

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator April 1, 2009

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

I. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Application from "Belle Fete Events & Catering" to cater a function at Rock Gardens Inn.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the accounts payable and payroll warrants as well as the catering permit.

II. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider amending the General Assistance Ordinance to reflect the new food supplement (food stamp) rates.

The public hearing was opened at 6:01 and closed at 6:02. There were no comments from the public. Selectman voted (2-0) to approve the amendment.

2. Meet with Richard Lemont, Chairman of the Shellfish Committee, to discuss shellfish conservation closures at Popham Beach State Park and flats west of Cape Small.

Mr. Lemont explained that the Shellfish Commission had voted (2-1, quorum present) to have a rotational closure between the areas east of Small Point (Kennebec River) and west of Small Point (New Meadows River). When the Kennebec River closes due to flow meter readings then the New Meadows side would open up. He added that there were variations offered by harvesters present at the Commission's last meeting including keeping the Kelp Shed area in the Branch and North Creek open until the conditional closures on May 1st (Kelp Shed) and June 1st (North Creek). The Commission also voted to implement a conservation closure from April 1st to November 30th at Popham State Park as per the town's agreement with Maine Department of Conservation.

Mr. Lemont stated that those attending the Commission meeting were fairly quiet with only 3 or 4 speaking on the rotational closure. He added that Dean Doyle Jr. and Bob Cummings voted for the rotational closure and he voted against it.

John Libby, shellfish harvester, replied that a lot of the diggers didn't want to say anything in front of the crew, but spoke against the rotational closure outside. He added that the full time diggers are in favor of the rotational closures while the part time diggers are not. He is concerned that when the Kennebec River closes due to the flow meter the New Meadows

side will already be dug up if not closed. He added that the New Meadows side should be opened one month during the spring so that the clams can be turned up for conservation.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to close Popham Beach State Park for commercial harvesting until November 30th. They voted (3-0) to table any decision on the rotational closure until 6:15 pm at their next meeting to allow harvesters to attend and comment if they would like. Administrator Young will advertise this opportunity for comment.

III. New Business

1. Consider David E. Gray for a regular appointment to the Shellfish Conservation Commission.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to appoint Mr. Gray.

2. Discuss MBIA and the Town's investments.

Administrator Young recommended that this item be tabled until next week because proposals are still being received. Selectmen voted (3-0) to table until next weeks meeting.

3. Accept a \$50.00 Donation from Jean Leighton for the Goodwill Account.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept donation.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Mike Young

Announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectman Douglass

Selectman Douglass gave an update on the County Budget.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6.33 p.m.