

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young  
Administrator

MINUTES  
August 6, 2008

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

**I. Review and Sign:**

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Meeting minutes.
3. Septic variance for Popham Beach State Park  
**Reviewed and signed.**

**II. Meetings and Hearings:**

1. Meet with Rob Prue (Pine Tree Engineering), Curtis Doughty (Road Commissioner), and Les Smith (Chair, Road Committee) to review bid sheet and choose a contractor for the Parker Head Corner Rebuild project.

**Selectman Pye read the total bid amounts which were: Reno's Excavation \$122,200, Harry C. Crooker and Sons: \$159,320.01, Bill Whorff and Sons \$160,500.00.**

**Rob Prue stated that he had contacted the references that Steve Reno had listed (West Bath and Georgetown) who spoke favorably of the road work completed by Mr. Reno. Mr. Prue added that the only problem that Mr. Reno would have is meeting the contract specifications for paving because he does not have the necessary equipment, so Mr. Reno has decided to contract with Crooker for the paving.**

**Mr. Prue also discussed the volatility of the liquid asphalt price. It has caused the price of solid asphalt to increased \$15.00 a ton over the last week. Companies are only quoting asphalt prices a week at a time. Most contractors are building a price escalation into their contracts (which is also what DOT is doing now to their contracts).**

**Selectman Douglass asked if Mr. Prue had a recommendation. Mr. Prue replied that he recommended Reno's Excavation at the bid of \$122,200 plus an additional \$3,600 for asphalt (total of \$125,800). Steve Reno stated that even though the cost of asphalt will continue to rise he had locked into a contract price of \$150 a ton with Crooker.**

**Selectman Douglass stated that even with the asphalt price increase the Reno's bid was still much less then the others. Les Smith added that the Road Committee also recommended Reno's Excavation.**

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to award the contract for the Parker Head Corner Rebuild to Reno's Excavation for a total price of \$125,800.**

### **III. New Business**

1. Transfer Station Report

**Selectman Perkins read the report.**

### **IV. Correspondence**

1. Community Development Block Grant Program information

**Because of the income requirements for the grants (average income of residents must be low to moderate and Phippsburg is moderate to high) no action was taken.**

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

1. Administrator Mike Young

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

### **VI. Public Forum**

1. Ronda Skillin-Grondin

**Ronda Skillin-Grondin stated that the Town had dismissed the posted roads case against Ed Skillin, Inc. that morning in court. She asked if there was any town prohibition (i.e. ordinance) against them putting lime and compost on their fields. Selectman Douglass asked if this would be done during posted roads season and she replied that this had nothing to do with posted roads. Administrator Young stated that he knew of no prohibition, but she should check with Lee Rainey, Code Enforcement Officer to confirm.**

2. Josh Bate

**Josh Bate stated that the Selectmen need to take control of the law suits and legal actions. He recommended that the Town consider changing law firms. Selectman Pye replied that he has full faith in the current law firm and they have a good track record.**

**Mr. Bate asked how much money was spent on the case where he refused to leave the Selectmen's meeting during an executive session and what the status of the case was. Administrator Young replied that the case had been forwarded to the DA so Mr. Bate would need to contact Police Chief Skroski on the status and he was also welcome to review the legal bills.**

**Mr. Bate wanted to know what cases the current firm had won for the Town in the past. Administrator Young replied that the records are public and he is welcome to review them anytime.**

### **VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.**