

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young
Administrator

MINUTES
June 17, 2009

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

I. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with residents of Cox Head Road concerning the painting of the jersey barriers on the corner of Cox Head Road and Parker Head Road.

Following 9/11 Nancy Kaake had painted a US flag on the jersey barriers at the corner of Cox Head Road and Parker Head Road. Tom and Helena Wirth admitted that they had painted over the barriers with dark green paint because after the trees were trimmed within the Town's right of way they could see the barriers more clearly and it bothered them. Following that some one had painted "Shame on you, we want our flag back" in white.

The Selectmen had received a petition (attached) from property owners on Cox Head Road asking permission to paint the US flag back on the barriers. Also, Administrator Young had a concern with the dark green barriers because they would not show up at night and he considered it a safety issue. The Wirth's came up with a proposition to use boulders and fill in the middle with dirt and plants vs. leaving the barriers.

After much discussion and polling those in the audience the Selectmen voted (2-0) to allow Nancy Kaake to repaint the barriers white with a reflective edge (the Town would provide the paint) and then to allow her to paint the US Flag on one barrier and something appropriate on the other barrier (the property owners would provide the paint).

2. Meet with Chilloa Young, President of the Phippsburg Cemetery District, for an update on the public cemeteries.

Ms. Young gave the attached update. Selectman Pye asked Ms. Young to notify the Selectmen if they could assist with providing holders and flags for the veteran's graves. Selectmen Perkins added that they did not expect the funds to come from the Cemetery Account.

Ms. Young thanked the Cemetery Trustees for the terrific job they are doing and mentioned the Flagpole Dedication Ceremony which will occur at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3rd at Morningside cemetery.

Jim Totman asked if there were any lots at Morningside just for cremations. Ms. Young replied that there were and Selectman Perkins added that they just weren't marked out yet. Mr. Totman recommended that their availability be advertised.

II. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.

III. Public Forum

1. Comments on the Barrier

Rebecca Frangis thanked the Selectmen for approving the painting of the barriers and Jim Totman added that it was a big tribute to the whole town. Selectman Perkins replied that he didn't know what precedence has been set but in was evident that the majority ruled tonight. He added that it was important that everyone to showed up.

IV. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes

Selectmen voted (2-0) to approve the accounts payable, payroll warrants, and minutes.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 6.45 p.m.

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, WOULD LIKE PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG TO REPAINT THE IMAGE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG ON THE CONCRETE ABUTMENTS AT THE CORNER OF COXS HEAD AND PARKER HEAD ROADS.

Jim Murphy	Cox's Head Rd
Bekky Francis	146 COXS HEAD Rd.
O'Neill S. Bunn	142 Cox's Head Rd.
Karen A. Burrows	142 Cox's Hd. Rd
Caroline Hutchinson	35 Cox's Head Rd.
Quinn Fear	78 Tugboat Dr
Jean Scott	7 Astor way
Kathleen McPerkins	135 Cox Head Rd
Jo Ann K. Murray	26 Surf St.
Judy McMan	Small Point
Alice K. Polyzuska	95E Parker Head Rd
Bob Koller	14 Cox Head Rd
Brenda Koller	17 Cox Head Rd.
Gordon Dunsmore	49 Atkins Bay Dr.
Francine Durette	59 Atkins Bay Dr.
Jean R. Ouellet	" "
Barbara J. Carr	206 Cox's Head Rd.
Mary Clalerty	Cox's Head Rd
Nancy Kaake	11 Rockland Rest
Ryan Kaake	"
Jason Kauh	"
Bill Cohen	Shore Dr

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Donald A Rankin
Hathorn B. Rankin

11 Green Point
11 Green Point

Phippsburg Cemetery District, Inc.

Updates for Selectmen

1. Copied all Burial and Owner Cards (2 locations)
2. Half of the cards are now entered into a computer program (thanks to Dick and Aileen Wenzel)
3. Complete overhaul in progress on all Cemetery bylaws and procedures
4. All accounting in Quickbooks and updated regularly
5. Advertising on CATV and at Senior Fair and Nonseasonal Taxpayer Meetings
6. Application on hand for anyone interested in purchasing a plot or plots (12 month payment plan available) \$350 resident, \$750 nonresident plus filing fees
7. New Cemetery Brochure
8. New Address at Town Hall
9. Trustees doing site walks to ensure accuracy of sales and burials
10. Purchasing metal detector to make pin location easier
11. Arranging meeting with engineers to pursue additional pinning (some lots have only been pinned on one end) and updating of cemetery layout
12. Flagpole Dedication Ceremony to be held on Friday, July 3, at 9 am at Morningside Cemetery – everyone welcome
13. Graves marked Memorial Day with flags by Fred Libby:
 - a. This is the Municipal Officers' responsibility by Statute
 - b. No list of veterans is currently available. We plan to walk all four cemeteries (Morningside, Hillside, Reed and McIntire Family) to look at stones and markers to identify veterans, make a list, identify them on the Cemetery plot plan, and make a notation in the computerized plot records.
 - c. Will send out a mailer to folks in town with the list and see if there are veterans who do not have gravestone markings.
 - d. Once we have a complete list we will contact the service organizations (VFW, American legion, DAV) to see if they will purchase holders for their members. Then we will purchase the appropriate holders for the remaining vets.
 - e. We will then order flags for each grave and insure that they are installed prior to Memorial Day each year.
14. Planning ahead – we currently have about 500 lots available for sale, and then we will have to locate another cemetery location for future burials. Our plan is to:
 - a. visit properties that are currently Town Owned and consult with the Town Lands Management Committee
 - b. Hire a consultant to determine if soil is adequate to support a cemetery or columbarium (cremains resting place)
 - c. Discuss our plans with the Selectmen
 - d. Have a Survey done
 - e. Obtain approval from a Town Meeting to have the property transferred to the Cemetery District.