

**TOWN OF TREMONT
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
AUGUST 16, 2007
5:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The August 16, 2007 Tremont Harbor Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman David Schlaefer at 5:11pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman David Schlaefer, Harbor Committee members Dian Miller, Jon Crossman, Mel Atherton, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording secretary McKenzie Clough and Harbor Master Stewart Murphy. Absent: Art Paine, Mike Ryan and Spencer Ervin. Visitors included: Steve Wilson-John Goodwin Jr. Construction, Selectman Chris Eaton and Joe Keeney (arrived at 6:00pm).

3. ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION By Harbor Committee member Mel Atherton to approve the minutes of June 28, 2007 Harbor Committee meeting, seconded by Diane Miller. 3 in Favor-Jon Crossman abstained, absent from meeting.

MOTION By Harbor Committee member Mel Atherton to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007 Special Harbor Committee meeting, seconded by Diane Miller, 3 in favor-Jon Crossman abstained, absent from meeting.

MOTION By Harbor Committee member Diane Miller to approve the minutes of July 17, 2007 Special Harbor Committee meeting, seconded by David Schlaefer. 2 in favor, 2 abstained-Mel Atherton and Jon Crossman absent from meeting.

SKIP TO 5 TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

5. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Billings reported to the Harbor Committee that bids for the Seal Cove Ramp project closed on August 6, 2007. 10 bid packets were taken and only one packet was returned. The only bid that was received was from John Goodwin Jr., in the amount of \$167,000.00. The Tremont Board of Selectmen voted to table this until the Harbor Committee could review the bid proposal.

Steve Wilson was present from John Goodwin Jr. Construction to answer questions. The Harbor Committee inquired why this bid was higher than the first bid submitted by Goodwin's, the plans had been scaled down and still the cost was higher. Mr. Wilson explained that the cost of concrete was much higher; he also informed the committee that due to the amount of work that needed to be done under the high water mark this had increased the cost of the project. Eliminating some of the concrete work would decrease the cost of the project by approximately \$112,000.00.

Alternative ideas were discussed. Town Manager Billings presented the board with photographs of the Airplane ramp in Trenton; he suggested that this might be an option worth looking into. Mr. Wilson will meet with Harbor Master Murphy on Friday morning at the ramp.

6:00pm Joe Keeney arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Keeney took out a bid packet but never returned it. Mr. Keeney would like to make a different proposal to the Board of Selectmen. He felt that the ramp could be completed using less concrete and more granite. He also agreed with Town Manager Billings about looking into the ramp in Trenton.

After much discussion **MOTION** by Harbor Committee member Jon Crossman to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to reject all Seal Cove Ramp bids and advertise to contractors proposals of their own design, seconded by Mel Atherton. All in favor by show of hands.

BACK TO AGENDA

4. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Harbor Master Murphy reported that he has sent three letters revoking moorings. One mooring holder has contacted him and expressed his concerns. There has been no boat on the mooring for at least one year, and is in violation of the Tremont Harbor Ordinance. Chairman Schlaefter will leave this up to the discretion of the Harbor Master. Diane would like to get the Seal Cove commercial permits up to date. Letters will be sent regarding over due permits.

MOTION By Harbor Committee member Jon Crossman to adjourn the Tremont Harbor Committee meeting at 6:45Pm, seconded by Mel Atherton. All in favor by show of hands.