

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young ADMINISTRATOR
Administrator MINUTES
December 2, 2009

Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m. at the Town Hall with Selectmen Perkins and Pye in attendance. Note: CATV Live Broadcast not working.

I. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, for a second briefing on the new DEP culvert rules.

Mr. Smith reported that many of his questions concerning the new culvert rules were answered after reviewing a complete copy of the text (see Selectmen's meeting of 11/18/09). He learned that: (1) culvert replacement submissions are completed by the Road Commissioner through the "permit by rule" process; (2) these rules apply to both public and private roads; (3) any stream that crosses a roadway is considered to be carrying fish unless it is proven that it does not (DEP or IF&W would inspect the stream); and (4) the new rules apply to non-tidal waters – the tidal zone is still under the Department of Marine Resources. As requested by the Selectman at the prior meeting, Administrator Young and Mr. Smith have sent a letter outlining the town's concerns and some unanswered questions to Mike Mullen at the DEP to be considered during the public comment period. This letter was also sent to Maine Municipal Association, State Senator Goodall, and State Representative Percy.

Mr. Smith reported that he and Road Commissioner Doughty had met with The Nature Conservancy, DEP, and DMR on November 20th to discuss culvert installations on the Basin Road. DEP and DMR determined that the use of "arch culverts" on the town-owned section of the road was not practical and that standard culverts could be used instead.

II. New Business

1. Authorize the Library Trustees to apply for, and accept, a grant through the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant program to replace the Library furnace (10% Town match required, project estimated at \$12,000). *Ref: Article #5 of the May 2009 Town Meeting.*

The Selectmen voted (2-0) to authorize the Library Trustees to apply for this grant and to accept any approved funds for the furnace replacement.

2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000 from the Library Capital Improvement Reserve Account as a match for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant to replace the Library furnace. *Ref: Articles #9 and #60 of the May 2009 Town Meeting.*

The Selectmen voted (2-0) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the town's match of this grant.

3. Consider accepting the following donations. *Ref: Article #3 of the May 2009 Town Meeting.*
 - A. Camilla Glynn Healy - \$200.00 for the Goodwill Account.
 - B. Regine and Sam Roberts - \$250.00 for the Goodwill Account, \$250.00 for the Historic Preservation Commission Account, and \$250.00 to the Phippsburg Memorial Committee Account. *Also to note: They donated \$250.00 to the Phippsburg Cemetery District.*

The Selectmen voted (2-0) to accept these donations for the accounts specified.

III. Department and Committee Reports

1. Linwood Stockwell, Addressing Officer

Mr. Stockwell reported that the new signs installed on Basin Road that delineated the private "Hatch Road" from the public "Basin Road" have been stolen and that the "Long Cove Road" sign is also missing. Although the number of missing signs is less then last year, stolen signs are still an ongoing problem.

Selectman Perkins reminded the public that they should keep an eye out for missing signs and that there is an amnesty program if stolen signs are dropped off at Town Hall. Selectmen Pye added that if someone is found with stolen signs they will be prosecuted.

Administrator Young thanked Jim Totman for refurbishing old sign brackets so they could be reused.

IV. Correspondence

1. Thank you letter from Rodman and Joan Cart.

Selectman Perkins read a letter from the Cart's in which the Selectmen were thanked for decreasing the tax rate.

V. Courses, Meetings, and seminars

1. Wing Farm Business Park Scoping Meeting.

Reviewed. No further action taken.

VI. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectmen Perkins

Selectman Perkins discussed the Cable TV survey and reminded the public to notify Comcast if they have outages or other problems because Comcast is required to keep a record of all complaints. Selectman Pye added that a lot of citizens want the channel 9 TV Guide back.

VII. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes.
3. Appointment certificate for Paul Gamache (Budget Committee).
4. CMP Pole Permit for Meadowbrook Road

Selectmen voted (2-0) to approve and sign all the above.

VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.