

**TOWN OF TREMONT
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 27, 2012 Tremont Harbor Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Crossman at 5:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Harbor Committee member Spenser Ervin stated that he would like a statement added after the Town Attorneys recommendation to go into executive session, which explained that the Counsel for the defendant had no objections to the executive session.

Motion was made by Harbor Committee Member Jon Crossman with a second by Spencer Ervin to approve the minutes of September 6, 2012 as amended. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Mike Ryan) abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2012

The Town Manager presented the Harbor Committee with Harbor/Wharf Revenue and Expense Reports as of August 31, 2012. (copies are attached)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. SEAL COVE FACILITY WELL

Town Manager Billings stated that he had received concerns from users of the Seal Cove Facility that there was no water available to wash either boats or the ramp and floats. The Town Manager and the Harbormaster inspected the site and developed a plan concerning the best place to drill a well and how to get power to the well and the water from the well to the float system.

There is a street light on a utility pole just east of Bubba Butler's Memorial Stone. This is the only place to get power. The well should be placed in the picnic area just inside of the stone wall to protect the well casing from automobiles. Power would need to go underground from the pole to the well water would need to come from the well underground to the east side of the Boat Ramp. This is intended as a seasonal water supply only, for use to wash down boats, the ramp and floats as well as for people using the Picnic Area and the port-a-potty.

The Town Manager explained he had contacted four companies that drill wells. Two had submitted quotes one is coming Monday to view the site and one was an answering machine that had not gotten back to him yet. The lowest estimate so far was \$3,930.00 to drill the well.

The Committee discussed funding the project and the consensus was that the existing Seal Cove Reserve funds could be used but to only go as far as the funds allowed, if more funds were needed perhaps the Seal Cove Picnic Area Committee could ask Town Meeting for an appropriation as a lot of this water will be for the benefit the general public using the Picnic Area.

Motion by Mel Atherton with a second by Wayne Rich to recommend to the Select Board that they authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$5,000.00 from the Seal Cove Facility Reserve to have the well drilled, plumbed and powered. Motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5A. UPDATE ON DEP APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE BERNARD WHARF BY FILLING HEAD OF COVE WITH UPRIGHT GRANITE BLOCKS AND BACKFILLING BEHIND FOR HIGH WATER BOAT LOADING AND OFF LOADING ACCESS

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that he had talked with John Cullen from DEP who had recommended Doctor Brian Beal a Professor at University of Maine Machias as the best person to write the assessment analysis for the NRPA Permit.

The Town Manager recommended that after the business of the meeting was concluded the Committee could adjourn to the Wharf to review and make recommendations as to what the scope of the expansion project should entail. The intent is to come up with a long range plan for future expansion and apply, if possible, for a tiered permit that would allow certain portions or sections to be done at a time rather than the entire project all at once.

5B. UPDATE ON DEP PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BERNARD BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY EXPANSION

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the DEP Permit By Rule had been received by the DEP fourteen days ago today and was now deemed to be approved.

The 30 day notification period that Submerged Lands has been waiting for will expired Sunday. The MDOT is scheduled to announce the recipients of the Small Harbor Improvement Project Grants some time in the first week of October.

The Galvanized Steel Pilings are the first step that needs to be done in the Bernard Boat Launch Facility Expansion Project. The Pilings in 1995 cost \$7,360.00. The Town Manager has spoken to the Company that provided them in 1995 and is waiting from them to call back with prices. Town Manager estimates that the cost of the pilings since 1995 could as much as double considering the cost of steel and diesel fuel, but that funding to purchase the pilings needs to be approved in order to continue with the November 1, 2012 start date.

There was discussion concerning the funding of the Ramp Expansion Project, Board members expressed concerns that because the Ramp is for Recreational Boaters and will receive a lot of use by Recreational Boaters that some of the funding should come from general funding. The Town Manager explained that might be a good idea but that the window for this projects construction was November 1, 2012 to April 15, 2013 and Town Meeting which would have to authorize public funds would not be held until May of 2013.

Motion was made by Harbor Committee member Mel Atherton with a second by Mike Ryan to recommend to the Select Board that they authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase and placement of the pilings, with the funds being split 50/50 between Harbor Management Reserve and the Wharf Reserve. Motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Town Manager stated that he thought the best thing that the Town of Tremont could do to enhance and secure the future use of the Bernard Wharf was to purchase the adjacent property to allow for future expansion. The property is currently for sale and once it is developed either as a trophy house or commercial use the opportunity for the Town will be gone forever.

7. HARBORMASTER REPORT

The Harbormaster stated that the he had completed the arrangements with all but one of the boats that have moorings in the designated channel to relocate and open the channel. The Harbormaster is only waiting for Wid to bring his barge here to complete the moving of those moorings.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME IN LATE AND ARE FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN, UNLESS BOARD REQUESTS IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING. There were no further items or comments to be heard.

9. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Wayne Rich with a second by Art Paine to adjourn to the Wharf at 5:45 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

10. DISCUSSION OF EXPANSION AT WHARF

The Harbor Committee reconvened at the Wharf at 5:55 PM. The expansion of the Wharf was discussed as well as where the abutting property lines were in relation to the Wharf Property.

The consensus of the Committee was to apply for as large a construction project as possible in case the DEP required the project to be downsized the same as the original Truck Turn Around had been downsized.

The Harbor Committee decided to recommend to the Select Board that the option to purchase the abutting property be explored.

The Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Billings, Town Manager