

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
John M. Young MINUTES
Administrator December 16, 2009

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

I. Meetings and Hearings:

1. Meet with Peter Roberts, Town Landing Committee Chair, to discuss Cat Cove survey.

Peter Roberts and Nick Nichols from the Town Landing Committee were present. Mr. Roberts reported that Ron Beal had surveyed Cat Cove landing for the Town and determined that part of an outbuilding owned by Sigmund Roos and Ruth Rohde was on the Town's property and that part of the Town's established landing was on their property. He added that there were two ways to correct this – either hiring an attorney and going to court or negotiating a land swap, which the Town Landing Committee had voted to recommend (square foot for square foot swap). Mr. Roberts recommended obtaining property on the east side of Cat Cove landing in return for giving Mr. Roos and Ms. Rohde property on the west side of Cat Cove landing.

Selectman Douglass asked if the property owners were aware that their outbuilding was in the Town's right of way and Mr. Roberts replied that they must since it was also depicted on a survey that they had done.

Administrator Young will contact the property owners and see if they are agreeable to the exchange of land.

Mr. Roberts also stated that he would be meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers concerning Aliquippa landing and that the stairs are framed in.

Administrator Young informed Mr. Roberts that he was scheduled to appear before the Planning Board at their January Meeting to discuss his proposed amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Review and sign Special Town Meeting warrant for January 13th.

Reviewed and signed.

2. Review and sign amended property revaluation contract.

Selectman Douglass explained the reason for extending the revaluation contract with William Van Tuinen Assessment Services (see Selectmen's meeting minutes of September 17, 2009). Administrator Young added that he and Assessing Agent Juanita Wilson had met with Mr. Van Tuinen to review the contract and all parties were satisfied with the stipulations. The Selectmen approved and signed the contract.

III. New Business

1. Review and sign winter road equipment rental contracts.

Administrator Young explained that the winter equipment rental charges would be the same as last year. Selectmen signed rental equipment contracts, to expire on June 30, 2010, with Harry Doughty, Curtis Doughty, Warren Doughty Jr., Warren Doughty Sr., Ed Gray, and Ted Gerow.

IV. Correspondence

1. Thank you cards from the Secskas and Pye families.

Selectman Douglass read the cards which thanked the Town for sending memorial flowers.

V. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.

2. Selectman Pye

Selectman Pye thanked Administrator Young for making arrangements for flowers at memorial services.

VI. Public Forum

1. Gary Small

Mr. Small had concerns that the Town was not following their written policy concerning the scheduling of the Transfer Station during holidays and snow days. He added that the Town's handout states that if closed for a holiday the Transfer Station will be open the next day and that the sign on Sam Day Hill Rd states that if the school is closed due to snow – the Transfer Station will also be closed. He stated that the Transfer Station was open the day before the Veterans Holiday instead of the day after and that it was not closed for inclement weather on December 9th when the School was closed.

Administrator Young explained that the Transfer Station attendants were unable to work the day following Veterans Day therefore it was open the day prior and was advertised as such in the newspaper, on channel 3, on the Town's website, on posters throughout Town, on the information board at the Transfer Station, and on the Town Hall telephone recorder.

Administrator Young explained that the policy of closing the Transfer Station if school is closed was abandoned a long time ago because many times the weather would improve in the early morning and the Town Hall was getting complaints because it was nice weather and the Transfer Station was closed. He stated that the changed policy (which is on the Transfer Station handout, in the Town Report, and on the website) is to advertise the Transfer Station snow closings on TV and Radio just like the school closings. He added that the line on the Transfer Station sign that had mentioned the old policy had been taped over but the tape fell off so he would again tape over it.

VII. Review and Sign:

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes.

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

VIII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (2-0) to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.