

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator January 24, 2007

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Selectman Perkins and Selectman Pye in attendance.

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes from January 10th.

Accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed. Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with the Town Attorney to discuss the Gillette Tree Growth Appeal
At 6:02 p.m. the Selectmen voted (2-0) to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E) for a consultation with the Town's Attorney, Rick Hornbeck, concerning rights and responsibilities for the Gillette Tree Growth case.
At 6:49 the Selectmen voted (2-0) to come out of Executive session. No further action taken.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Volunteer Firefighter Disability Insurance Program.
This was tabled from the last Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Perkins reviewed the program. The Town Administrator, Mike Young, explained that there would be 45 volunteer Rescue and Fire personnel enrolled which would cost \$2,361. He added that there was enough balance left in the Insurance Account to fund the coverage. Selectmen voted (2-0) to fund the Insurance.

IV. New Business

1. Discuss re-valuation - review and sign RFP.
The Selectmen explained that they felt a Property Revaluation was necessary (note: prior minutes have detailed conversations between the Selectmen and Assessing Agent concerning this issue.) There have also been several workshops where this issue was discussed – the most recent was the week prior to this meeting. It was a consensus between the Selectmen, Assessing Agent and Town Administrator that a Revaluation is needed.
The Selectmen reviewed the RFP package and voted (2-0) to approve it and to contact the 30 revaluation companies approved by the State Dept. of Revenue Services for bids. An article for funding will be included in the warrant for the May 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

V. Department and Committee Reports

1. Dick Lemont – Chair, Shellfish Committee

Mr. Lemont stated that representatives from DMR would be attending the Shellfish meeting at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow night (Jan 25th) to discuss water quality testing. DMR has established a new filter membrane testing system which was funded through legislation last year. He extended an invitation to the Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer to attend. He also mentioned that DMR wanted him to conduct water sampling at four out-of-town locations (one in Bath and three in Arrowsic) and also that DMR has discontinued some sampling stations and added others. He added that DMR is also in favor of sampling from boats and are training their staff.

Mr. Lemont also reported that the Winnegance Alewife Run was completed and has been inspected and approved by Lou Flagg (DMR) and the engineering firm.

VI. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Selectman Perkins

Selectman Perkins reported that he had attended a meeting in West Bath sponsored by local officials concerning the Governors school consolidation plan. He stated that Gary Read (Chair, School Board), Kim Doughty (School Board), and Jean Flink (Bath/Union 47 Regionalization Committee) were in attendance. The sentiment was that future consolidation was appropriate but most of those in attendance had concerns about the size of the districts and the way the Governor was trying to force it on the Communities. One person in attendance had recommended that Bath and Brunswick be in the same District.

Tom Totman mentioned that Jean Flink and Chilloa Young would be at his talk show on February 11th to discuss the Bath/School Union 47 consolidation plan.

2. Town Administrator

Mike Young announced upcoming events.

VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.