

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator September 9, 2009

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

I. Unfinished Business

1. Review metal removal policy at the Transfer Station.

Selectman made minor changes and approved the metal removal policy by a vote of 3-0. Administrator Young mentioned that someone had dropped off a refrigerator at the Transfer Station entrance when it was closed and also a roto tiller had been removed from the metal pile. He will request the Phippsburg Police Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. increase their drive-bys. Selectmen Douglass reminded the public that the Transfer Station has surveillance cameras in place.

II. Correspondence

1. Complaint letter from Tamara Badders at 79 Wallace Circle.

This was not listed on the agenda but Selectmen Douglass requested a discussion because each Selectman had received a personal call from Ms. Badders the previous week.

The letter contained complaints on different subjects including lobster boats speeding in West Point, trucks going the wrong way on Wallace Circle, the Animal Control Officer not having a satellite phone for people to call, and a well cover being dislodged.

Selectman Douglass explained that he had discussed the lobster boat issue with Harbormaster Alexander who explained that he had taken the necessary action, including video observation, and noted no violations. Mr. Alexander had also referred the complaint on to Marine Patrol Clint Thompson so that there would be no accusations of favoritism. Selectman Douglass read an e-mail from Officer Thompson which stated that he could find no evidence of any violations of the State Boating regulations.

Selectman Douglas stated that he had conferred with the Code Enforcement Officer, Lee Rainey, concerning the well cover and was informed that it was a cement cover that probably had been slightly dislodged by a snow plow and that no one could fall into the well, therefore it was not a hazard.

Selectman Douglass stated that the complaint concerning trucks traveling the wrong way on Wallace Circle was directed towards Purse Line Bait and Ms. Badders already stated in her complaint letter that she had contacted the company and with the exception of one driver the problem had ended. He added that Ms. Badders may want to contact Jennie

Bichrest, owner of Purse Line Bait, again.

Selectman Pye mentioned that it could be Live Lobster trucks that were going the wrong way and that his inquiries into the phone call and complaint letter satisfied him that the stated problems were getting better.

Selectman Douglass stated that Ms. Badders may not know to what extent the issues have been dealt with or she may believe that the problems are continuing to occur. He volunteered to write a response for the other Selectmen to review. He added that Ms. Badders did compliment the Selectmen for doing a good job especially in promoting the seasonal taxpayers meeting.

Selectman Perkins said that it was very nice that she signed the letter.

III. Courses and seminars

1. Excise Tax and TABOR II regional presentation.

Selectmen will attend the presentation in lieu of having a Selectmen's meeting on September 16th. Selectman Pye asked Administrator Young to pass the information on to the Road Commissioner.

2. Totman Library Senior Citizen's Fair.

Selectman Douglass will attend as he has in the past and invited the other Selectmen to join him if available. He added that it is a good opportunity to meet with other agencies and the elderly. He also mentioned the free fish chowder that is served. Richard Wenzel, event coordinator, stated that everything at the fair was free.

IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events and read a notice from the Maine CDC and the Maine Department of Agriculture's Animal Health and Industry Division concerning five horses in other counties which have died from Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Selectman Douglass added that this is not a concern as long as horses have been vaccinated.

2. Selectman Perkins

Selectman Perkins mentioned that Grimmels Industries in Topsham, which has the transfer station metal removal contract, had a large fire. Selectman Pye added that the Phippsburg Volunteer Fire Department had responded to it.

V. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Minutes

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve and sign all items.

VI. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6.23 p.m.