

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator May 21, 2008

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

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Liquor License application for "The Lobster House" Restaurant

All items reviewed and signed

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Bates-Morse Mountain representatives to review their annual update.

Meeting held with Anna Bartell and Laura Sewall. The written brief is on file at the Town Office.

Ms. Bartell and Ms. Sewall reported that they had 15 schools, 7 colleges and 5 other institutions visit Morse Mountain. They expect more this year due to the Shortridge building being available for overnight stays. They found that most visitors obeyed the established policies and there was very little trash.

Ms. Sewall reviewed some of the courses that have been offered and described the marsh restoration project. She explained their concern with Loose Strife which is an evasive plant and how they were trying to eradicate it.

Selectman Perkins advised the viewers that they should follow the "carry in – carry out" trash policy on all the public lands in Phippsburg. Ms. Sewall recommended that signs be posted for this policy and Administrator Young recommended that she discuss it with the Lands Management Committee.

Ms. Sewall stated that they held an annual work day to put up wood fencing to protect the Piping Plover nesting areas. However, this was not a good year for the Piping Plovers due to the weather. None were nesting on the beach and although there was an increase in the number of Least Terns in Maine – there were none at the beach.

The five year letter of agreement between Bates-Morse Mountain and the Town was discussed as was their payment in lieu of taxes. Ms. Bartell stated that the Morse Mountain property was consistent with the Town's assessing maps.

Ms. Sewall thanked the DEP, Phippsburg Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer for assisting them in bringing Shortridge up to code for overnight use. They widened the driveway, installed a sprinkler system,

stove venting and renovated the kitchen. Ms. Sewall also stated that there was an average of 76 visitors a day during 2007 (13,477 for the 178 days the gate was manned) of which 15% were first time visitors.

Selectman Pye stated that he had seen Morse Mountain listed under "things to do in Phippsburg" literature that he had seen. Ms. Bartell replied that they are trying to keep Morse Mountain from becoming a "destination" in order to keep the impact low and that they would appreciate being notified if people come across articles about it.

Gary Morong asked if the elderly would be able to drive to the cemetery located on the property. Ms. Bartell replied that elderly people needing access could probably speak to the gatekeepers and Ms. Sewall added that she would check on the policy.

Sam Roberts asked if college groups such as Columbus, Ohio stayed overnight at Morse Mountain. Ms. Bartell replied that the groups probably stopped at Morse Mountain on there way to another destination.

III. New Business

1. Review resignation letters from Clifford "Tip" Newell (Town Lands Management Committee, Road Committee, and Town Landings Committee) and Frank Roberts (Historic Preservation Commission).

Selectman Pye read the resignation letters. Selectman Perkins stated that Mr. Newell would be remaining on the Planning Board and Land Use Ordinance Rewrite Committee. Selectman Pye mentioned that Mr. Roberts was still serving on the Affordable Housing Committee and Seniors Project.

2. Consider the appointment of Richard Wenzel to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Selectmen decided to advertise all open committee positions for several weeks to see if there are others who like to submit applications for the open positions.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectmen Pye

Announced the upcoming Lobster Zone E and F meetings.

3. Selectman Perkins

Reminded viewers that the RSU#1 Regional Town Meeting for the school budget is just as important to attend as the Municipal Town Meeting – this is the publics chance to review and vote on the RSU Budget.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.