

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young
Administrator

MINUTES
February 16, 2010

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

I. Unfinished Business

1. Review and sign a letter on non-enforcement/consensual agreement for an expired building permit held by Douglass Koehling (Map 43, Lot 021-1). This was tabled from last meeting.

Selectman Douglass explained that this item had been tabled from a prior meeting until CEO Lee Rainey added several additional requirements to the letter.

Mr. Rainey reported that he had inspected Mr. Koehling's camper and has restricted it's occupancy to four people. He also is going to require septic pumping documentation every four weeks. He added that Mr. Koehling has a camping permit and can stay in the camper for 150 days and if he obtains a building permit he is allowed to stay in the camper for up to two years from February 10th as long as he is actively constructing a dwelling.

Selectman Douglass asked Mr. Rainey to send a second letter to Mr. Koehling which will address the consequences should Mr. Koehling not comply with the agreement.

Selectman voted (3-0) to sign the agreement and have Mr. Rainey send a second letter outlining the consequences should Mr. Koehling not comply with the agreement.

2. Review a draft consensual agreement for the Perry property in Sebasco

Refer to the Selectman's minutes of February 10th.

Mr. Rainey explained that a site evaluator had inspected the Perry's septic system and found that it was not currently malfunctioning, but was overloaded when the occupants were doing a lot of laundry. He further explained that as a septic system ages its ability to handle water decreases and the day it was failing the occupants had done a lot of laundry. The system will handle the normal daily flow as long as the occupants are not doing a pile of laundry. The new septic design has been completed and the septic has been pumped. As long as the occupants space out their loads of laundry the system should be adequate until replacement. Mr. Perry is still under a deadline to replace the septic, but the Selectmen can extend it if needed. He added that three truckloads of debris were disposed of over weekend and all the yard debris should be taken care of by the deadline of June 1st. He also stated that Mr. Perry is aware that he can apply for a septic loan through the Town.

Mr. Rainey will finalize the agreement for consideration at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

II. New Business

1. Consider signing a letter in support of a proposal being submitted by Kennebec Estuary Partners to launch a local campaign concerning the top water pollution sources that are impacting shellfish harvesting in the lower Kennebec Estuary.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the letter.

2. Consider the appointment of Steve Freeman as an Alternate Animal Control Officer.

Administrator Young explained that the current ACO, Phillippe Pelletier, was unable to fill his position of ACO because of medical issues and that Steve Freeman was willing to assist the Town as an Alternate Animal Control Officer.

The Selectmen voted (3-0) to appoint Steve Freeman as an Alternate Control Officer. They thanked Mr. Freeman for accepting the position and wished Mr. Pelletier a speedy recovery.

III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.

IV. Review and Sign:

1. Selectmen's Meeting Minutes.

Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve and sign the above.

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.