceremony
Selectmen approved a vacation day for the Town Administrator so that he can attend a Coast Guard re-enlistment ceremony for his son on July 28th.
4. Review the monthly Transfer Station Recycling Report
Selectmen reviewed the report. Selectman Douglass mentioned that some of the plant stores will accept plant pots for recycling and packing material can be recycled at Mail-It-For-You. Selectman Perkins mentioned that a lot of people try to make the Town look neat and he wanted to publicly thank several ladies that he sees walling along the road picking up litter.

IV. Correspondence

1. Notice from the Department of Conservation requesting comments on the impact of the Winnegance Alewife fishway structure replacement.

Selectman Douglass read the cover letter and the complete package will be available at the Town Office for public review. It was mentioned that there was a log stuck in the fishway this year which may have affected the amount of fish available and that Nequasset Lake in Woolwich had a good year. Tom Totman stated that the amount of alewives in both Winnegance Lake and Center Pond have been off the last two years.

2. E-mail from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control

This e-mail, which was read to the public, concerned a Public Information Gathering Meeting to document concerns about the Browntail Moth rash and pesticide controls. Selectmen Douglass mentioned that the wet weather has diminished the number of tent caterpillars this year.

V. Selectmen/Administrator Comments/Announcements

1. Upcoming Meetings

The Town Administrator read off the list of upcoming public meetings.

VI. Public Forum

1. Complaint from Ed Skillin concerning the junk on the McKenney property on Clifford Road which is adjacent to his public well.

Mr. Skillin stated that he had a concern that gas and oils from the junked vehicles could affect his well. He was also concerned that people were living in a bus and dumping sewage.

Selectman Douglass explained that this part of the agenda is a new forum and that issues brought up by the public will normally be put on the upcoming posted agenda for action so that anyone wishing to attend and comment may do so. However, this does not mean that if something needs to be done it would be delayed for two weeks.

Lee Rainey, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that he has talked to the property owner's grandson and explained that people cannot live in the school bus because it's in violation of the Town's ordinance. The property owner's son has been cleaning up junk, has gotten rid of one vehicle, and will dispose of the bus soon – then they will be down to 2 allowed vehicles.

Selectman Douglass asked if the vehicles could be move further away from the well. Dave Barnes, Health Officer, said that the vehicle closest to the well is gone and the bus is next. The rest are not within the zone. He also mentioned that he has seen multiple trailer loads of junk removed from the property and the owner has done a good job of cleaning up so far. He stated that they would be getting rid of all the vehicles.

Pat Skillin asked Mr. Barnes if he was aware that the owner's son and grandson are hauling more stuff in from the Transfer Station. They take a load of tires down and bring back more junk.

Selectman Douglass re-confirmed that the plan is to get rid of the bus

and remaining vehicles soon and continue cleaning up the junk. Mr. Rainey replied that the owner is allowed 2 unregistered vehicles on the property, but believes that those will be gone also. He further stated that the owner's grandson is now living in Brunswick.

Ed Skillin asked what was going to happen to the old snow plow. Mr. Barnes replied that it was registered. Mr. Skillin also mentioned that the smoke stack was reinstalled in the bus.

Mr. Rainey stated that the owner was told that the Town wanted to see a significant change within 30 days. It has been two weeks and both Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rainey believe there has been significant progress. Once the owner is down to two vehicles the owner will be in compliance in regards to vehicles.

Selectman Douglass stated that this issue would be revisited in two weeks (July 19th) which would be close to the end of the 30 day period and everyone would get a chance to comment again.

V. Adjournment – Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:42.