

**TOWN OF TREMONT
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
AUGUST 28, 2008
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mel Atherton at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Vice Chairman Mel Atherton, Harbor Committee Members Art Paine, Mike Ryan, and Spencer Ervin, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Chris Eaton and Ward McKenzie.

3. ACCEPT MINUTES

Motion made by Committee Member Art Paine, with second by Committee Member Spencer Ervin, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 2 – 0 – 2. Members Mike Ryan and Mel Atherton were not at the meeting.

4. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manger Millard Billings has written a draft letter for the US Army Corps of Engineers to accept the agreement for the Dredging Project. He explained the estimate has risen to \$1,695,000, and the Town's portion is expected to be \$169,500 (see attached). He asked the Harbor Committee to recommend to the Selectmen that this letter be sent.

Motion made by Harbor Committee Member Mike Ryan, with second by Member Art Paine, to recommend to the Selectmen they sign this letter. Motion passed 4 – 0. Ken Peterson has submitted a proposal to Town Manager Billings for one additional camera at C H Rich's wharf (see attached) along with his original proposal for the Town wharf. Member Mike Ryan asked about the floats at the Ferry Terminal. He explained there has been vandalism down there in the past.

Motion made by Committee Member Art Paine, with second by Committee Member Mike Ryan, to recommend to the Selectmen to switch to digital and buy the \$6,499.00 camera system. Motion passed 3 – 1; Member Mel Atherton voted against. On August 13th Town Manager Millard Billings received an e-mail complaining about the trash left on the dock. The Harbor Committee Members discussed how to handle this problem, but without the Harbor Master available they felt they did not have all the facts. They asked the Town Manager to put a trash can there and have the Town's Public Works Employees empty it daily.

5. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

The Harbor Master was unable to attend the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The Harbor Committee asked Ward McKenzie if he wouldn't mind speaking to them without the Harbor Master present. Mr. McKenzie has a problem with his mooring. He has a sail boat and the mooring next to him is a lobster boat. The two boat swing differently and the lobster boat, being bigger, is doing damage to Mr. McKenzie's sail boat. Mr. McKenzie has an insurance claim for \$7,500 for the damage done last year. According the Mr. McKenzie, Harbor Master Stewart Murphy has agreed to move the lobster boat or the lobster boat's mooring, but it is unclear if this has happened.

Motion made by Harbor Committee Member Mike Ryan, with second by Member Mel Atherton, to advise the Harbor Master that the Harbor Committee has heard Ward McKenzie tonight and they are quite concerned, and they would appreciate it if he would get it straitened out.

Harbor Committee Member Mike Ryan has a problem with his mooring also. There is a rubber boat next to his boat that doesn't respond the same as his boat and the lines become entangled. The Harbor Committee has asked the Harbor Master to correct Mike Ryan's problem by the end of October.

7. OLD BUSINESS

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has asked Town Manage Millard Billings to bring some questions they have about the Harbor to the Harbor Committee (see attached). Comprehensive Plan Committee Member Chris Eaton expressed the overwhelming sentiment of the town to keep the harbor a "working harbor".

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Harbor Committee Member Art Paine, with second by Member Spencer Ervin, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson