

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MARCH 14, 2013  
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jon Crossman and Vice Chairman Mel Atherton were both absent from the meeting. Town Manager Millard Billings advised the Committee that there were five members present, four members constitute a quorum and this was an important meeting in order to approve the Draft Ordinance Amendments it would be in order for the Committee to appoint an interim Chairman to preside at the meeting.

**Motion** was made by Mike Ryan with second by Art Paine to appoint Spenser Ervin to act as Interim Chairman. Motion was approved by vote 4-0-1, Spenser Ervin abstained from voting.

The March 14, 2013 Harbor Committee Meeting was called to order by Interim Chairman Spenser Ervin at 5:20 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Interim Chairman Spenser Ervin, Members Mike Ryan, Art Paine, Dean Wass, Wayne Rich, Town Manager Millard Billings and Assessor Carl Young. Harbor Committee Members Jon Crossman, Mel Atherton and Harbormaster David Schlaefer were absent from this meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Motion was made by Harbor Committee Member Art Paine with a second by Mike Ryan to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013 as written. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Copies of the Wharf, Harbor, Dredging and Seal Cove Facilities Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ending February 28, 2013 were distributed among the Committee Members and Town Manager Billings gave a brief report on the status of each item. No further action was taken by the Committee. (see attached)

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5A. Status of Harbor Committee Request for Loan**

Town Manager Billings announced that several Harbor Committee Members had attended the last meeting of the Tremont Select Board and the Select Board had agreed to place the Harbor Committees request for a loan on the Warrant for the

Annual Town Meeting and recommend passage, the loan would be for \$200,000.00 for ten years and be repaid through Wharf and Harbor Revenue. No further action was necessary until after Town Meeting.

**5B. Annual Budget**

- 1. Harbor Reserves/Operations**
- 2. Wharf Reserves/Operations**
- 3. Seal Cove Facilities Reserves/Operations**

Drafts of the Warrant Articles for Wharf, Harbor and Seal Cove Facilities Operations funding were submitted by Town Manager Billings for the Committees recommendation for the Warrant. (see attached)

**Motion** was made by Mike Ryan with a second by Dean Wass to approve the articles for the Annual Warrant and recommend passage. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**6A. Bernard Boat Launch Facilities Expansion Project**

The Committee was advised that one float was still under construction and that there was one more to build. The Crew had started work at the ramp as of today removing the debris and digging out to sub base level. The tides were all not draining very much for the rest of this month but the goal was to be done with the ramp construction before April first.

**6B. Status of Closson Property Purchase**

The Closson house has been removed and the Town Attorney is expecting the sale closing next week sometime.

**6C. Possible Harbor Ordinance Amendments**

The Committee reviewed the draft amendments to the Harbor Ordinance and made some minor corrections in the wording.

**Motion** was made by Mike Ryan with a second by Art Paine to approve the Harbor Ordinance Amendments as amended at tonight's meeting. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**6D. Possible Wharf Ordinance Amendments**

The Committee reviewed the draft amendments to the Wharf Ordinance and had no further corrections in the wording. There was discussion concerning an increase to the fees for the commercial lobster buyers using the wharf. The consensus was that these fees needed to be increased but that it was too late to make adjustments for this years Town Meeting more time would be necessary to make a proper recommendation.

**Motion** was made by Mike Ryan with a second by Wayne Rich to approve the Wharf Ordinance Amendments as amended at tonight's meeting. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**Motion** was made by Art Paine with a second by Wayne Rich to schedule the Public Hearing concerning the Harbor Ordinance Amendments and the Wharf Ordinance Amendments for April 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Harvey Kelley Room of the Tremont Town Office. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

There was nothing new to report under this agenda item.

**8. HARBORMASTER REPORT**

There was nothing new to report under this agenda item.

**9. 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.** No action was taken under this agenda item.

**10. ADJOURN**

**Motion** was made by Mike Ryan with a second by Art Paine to adjourn the meeting at 6.24 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted  
Millard Billings  
Town Manager