

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young
Administrator

MINUTES
May 27, 2009

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

I. Unfinished Business

1. Consider appointments to the Cable Franchise Committee.

This item was tabled from the May 20, 2009 meeting. Selectmen voted (3-0) to have a three member committee with Selectman Perkins acting as the Selectmen's liaison.

Selectman Pye made a motion to appoint Gary E. Morong as a member because he was the CATV Station Manager. Motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Pye made a motion to appoint Troy A. Watson as a member because he has never been on a committee before and has extensive experience with cable technology. Motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Perkins made a motion to appoint Leif E. Albertson as a member. Administrator Young mentioned that Mr. Albertson was currently working with RSU #1 as their IT contractor and also had been previously employed by Time Warner. Motion passed (3-0).

Marie Varian and Clifford Newell stated that they were unhappy that Channel 9 had been discontinued by Suscom.

Administrator Young stated that he would contact Attorney Pat Scully for legal representation during the contract negotiations and would arrange for the first meeting.

Selectman Douglass recommended that the public contact one of the Cable Franchise Committee members or Administrator Young if they had input for the contract negotiations.

2. Review and approve the June 9th Special Town Meeting Warrant to adopt the new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Selectmen approved the warrant by a vote of (3-0).

Selectman Pye thanked the Land Use Ordinance Committee for their volunteer time and dedication to drafting the new ordinance. He also stated that the Committee did a good job explaining the importance of the Ordinance in protecting marine uses, village districts and town landings.

II. New Business

1. Consider donating a piece of granite from the town owned land on Sam Day Hill Road to the Maine's First Ship organization to use in building a monument in Popham.

Selectmen approved the donation by a vote of (3-0).

III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events. He also mentioned that the Selectmen would be having a Comprehensive Plan workshop vs. a Selectmen's meeting on June 3rd.

2. Selectman Perkins

Selectmen Perkins stated that he had been advised by Fred Libby Jr. that under State Statute (30-A M.R.S.A. Section 2901) it is the responsibility of the municipality to decorate the graves of veterans with a U.S. flag in the appropriate holder on Memorial Day. Chilloa Young, President of the Cemetery Trustees, has been advised of this requirement and will be bringing a proposal before the Selectmen at a later date.

3. Selectman Douglass

Selectmen Douglass referred to an article in a recycling magazine which stated that mattresses often contain 40 pounds of recyclable material. He recommended that the Transfer Station Attendants consider storing mattresses and having VOA workers separate the materials. He also mentioned that a recent MMA Townsman article stated that separating out and selling recyclables is not really profitable.

Selectman Douglass also discussed the inmate and VOA work programs as well as the possibility that the State will tax dog and cat food to assist the animal welfare programs which would lower dog licensing fees and increase the fee amounts kept for the municipality's animal control account.

IV. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.

2. Minutes

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the accounts payable, payroll warrants, and minutes.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6.30 p.m.