

**TOWN OF TREMONT
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 29, 2012
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 29, 2012 Tremont Harbor Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM, by Chairman Jon Crossman.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Jon Crossman, Harbor Committee Members Dean Wass, Mel Atherton, Art Paine, Mike Ryan, Spencer Ervin and Wayne Rich, Town Manager Millard Billings and Harbormaster David Schlaefer. Guest present was Chris Eaton.

3. APPROVE MINUTE

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Spencer Ervin with a second by Art Paine, to approve, as written, the minutes of the Harbor Committee meeting on February 12, 2012. Voted to approve the motion 7-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. MOTOR FOR HARBORMASTERS BOAT:

The Harbormaster reported that the motor for the Harbormaster Boat was no longer working. It is a 10 year old 115 horsepower 4 stroke Suzuki engine. There is a mounting plate that has been eaten through and when the transmission is put in reverse water is blowing back through the engine. The price he got to repair it was \$3,600.00. The Harbormaster and Committee Members Mike Ryan and Spencer Ervin expressed concern that it was too much money to invest in a ten year old motor, next year it might need another three or four thousand dollar repair. The Harbormaster has gotten prices for a new engine for between nine to ten thousand dollars. The Harbormaster explained that the cost we used to pay a barge to move the floats from the wharf to Bass Harbor Float tie-up was \$2,000.00 per year, at that rate a new motor would pay for itself in five years if that was the only use. The Harbormaster reported that Bowdon Marine was having a sale that ends March 31, 2012.

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Mike Ryan with a second by Mel Atherton for the Harbormaster to get price quotes from local dealers Friday morning and submit to the Town Manager for a purchase order before the sale ended. Voted to approve the motion 7-0.

4B. SKIFF OR PUNT FOR HARBORMASTER USE IN HARBOR/UNDER DOCK:

The Harbormaster reported that a punt or a skiff for use in the harbor and under the dock would be a great help. At present he can not even put the harbormaster boat on a mooring without borrowing someone's punt. It's only a matter of time before someone's punt gets damaged while being used by the Town and we have to spend money to replace or repair damages. Various Committee Members expressed the knowledge of where there were used boats and or motors available for sale. After much discussion all Harbor Committee Members acknowledged that a motorized punt would be an asset at the Wharf. Mel Atherton suggested that if the Harbormaster found either a punt motor and/or a punt for under three thousand dollars the Town Manager could authorize the purchase.

5. OLD BUSINESS

The Town Manager submitted to the Harbor Committee the financial statements for the period ending February 29, 2019, for Harbor Management a balance of \$11,279.41, Wharf Management a balance of \$105,683.41, and Seal Cove Facilities Management a balance of \$2,828.27.

The Town Manager reported that the Town has received a final invoice from Army Corps of Engineers for the Bass Harbor Dredge Project. The Selectmen had immediately authorized payment and a check for the amount of \$180,693.56 has been forwarded to Army Corps of Engineers. A final accounting of the Dredge funding is the initial Dredge Account has a zero balance, the money that was transferred in September 2010 to the Dredge project for mooring removal and replacement, a balance of \$ 43,161.09 of which 5,161.09 will be temporarily left in this account for the resetting of moorings that are in the channel the balance reverting back to the Town Office Account from which it was transferred and the money that was transferred in January 2011 for the removal of the additional Ledge in the expansion area a balance of \$ 45,481.73. The unexpended balance in the Town Office Account and the unexpended balance from the Road Reconstruction Account are proposed to be used towards the purchase of new Plow Trucks subject to Town Meeting approval.

Art Paine reported that he had contacted his neighbor who owns the riparian rights to the waterfront abutting the Town Wharf on the north and she expressed a willingness to sell or trade for her riparian rights to this area. Discussion followed regarding the expansion of the ramp and placement of new floats on the north side of the ramp with a leg on the outer end going north to a dolphin. The drafting of a deed for the riparian rights and future negotiations were recommended.¹¹

6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Town Manager reported that he had contacted Jay Clements of the ACOE in the Augusta Office to learn the status of the Town's Application for the Lobster Car and Float Moorings. Mr. Clements had explained that he had been very busy and had not gotten to it yet, but he had scanned it briefly and found it was as we had discussed with him last summer. He told the Town Manager it would be alright to start placing Mooring Floats and Lobster Cars to get ready for the spring season.

7. HARBORMASTER REPORT

The Harbormaster reported that he would like to purchase pressurized decking for the section of Wharf that had been rebuilt by Doug Beal. He asked for permission to buy the Decking now so that it could be stacked and stuck, so it would dry before it was installed next winter. The reason being that when Reed & Reed did the another section of wharf in 2002 they used green lumber and the next year after it dried the screw heads rose up out of the decking and had to be reset.

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Mel Atherton with a second by Spencer Ervin to authorize the purchase of a couple lifts of 3" x 10" x 16' pressure treated decking for the Wharf. Voted to approve 7-0.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Spencer Ervin with a second by Mel Atherton, to adjourn at 5:45. Voted to adjourn 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Billings
Town Manager