

TOWN OF TREMONT
JOINT MEETING
SELECTMEN & HARBOR COMMITTEE
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007
5 PM

JOINT MEETING SELECTMEN AND HARBOR COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE BASS HARBOR DREDGE PROJECT.

Chairman Scott Grierson called the joint meeting of the Selectmen and Harbor Committee to order at 6:04 pm.

In attendance were: Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins Chris Eaton Lester Closson, Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer, Harbor Committee members Art Paine, Mel Atherton, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the Public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander and Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to close joint meeting because the Harbor Committee does not have a quorum and Mr. Habel from the Army Corp of Engineers is not here yet, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the regular Selectmen's meeting of Monday, December 3, 2007 to order at 6:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins Chris Eaton Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the Public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander and Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times, Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer, Harbor Committee members Art Paine, and Mel Atherton.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton that when Mark Habel from the Army Corp of Engineers arrives the Selectmen will talk with him immediately, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to accept minutes of November 19, 2007, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson.

MOTION by Chairman Scott Grierson to accept minutes of November 19, 2007 as amended with the word "removed" removed from page one article number 4 section A last word in sentence, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0. Motion passed 3-0-1. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to accept minutes of November 26, 2007 as written, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#67 5,568.80
#68 7,433.50
#69 154,851.69

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to accept warrants 67-69, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. Motion passed 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICE PROTECTION

Sheriff William Clark was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to bad weather but would like to reschedule for the next Selectman's meeting.

B. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF JUNKYARD PERMIT

Town Manager Millard Billings explained to the Selectmen that the junkyard permit is for Christopher Richardson, it is at the rear of his home site on Arnold Road in Bass Harbor. Nobody, including the Mike Blaney

from Acadia National Park, had any problems with it at the Public Hearing on November 19, 2007.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve renewal for a junkyard permit at 14 Arnolds Way road in Bass Harbor for Christopher Richardson, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

C. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE

Nothing new

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Doug Gott & Sons inc., poured the foundation on Monday, November 19, interior grade has been completed and rough exterior grade is complete. Drainage for the dump mound has been disrupted and an outcropping of ledge needs to be removed to allow dump drainage to flow to the rear of lot and not across driveway. Lane construction finished paving the floor on Friday.

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Work is completed on the Seal Cove Ramp and the floats are out for the winter.

Town Manager Millard Billings read aloud a letter from Seal Cove ramp contractor Joe Keeney demanding payment (see attached). Selectman Heath Higgins reported that he was with Town Manager Millard Billings when he made it clear to Mr. Keeney that money for the public works crew and Town equipment would need to come out of his last payment. Selectmen decided no further action was necessary.

4. FLAT IRON ROAD

Shoulder work has been completed by Public Works.

5. PLOWING AND SANDING

Crews have been out since 6:30 am.

6. SEAL COVE FISHWAY

On Monday, November 26 Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with Roland Dupree of NCRS concerning Seal Cove Fishway. His

report is positive but not looking good for this coming year. The Legislature has not approved any WHIP funding for this year. Mr. Dupree met at the site with five people from the State office; they walked from the dam to the ocean. Work needs to be done not just at the new dam but at the old dam and the gorge as well. They found pools of water in the brook with fish in them. Mr. Dupree has received the report back from the State Officials. He needs to have an engineer do a survey, possibly next summer, and then a public hearing could be held.

D. THANK YOU CELEBRATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Selectmen agree to have a thank you celebration for Boards and Committees on Monday, DECEMBER 10, 2007 from 4 pm until 7 pm.

Army Corp of Engineers representative Mark Habel arrived to discuss dredging project. Mr. Habel explained that the Federal Government has been unable to come up with a budget for 07 or 08 therefore we can't get the project cooperation agreement signed. The project can't start until the feasibility study is complete and that can't be done until the PCA is signed. Mr. Habel said that the Town should keep in close contact with Congress and to keep permits up to date. The Town will be responsible for 10 percent when final approval is granted. Town Manager Millard Billings asked if the Town got the implementation done now could the delegation guarantee reimbursement. Mr. Habel said that he couldn't answer that but told the Town to get all of their questions in order and he will forward them on. Selectman Heath Higgins asked how long the project will take after funding is approved. Mr. Habel said 9 months design, 4-6 months for bidding and 3-4 months for construction. Selectmen thanked Mr. Habel for all of his time and efforts on this project and for meeting with them tonight.

E. RESIGNATIONS

Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen that Planning Board/Harbor Committee member Mike Ryan is going South on his boat and will not return until late June. He has submitted his resignation to both the Planning Board and the Harbor Committee.

The Harbor Committee met on October 25 and after discussion voted to indefinitely postpone any action on Mr. Ryan's resignation. They felt he had been an asset to the Committee and because there were no major projects or issues coming before the Committee this winter, they would be able to function until he returned in the Spring.

The Planning Board met on November 27 and voted to recommend that the Select Board waive the attendance provision for cause, (as per

Planning Board Ordinance Section 2 paragraph D see attached) in which case no vacancy shall exist and no action need be taken concerning Mr. Ryan's resignation.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to waive attendance provision for cause for Mike Ryan on the Planning Board and Harbor Committee, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with Ann Rivers by telephone; she refused to meet with just the Select Board. She would like to have a joint meeting with representatives of the Town, the Lyons, Library and Acadia Wildlife. Town Manager Millard Billings has submitted a written request to Ms. Rivers to attend the Selectman's meeting on December 3rd and asked her for a written response. (See attached)

Selectman Heath Higgins reminded everyone that all Selectman's meetings are open to the Public.

B. ACCESS ROAD

Nothing new

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Nothing new

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. A weather watchman has been installed at the wharf house to alert anyone in the parking lot if the temperature drops in the house.
2. Unidentified people in a moving truck were seen moving furniture out of the wharf house on Wednesday.
3. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the Security deposit will off set November's rent at the wharf house that's due but heat and lights are still due. The Harbor Committee is in favor of weekly rentals. Selectman Heath Higgins recommended getting rental management.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the agreement with the Small Animal Clinic, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Selectman Heath Higgins asked if Town Manager Millard Billings would ask the people back to the next meeting that couldn't come because of inclement weather.

10. OTHER

Chairman Scott Grierson asked when the Selectmen would be getting paid. Town Manager Millard Billings said that they would get a check on December 17th.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to appoint Mary Jones to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for a three year term, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 17, 2007

12. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to adjourn Selectman's meeting at 7:07 pm, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Farley
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Kathi Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson