

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator February 7, 2007

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

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
 2. Minutes from January 31st
 3. ID Card for Lin Stockwell, Deputy E-911 Addressing Officer
- All items reviewed and signed.**

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with the Budget Committee to discuss upcoming budget process and issues.

Meeting held. Issues such as the completed audit, possible revaluation, County tax, and the different School Consolidation plans were discussed.

The Budget Committee thought that the implementation of their written presentation policies last year helped the process flow smoothly and decided to adopt the same policies with the additional requirement that Department Heads and Committee Chairs use the budget request form designed by the Town Administrator.

Proctor Wells advised the Selectmen that they need to be very particular which company they choose for the revaluation and they need to oversee the process. He added that after the last revaluation some waterfront properties increased 600%. Selectman Douglass replied that the companies that were sent bid packages had met the State standards to be listed on the Revenue Services Website and that the Selectmen would have a detailed contract with the chosen company - which is based on ones that have been used successfully used by other municipalities.

Tom Totman recommended that the current Selectmen not set a revaluation timeline in stone because a lot could happen to affect it.

Selectman Douglass stated that he was on the County Budget Advisory Board again this year and that the Two Bridges County Jail should start renting out space to other counties in March. This year there would be a full 12 months of operating costs whereas last year it was only nine months. He also stated that some County departments did trim budgets last year and may be more resistant to do so this year. Last year the Advisory Board asked the Commissioners to cut some funding out of capital but the they did not make all the cuts as recommended. Proctor Wells stated that he has always been frustrated with the County tax because of the huge increases and he was glad to see Selectman Douglass on the Advisory Board.

Selectman Perkins complimented the School Board and Budget Committee for doing a good job last year.

Selectman Pye stated that the Town may need to increase the appropriation for legal fees in order to review the re-drafted Land Use ordinances. Proctor Wells asked if MMA could review the ordinances to which Mike Young replied that they will not do that.

Selectman Douglass added that although the Selectmen sometimes come under fire concerning legal fees we have to be represented on appeals to Court and we cannot negotiate these types of things.

Selectman Douglas gave a briefing on the Alpha One ADA surveys which included an estimate of approximately \$100,000 to bring all buildings into compliance.

Dan Coffin stated that there would be two more years of Capital funding requested to complete the School roof repairs.

2. Meet with the Harbormaster and Chair of the Harbor Commission concerning boat patrols

Dave Power, Chair of the Harbor Commission, stated that several years ago the Board of Selectmen had asked the Harbormaster to only use the boat for responses and not for routine patrols. Mr. Power asked that the current Selectmen reconsider the policy and allow the Harbormaster to conduct some routine safety patrols. He added that the Harbormaster would not be stopping boaters just to check safety gear. The minutes of the prior meeting were revived and it was noted that there was no written prohibition to conducting routine patrols.

Selectman Pye asked if the Harbor Commission had contacted DMR to see if they would increase boat patrols in the area. Mr. Power replied that DMR does quite a bit to help out.

Proctor Wells mentioned that State Statute lays out guidelines for the Harbormaster. He also added that one duty that may fall to the Harbormaster would be traps left on the Town Landings. Selectman Pye stated that there have been some quiet rumblings about this issue.

Selectmen decided to allow the routine patrols.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Funding of Totman Preserve Road (Town Lands or General Roads)

Selectmen decided that funding for the Totman Preserve Road should remain with the Town Lands Management Committee because the Land Trust has promised \$10,000 towards the road and the funds should not be mixed in with General Road funds.

IV. New Business

1. Corrected Quit Claim Deed for Spickler Property

Reviewed and signed.

2. Review Demo Wood testing results and receive other Transfer Station updates

The test results were below the maximums. Mike Young credited the Transfer Station Attendants with keeping people from depositing prohibited items in the piles.

Selectman Perkins read the monthly recycling report.

Mike Young reminded the Selectmen about the trip to Mass. on Thursday for a tour of the one stream recycling facility. He also added that Andy Hart had finished the electrical work at the Transfer Station.

3. Update from Town Administrator on Mapping

Mike Young explained that a meeting had been held with Spatial Alternatives, Selectman Perkins, and Assessing Agent Juanita Wilson. Large and small maps have been furnished and April 2006 updates should be completed by May.

V. Correspondence

1. Letters from Comcast concerning addition of channels
Reviewed addition of several channels. No further action taken.
2. Appreciation Letter from Hermit Island Campgrounds
An appreciation letter for Police Chief Skroski was read.

VI. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Town Administrator
Mike Young reviewed information about upcoming meetings.

VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.