

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young
Administrator

MINUTES
June 2, 2010

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

I. Meetings and Hearings

1. Meet with Lee Rainey, Code Enforcement Officer, and Marie Varian, Planning Board Chair, to discuss setting up a workshop with business owners and private landowners who are operating parking businesses in Popham.

Selectman Perkins explained that this issue had come up last year, however it was not worked on. This was discussed again this year at a prior meeting and it was decided to meet with Mr. Rainey and Ms. Varian to consider having a workshop with the businesses and private landowners who are charging for parking.

Mr. Rainey recommended a simple discussion with folks at a workshop concerning safety and permitting. His concern is adults and children walking along Route 209 from the parking areas to the State Park, especially along the section of road by Silver Lake.

Selectman Pye agreed that an informal workshop was a good idea and is hoping to get people to cooperate. The Selectmen are trying to find solutions to alleviate the traffic problems and safety issues.

Selectman Read stated that his concerns also surround public safety.

Ms. Varian stated that the Planning Board is willing meet with the business owners and others who are parking vehicles.

Selectman Pye asked if the businesses and private landowners needed to have permits and Ms. Varian responded that if someone starts up a parking business they would need a new business permit or expansion of business permit. The amount of traffic created by a parking business would be too great for it to be considered a home business. The parking spaces would be measured and the permit would restrict the number of vehicles to be parked and there would be a requirement for a public hearing. She added that this would not happen overnight. Some business may not have to go through this process if their original permit allows the parking of vehicles as part of their business.

Selectmen Perkins reiterated that the Selectman do not want to stop anyone from parking vehicles at this point, but want them to cooperate, comply with the ordinance, and apply for a business permit if needed. Ms. Varian reminded the Selectmen that the Planning Board does not enforce the ordinances, the Code Enforcement Officer does.

Mr. Rainey stated that he would contact those involved in parking vehicles this week and set up a date for the workshop.

Selectman Pye added that Popham Beach Park is owned by the State and they are not addressing the traffic problem. He wants to make sure that

the Selectmen have done their homework and taken whatever steps to alleviate the problem that they can.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Replacement Septic System for the Perry property in Sebasco
Lee Rainey, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that Mr. Perry had signed a loan contract with the Town and he was going to contact the contractor and give him permission to start the septic system replacement project.

III. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements

1. Administrator Young
Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events.
2. Selectman Pye
Selectman Pye advised the Selectmen that the RSU is considering changing the funding formula due to an increase in Woolwich's share of the RSU budget. The funding formula is currently based on 1/3 population, 1/3 valuation, and 1/3 student enrollment from each town. He felt that the RSU should wait a while before considering a change in the formula and the Selectmen should follow any proposed legislation to this effect.

IV. Review and Sign:

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

V. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.