

Submitted by: TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG Approved by Selectmen:  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
John M. Young MINUTES  
Administrator January 20, 2010

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

**I. Meetings and Hearings:**

1. Meet with Juanita Wilson, Assessing Agent, to review administrative abatements and supplemental warrants.

**The following supplemental 09/10 tax warrants were approved:**

- **Varian (30 Stonewall Road/Map 032, Lot 015) - warrant for \$1,594.18 (building assessment error).**
- **Cuthbert (Seal Cove Road/Map 023, Lot 022) - warrant for \$2,475.74 (acreage error).**

**The following 09/10 certificates of abatement were approved:**

- **Dion/Stalley/Hutchins (Map 037, Lot 30) - abatement of \$299.99 (land assessment value of \$27,700) for error (acreage).**
- **State of Maine (Map 7, Lot 21) - abatement of \$22.74 (land assessment value of \$2,100) for error (Trio created duplicate account).**
- **Sprague/Libby (Map 42, Lot 18-LL) - abatement of \$240.43 (building assessment value of \$22,200) for error (advanced payment of taxes).**
- **Kuvaja (PP acct 80) - abatement of \$22.74 (PP assessment value of \$2,100) for error (duplicate PP account).**
- **Carney (Map 029, Lot 011-18) - abatement of \$2,876.45 (land assessment value of \$265,600) for error (deed clarification on waterfront access).**
- **Knuckles (Map 029, Lot 011-08) - abatement of \$1,311.51 (land assessment value of \$121,100) for error (deed clarification on waterfront access).**
- **Mead (Map 010, Lot 004-05) - Abatement of \$633.56 (land assessment value of \$58,500) for irregularity in assessment (land code was inadvertently changed).**

2. Meet with the CATV Committee to discuss various issues.

**This meeting was held with CATV Committee members Tom Totman, Richard Wenzel, Ashley Thayer, Leif Albertson and Les Oliver. Shana York has submitted her resignation letter and Chairman Bob Pring was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Gary Morong, Station Manager, was also in attendance.**

**Mr. Wenzel had brought up the idea of disbanding the CATV**

Committee and creating a "camera club" because at only 3 of the last 7 committee meetings was there a quorum of members to conduct business.

Administrator Young recommended that the Selectmen consider reducing the committee membership to 5 regular members and 2 alternate members so that a quorum would be 3 members in attendance vs. 4 members.

Selectman Douglas stated that there are only two reasons for disbanding a committee - either it has outlived its usefulness and is stagnating or there is no longer a purpose for the committee. In this case neither situation applies and he can't imagine getting rid of a technical committee such as this. It was determined through further discussion that there was still a purpose for the committee because the members are the Town's experts and are very important to the CATV program.

Ashley Thayer stated that the committee has not had a chair since Bill Perkins resigned, however Bob Pring was recently chosen for the position. She felt that Chairman Pring would organize the committee and remind members about upcoming meetings.

Gary Morong stated that it didn't matter to him whether the CATV Committee consisted of 7 members or 5 members. He added that he had met with the Selectmen at a prior meeting and established that he works directly for the Selectmen and the committee is established to help run the station as an advisory board.

Les Oliver stated that he was previously on a veteran's committee at Togus and had to miss some of the CATV meetings. His schedule recently changed and he can now make more committee meetings.

Selectman Douglass made a motion to change the committee membership to 5 regular and 2 alternate members. After more discussion with the committee members and the other Selectmen he withdrew his motion.

The Selectmen recommended that the committee discuss any change of membership at their next meeting and come back to them with a proposal for a change if they so desire. They added that Chairman Pring could present any proposal on behalf of the Committee rather than the whole committee attending.

The Selectmen reiterated that any changes in equipment or setup must go through CATV Station Manager.

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to table this issue.

### **III. New Business**

1. Consider the resignation of Shana York from the CATV Committee.

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept an E-mail resignation from Ms. York and thanked her for her service to the Town. They mentioned that she would still be involved with taping meetings.

2. Consider the appointment of Michelle Sloan to the Recreation Commission.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to appoint Ms. Sloan to the Recreation Commission.

#### **IV. Correspondence**

1. Letter from the National League of Cities concerning the 2009 Town Report.  
**This was a congratulatory letter to the Selectmen for the Town receiving the Supreme award for the 2009 Town Report. Selectmen reviewed the letter and no further action was taken.**
2. Gift membership from Maine Maritime Museum (MMM)  
**Administrator Young explained that the Director of the MMM had discovered that an anonymous donor had made a stipulation in their donation to MMM that required them to issue free family memberships to the those filling the positions of Selectman and Tax Collector. Also, a number of free family memberships were to be given to the Phippsburg School teachers not to exceed the number that taught at the school in 1983. He added that he had referred the MMM Director to RSU#1 for the school memberships and has provided them with the number of teachers in 1983.**  
**Selectman Pye asked Administrator Young to contact MMA to see if there would be an ethical issue preventing the Selectmen from accepting the memberships.**

#### **V. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements**

1. Administrator Young  
**Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.**
2. Selectman Perkins  
**Selectman Perkins thanked the Road Crew for their hard work during the extended three day snowstorm.**

#### **VI. Review and Sign:**

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes.  
**Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve and sign all the above.**

#### **VII. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.**