

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator March 5, 2008

*Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Selectmen Perkins and Douglass in attendance.
Selectman Pye was out of state.*

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Meeting minutes.

All items reviewed and signed

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss posting Town roads prohibiting heavyweight vehicles.

Commissioner Doughty recommended that all the town roads be posted against heavyweight vehicles due to the projected warm weather. The Selectmen voted (2-0) to post all the town roads in accordance with the "Town of Phippsburg Ordinance for Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways" adopted September 30, 1998 as amended through January 3, 2007 effective midnight on Saturday, March 8th.

2. Meet with the Assessing Agent to review an abatement request.

Juanita Wilson, Assessing Agent, gave a preliminary informational abatement packet to the Selectmen to be reviewed in detail at a later date. The abatement request was submitted by Dino Spugnardi through his Attorney, Alan Shepard, and concerned his property located at 31 Painted Point Rd. Mr. Spugnardi felt that the assessment for both his land and building was inequitable compared to the assessments of comparable properties in the neighborhood.

Ms. Wilson explained that she had reviewed 27 properties in the neighborhood and revised 15 properties to include the omitted contributory value of the improved land.

The procedure of the Code Enforcement Officer notifying the Assessing Agent upon issuance of an Occupancy Permit was discussed by the Selectmen. Ms. Wilson stated that receiving copies of occupancy permits is beneficial and very few drop through the cracks. She added that the CEO, Lee Rainey, does an exceptional job of advising her of permits that have been issued and there is an effective system in place. She stated that they have picked up 1.1 Million dollars in the last few weeks by tracking incomplete buildings.

Ms. Wilson added that the upcoming revaluation will eradicate any areas where values were not changed from unimproved to improved lots. A building not being picked up for assessment is a different issue from land

value adjustments for improved property.

Selectman Douglass requested that the occupancy permit process be reviewed and tweaked as necessary. Ms. Wilson stated that she would discuss it with the Mr. Rainey.

Ms. Wilson stated that she has made the request to inspect the interior of Mr. Spugnardi's building. She mentioned that Attorney Shepard had made inaccurate assumptions concerning the availability of Phippsburg's assessment records and has requested a meeting with him.

III. New Business

1. Accept a \$377.37 MMA Safety Grant to the Fire Department for the purchase of chainsaw safety equipment.

Selectmen voted (2-0) to accept the grant to be used for the purchase of chainsaw safety equipment.

2. Transfer Station recycling report

Reviewed. No further action taken.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectman Douglass

Selectman Douglass reported that he had been interviewed and video taped by a representative of Casella Waste for a testimonial/promotional on single stream recycling. Representatives from Brunswick and Bowdoin were also interviewed. He stated that he would like to see a promotional video created where several families in Phippsburg (perhaps the Selectmen) were taped going through their recycling process. However, before pursuing this he wants to see how the Casella video comes out.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.