

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator August 30, 2006

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

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes from March 1st (Selectman Douglass), July 26th and August 16th
All items signed with the exception of the July 26th minutes which will be reviewed for the next meeting.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Discuss specifications for Totman Preserve Road.
(Note: also refer to minutes from August 16, 2006)

Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, reported that three members of the Road Committee met on site at the Totman Preserve Road on August 18th and inspected the road. They then drafted specifications to repair two sections of the road, the upper (phase 1) and lower (phase 2), with the most important being the upper section and hill.

A discussion was held concerning past estimates that were received, the role of the Town Lands Management Committee in the process, and whether the entire road should be done at one time or just in sections.

Selectman Pye made a motion (which was later withdrawn) to accept phase 1 with line items separating the 585 foot top section into a 500 foot paved section and an 85 foot paved apron to West Point Road.

The Road Committee specifications were reviewed by the Selectmen and some changes were made upon recommendation of the Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty. These changes resulted in: Shimming 1 1/2" to 2", adding 2" of crushed gravel (fine material of 3/4"), finishing with 2" of pavement, and installation of a 6 or 8 inch pipe under the road to help drain the water. Also, Mr. Doughty asked any old pavement and stone that is removed be taken by the contractor to the Sand and Salt Shed.

A motion was made and passed (3-0) to bid out phase 1 with the recommended changes from the Road Commissioner. It was recommended that the adjacent property owner, Robert Varian, be contacted if the apron was to be paved which would require raising the grade.

There was a consensus from those attending the meeting that the upper section should be completed immediately and the 85 foot apron and phase #2 could wait until a later date. However, since there was a concern that repairs to the upper section might be damaged by heavy trucks accessing

the lower section at a later date, Selectman Douglass made a motion, which passed (3-0), to table any further action until bids are obtained to repair the entire road as a whole package. Selectman Douglass added that he would like to see this accomplished as soon as possible.

The Road Committee and Road Commissioner will draft new specifications for the road.

Les Smith asked if the road was going to be considered as part of the town's road network to which Selectman Douglass replied "no".

III. New Business

1. Review and adopt the County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

The plan, which had been drafted by the County EMA and officials from each municipality, was reviewed and signed. This action was required to make the Town eligible for a FEMA grant which would assist in funding a culvert on Sam Day Hill Road.

2. Replacement of copier.

The current analog copier in the Tax Collectors office, which is over 5 years old and has over ¼ million copies on it, can only be used dependably as a single feed copier. The multi feeder unit needs to be repaired and new replacement parts are no longer available (used parts are scarce and have been unreliable).

Selectmen voted (3-0) to rent a replacement copier (funded from Selectmen's Contingency Fund) until the next budget cycle and then request funding to purchase a newer used copier.

The Selectmen also voted (3-0) to loan the flat bed copier in the Code Enforcement Office to the Historical Society.

3. School Capital expenditure for asbestos removal.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the following expenditures from the School Capital Improvement Account: (1) \$2,400.00 to R.J. Enterprises for the removal of vinyl asbestos tile from room 11 and (2) \$2,985.03 to Durfee's Floor Center Inc. for replacement flooring.

4. Use of remaining hazardous waste money to fund individual drop-offs of hazardous waste to the Maine Environmental Depot in Lewiston.

Selectmen voted (3-0) not to fund individual drop-offs. The \$1,500.00 left in the Hazardous Waste Account will lapse into surplus unless used by the Transfer Station.

Kai Jacob requested that the Town recycle regular alkaline batteries. It was explained that these batteries are not considered as universal waste or hazardous waste and there is no recycling stream for them. Therefore, rechargeable batteries go into the universal waste containers and regular alkaline batteries go into the trash hopper.

5. Regionalization grant.

Reviewed. No further action taken.

6. October vacation for Town Administrator (9-13 & 23rd).
Approved.

V. Correspondence

1. Letter from Comcast concerning the sale of Suscom.
Selectmen Douglass read a letter from Comcast concerning their purchase of Suscom (effective September 6th) and highlights of their programming.
2. Thank you card to Police Department
Selectman Douglass read an appreciation card for the Police Department.

VI. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.