

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young ADMINISTRATOR
Administrator MINUTES
March 21, 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 2/21, 2/28, 3/14

All items reviewed and signed.

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Assessing Agent to review Revaluation bid packages.

Meeting was held with Juanita Wilson, Assessing Agent. "Requests for Proposals" for a townwide revaluation were sent out to firms listed on the State Revenue Service website. Proposals were received from CLT (national firm), Vision (regional firm - New England) and William Van Tuinen Tax Assessment Services (state firm). A fourth firm, RJD, sent a letter stating that they could not complete the revaluation in the allotted time because of their workload.

Ms. Wilson had completed a 20 point matrix comparing the proposals with the RFP's which were sent out. After careful review of the proposals the Selectmen voted (3-0) to only consider the proposals from Vision and William Van Tuinen Tax Assessment Services. CLT was eliminated from consideration because it was not an "inclusive proposal."

It was decided to invite representatives from Vision and William Van Tuinen Tax Assessment Services for interviews on April 9th at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Navy tower and land on Perkins Farm Lane, Popham

Mike Young, Town Administrator, informed the Selectmen that Bob Rushleau from the BRAC was going to research the deeds for the Popham Navy tower to see if there was any stipulation that gave the right to trim trees to maintain a sight line from the tower. Also, Brain Murray, Popham Park Manager, was going to obtain the deed for the section of Popham Beach across from Perkins Farm Lane (which was obtained from the Stevens family) to see if the general public has a right of way to the beach. No further action taken

2. Grant for ADA compliance

Mike Young informed the Selectmen that there may be a \$2,500 grant available to offset the cost of reconstructing the Town Hall walkway and

entrance to meet ADA requirements. No further action taken.

3. BIW/DEP oil spill reporting agreement

This issue had previously been discussed at the Selectmen's meeting on March 14th. At that time a legal ad from the Times Record was reviewed which indicated that BIW would not be required to call DEP on any oil spills of less than 10 gallons – just record them in a log which DEP would review at a later date.

Mary Jo Steiner, Phippsburg Land Trust, had provided a copy of the actual agreement which was reviewed by the Selectmen. The agreement only allows the relaxed reporting requirement on spills which do not reach water source – there are no changes in the reporting requirement for spills which enter a water source.

The Town Administrator will contact the Shellfish Commission to see if they still want to address the reporting issue during the DEP public comment period.

IV. New Business

1. Appointments of Lester Oliver and Sue Jones to the CATV Committee, Gareth Small to the Town Landing Committee, and Michael Rice to the Assessment Review Board.

At 6:32 the Selectmen voted (3-0) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) to consider committee appointments.

At 6:40 p.m. the Selectmen voted (3-0) to come out of Executive Session.

Selectmen voted (2-1, Selectman Douglass opposed) to appoint Michael Rice as a regular member of the Assessment Review Board. Selectmen voted (2-0, Selectman Douglass abstained) to appoint Susan Jones to the PACTV Committee. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the following appointments: Tom Totman as a regular member of the Assessment Review Board (currently he is an alternate), Gareth Small as a member of the Town Landings Committee, and Les Oliver as a member of the PCATV Committee.

2. County Budget

Selectman Pye reviewed an article in the Times Record which addressed the proposed County budget. It appeared that the budget would remain fairly stable but the cost shares between the municipalities would change due to changes in State valuations. Three municipalities, one of which was Phippsburg (+\$45,840), will see an increase in their cost share of the tax while the rest of the communities will see a decrease. Selectman Pye felt that it was unfair to the coastal communities such as Georgetown and Phippsburg.

The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to contact the County and request that Commissioner Connery attend a Selectmen's meeting to give an overview on the County budget and overall operations. Representative Percy and Senator Benoit will also be invited to attend. The T/A will also request that one of the District 2 County budget hearings be held in Phippsburg.

Selectman Douglass, who is a representative on the County Budget

Advisory Board, stated that the budgets will be ready for review by the Advisory Board on March 23rd and one week later the Board will start meeting. They will be looking for ways to decrease the budget. He also stated that he felt the County Commissioners should consist of a representative from each town and 3 at large seats. He related this to being the same problem with the proposed Union 47/Bath Governance system.

It was the consensus of the Selectmen that the budget formula for the division of the County tax needed review as well as the governance structure.

V. Correspondence

1. Letter from Coastal Enterprises Inc. concerning Working Waterfront Access Pilot Program funds.

The letter announced that funds from this program are still available. The Town Administrator will send copies of the letter to the Town Lands Management Committee, Town Landing Committee and Harbor Commission.

2. Gulf of Maine Council Action Plan 2007-2012.

Selectman Pye will take the Plan home to review.

VI. Courses and seminars

1. MMA "Front Porch Meeting"

No one will attend.

VII. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Town Administrator

A. Announced upcoming meetings and events.

VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.