

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator September 10, 2008

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

I. Review and Sign:

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

All items reviewed and signed.

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Pam Hile, MMA Legislative Policy Representative, concerning the 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda.

Pam Hile explained that she was seeking input from municipal officials in her area concerning legislative issues they would like the MMA Legislative Committee to concentrate on over the next two years. The comments and suggestions received would be reviewed at the MMA convention and prioritized.

She explained that one of her issues was tax reform legislation which Selectmen Douglass agreed with. He recommended broadening the tax base and increasing the homestead exemption. He also recommended taking a look at the State services that keep getting dumped on the towns. Ms. Hile stated that there is a 19 member panel set up by the State to look at streamlining government at the State level and restructuring it for efficiency. Selectman Douglass asked if the jail issue (State assuming operation of all county jails) was still alive. Ms. Hile responded that it was a moot point at this time because a compromise, which was supported by MMA, was reached.

Selectman Pye recommended fine tuning the "Working Waterfront" legislation to give a tax break for structures (i.e. docks) as well as the land because most properties associated with the exemption are small.

III. New Business

1. Approve the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the ADA Capital Account towards the Totman Library elevator (this was also recommended by the Budget Committee in the FY 2009 budget).

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve expenditure.

2. Discuss coverage for Russ Alexander at the Transfer Station during his vacation.
Selectmen approved the temporary hiring of a replacement.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Mike Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meeting and events.

2. Selectman Douglass

Selectman Douglass asked for a status of the revaluation. Juanita Wilson, Assessing Agent, replied that seasonal taxpayers have been leaving contact information. The property card format has been revised. Mr. Van Tuinen has addressed land features and has been reviewing the Town's TRIO database. She added that the Town has a good working relationship with Mr. Van Tuinen.

Selectman Douglass asked if Administrator Young had received any information concerning the Transfer Station upgrade plans. He also asked if the Conservation Commission was going to be looking at alternative energy sources for the Town. Administrator Young replied that he would get an update on both of these issues.

3. Selectman Pye

Selectman Pye apologized for his recent actions and stated that it is not indicative of who he is and he hopes the Townspeople will give him a second chance. Selectman Pye announced that the Parker Head Corner rebuild project has been started.

V. Public Forum

1. Jim Little

Mr. Little asked if DMR was testing the shellfish flats to see if they could be reopened after the recent rainfall. Administrator Young stated that they would start testing by the end of the week (which was also confirmed by Shellfish Warden Alexander). He added that he had received e-mail correspondence concerning the issue which Mr. Little is welcome to review.

VI. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.