

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator October 6, 2008

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

I. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Merry Chapin to discuss the status of the Murphy House and a possible grant for reconstruction.

Ms. Chapin reported that the Historic Preservation Commission could be a recipient of a grant from the Gemini Fund to start the restoration of the Murphy House, however the Town would have to accept the funds as the non-profit organization. She estimated that the cost of repairs to enable the moving of the Murphy House would be approximately \$7,000. This would pay for the repairs of one wall and the floor.

Ms. Chapin stated that the RSU #1 Superintendent is supportive of the project and she is hoping to locate the house where it is accessible by children for educational purposes. She added that it will also be used as a historic tribute to the fishermen, which has been approved by one of the grandsons of the Murphy's that lived in the house.

Orman Hines, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, stated that the Murphy House would be an excellent display and they are looking for a permanent location. He added that funding had been the biggest obstacle.

Selectman Perkins stated that the grant funding changes the picture. He asked if the Commission had any place in mind for relocation and Mr. Hines replied that they will be checking again with the Phippsburg Historical Society, Maine Maritime Museum and the RSU#1 Superintendent.

Selectmen voted (2-0) to have the Town be the non-profit sponsor for the Murphy House grant. Merry added that she appreciated the Selectmen's support.

2. Meet with Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, to sign the FY 2009 Tax Commitment.

Ms. Wilson provided a brief memo that showed that the billable tax amount increased slightly to 15.4 million. She gave credit to Marie Varian for the fine job that she has done. The additional value booked since last week brought the overlay to \$104, 894. Selectmen signed the "Assessors Return to the County", Assessor's Certificate of Assessment and Commitment", and the "Certificate of Assessment to the Treasurer".

Selectman Perkins also thanked Marie Varian for her services and Selectman Pye thanked Ms. Wilson for working weekends.

II. New Business

1. Comcast contract negotiations request.

Selectmen reviewed the letter. Comcast is going to start their negotiations 24 months in advance of the current contract expiration date, which is allowed as per the contract. A representative will be meeting with the Selectmen in the near future to discuss the process. Administrator Young mentioned that Selectmen will need to give consideration to forming a temporary committee to negotiate the contract specifications and also hiring an attorney for representation (which has been paid for by the cable company in the past). He added that Selectman Perkins served on the last CATV Committee for negotiations.

III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Mike Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meeting and events

IV. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.