

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator August 15, 2007

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

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes from prior meetings.
3. Appointment for Gary Morong to the Historic Preservation Commission.
4. ID Card for Dave Barnes, Constable.
5. Pole Permit Applications from CMP. Sign – but Release upon approval of Curtis.

All items reviewed and signed. The CMP Pole Permit Applications will not be released until permission is granted by the Road Commissioner.

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with the Road Commissioner for an update on Fort Baldwin Road, removal of the Danish's house, rebuild of Cranberry Point Road and Town Hall walkway reconstruction.

Fort Baldwin Road – Commissioner Doughty has completed the temporary repairs. He will be meeting with Jane Stevens to discuss the possibility that her stone wall will be scuffed during the major reconstruction project because the room to maneuver is tight. He further explained that the reconstruction plan is to have a three foot vertical wall from the beach and then slope to the road. This will allow a shoulder on the road to set boulders and would fall under a DEP “Permit by Rule”. At the request of Selectman Perkins the Commissioner explained the use of geotextile fabrics (allows water to drain out but keeps material in place). Administrator Young reported that the DEP “Permit by Rule” application will be submitted tomorrow (Thursday).

Danish's House – Commissioner Doughty reported that he would be demolishing the building tomorrow (Thursday). Pine Tree Waste has been contracted to provide demolition containers.

Cranberry Point Road – Commissioner Doughty reported that he would be starting construction on the Cranberry Point Road next week. He expected that the road would be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting the first of the week for test drilling and blasting (which would take 3 or 4 days). He would also be leveling the road and paving it. The area to be worked on starts at the road intersection with Route 209 and ends at the garage owned by Jack Hood. He added that Jack Hood has given him permission to remove some trees. The Selectmen decided to have the Administrator send a letter outlining the schedule to abutting property

owners and also to keep them updated by phone. Josh Bate (abutter) asked if the Road Commissioner was also going to remove ledge just before and after the road intersection with his landing road. Commissioner Doughty replied that he would review those two areas for consideration and get an estimate of cost. It was determined that \$55,000 was already set aside to complete the project to Jack Hood's garage.

Town Hall Walkway – Administrator Young reported that it would cost \$7,980.00 (plus the cost of a cement slab) to rebuild the walkway for ADA compliance. If the paving was continued to the recycling containers it would cost \$16,920 (does not include the parking lot behind Town Hall). This decision was tabled until Commissioner Doughty checks with Fire Chief Totman to see if he would like the area from the recycling containers to the Fire Station paved and also the cost on a poured cement slab vs. a prefab.

III. New Business

1. Choose a Selectman to be a member of the Regional Consolidation Committee.
Selectman Perkins volunteered. Selectmen voted to approve.

IV. Correspondence

1. Invitation from Maine's First Ship for the Settlers Picnic Luncheon on August 24th.
Selectman Perkins will attend.
2. Letter from Martha Smith and Russ Alexander, Transfer Station Attendants, thanking people for helping organize the "Free Trailer" at the Transfer Station.
The following people were thanked in the letter - Anna Little, Jane Davenport, Julie Varian, Jessie Varian, and Katie Varian, Melissa and Warren Alexander, Alfred Smith, Diane Stevens, Pat Scronce and Diane Ritorto.
3. Training certificates for Transfer Station Attendants from DEP.
Martha Smith and Russ Alexander received completion certificates for their attendance at DEP Core Session #3 (Hazardous and Special Waste).
4. Maine State Housing Authority Annual Report 2006.
Selectman Pye will take home to review.
5. Donation thank you letter from Senior Spectrum.
Reviewed. No further action taken.
6. County Tax Levy
The Phippsburg County Tax share will be \$980,656.00 vs. the projected \$1,041,674.00 (decrease of \$61,018.00). Last year's tax was \$1,012,075.00 (this year's is a decrease of \$31,419.00). The reasons for this decrease were more revenues, less spending, and only keeping 3% in undesignated funds vs. 4%. The County hopes not to have an increase next year either. The Administrator Young mentioned that the increase in Phippsburg's mil rate was reduced to an estimated \$11.20. He also mentioned that Laura Broussard would be resigning as the County Clerk tomorrow (Thursday) because she is moving out of Maine. Pam Corrigan has been hired to the new position of County Administrator.

V. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Mike Young, Town Administrator

Announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectman Douglass

Stated that either he or Sue Jones, Rescue Chief, would be volunteering to fill a municipal position on the State Emergency Response Committee.

VI. Public Forum

1. Ashley Thayer

Ms. Thayer asked what the procedure was for a road to be accepted as a town way. The Selectmen explained the procedure.

VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.