

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
John M. Young MINUTES  
Administrator March 19, 2008

*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. Meeting minutes.

**All items reviewed and signed**

**II. Meetings and Hearings:**

1. Meet with Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, concerning an abatement for Dino Spugnardi on 31 Painted Point Rd.

**Ms. Wilson referred the Selectmen to their informational package she provided to them two weeks ago. She had added one more page which was a fax to Attorney Alan Shepard (who represents Mr. Spugnardi). She further stated that she has requested access to the inside of the house but to this date it has not been granted. (Refer to Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 5, 2008 - item #II-2).**

**Selectman Douglass made a motion to deny the abatement based on the Assessing Agent's input and her statement that although during the process she uncovered an inequity it was because of mistakes on other properties that made them artificially low which has been corrected. And, without access to the interior of the building, it would not be appropriate to give an abatement for over improvements. This motion passed vote by (3-0).**

2. Meet with Gary Morong, CATV Station Manager, to discuss recommended changes to the meeting room to enhance broadcast.

**Before discussing the meeting room enhancements, Mr. Morong, as EMA Director, advised the Selectman that he would be sending out Emergency Surveys with the Town Report as he did in 2003. The Surveys would remain confidential and only be used for emergency purposes by the Fire Chief, Rescue Chief or Emergency Management Director.**

**Mr. Morong advised the Selectmen that one of the biggest complaints he receives as Station Manager is concerning the poor audio. He has met with a representative from an audio company and is researching the possibility of microphones with the wiring within the walls. In the meantime they are testing regular microphones on the tables and stands to see how they work. If they do not work well the audio will still be recorded on the backup tapes. They are also researching the possibility of having a backdrop. Selectman Douglass recommended a portable one that could be folded up for portability and also used at the school. Mr. Morong responded that Ashley**

**Thayer was currently working on one for the School.**

**Selectman Perkins stated that it was nice to see Tom Totman behind the camera again. Selectman Douglass reiterated that Mr. Morong manages the station and the CATV Committee is there to advise him and the Board of Selectmen.**

**Mr. Morong announced that Ashley Thayer would be his backup/assistant CTAV Manager. Selectman Douglass stated that since the "assistant" position is neither appointed or paid that the decision was up to Mr. Morong, however he may want to get an endorsement from the CATV Committee.**

### **III. New Business**

1. Review topics for the Selectmen's write-up in the Town Report.

**Selectmen reviewed the first draft of the Annual Town Meeting warrant. In light of the Town's share of the RSU budget they requested that Peter Roberts, Chair of the Town Landing and Center Pond Alewife Committees, provide an explanation of his projects for the landings and fishway. They also recommended that the Parker Head corner rebuild be postponed until 2009 when the Stonybrook Road paving bond is paid off.**

2. Discuss hearing procedures for the renewal of liquor licenses for on premise consumption.

**As allowed under 28-A M.R.S.A Section 653 the Selectmen voted (3-0) not to require public hearings for the renewal of Liquor Licenses for establishments that have been in business for over 5 years and have not had any complaints registered with the Town. Currently this includes Sebasco Harbor Resort, Anna's Waters Edge Restaurant, Spinneys, Small Point Club, and Lobster House Restaurant).**

### **IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements**

1. Town Administrator,

**Administrator Young mentioned that a Phippsburg resident had donated 8 tickets to the Shriners Circus for families that could not afford to attend. Anyone interested can contact the Administrator. He added that the process was confidential.**

**Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.**

### **V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**