

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 2, 2008 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were George Urbanneck, Steve Carter, Mark Picurro, Mark Good – Islander, Michele Marks – Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustee, Mary James, Elaine Eaton, Art Paine, Kellie Reed-Carter, Norman Hill, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, David Kelley, Cookie Baldwin, Robert Cousins, and Judy Cousins.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested taking 10. Other out of order for the Bass Harbor Memorial Library. The Selectmen agreed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2008

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the minutes of May 19th as written. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 144	\$5,818.75
Warrant 145	257.28
Warrant 146	251.25
Warrant 147	4,050.00
Warrant 148	5,597.88
Warrant 149	5,411.78
Warrant 150	5,000.00
Warrant 151	5,563.05
Warrant 152	7,203.97
Warrant 153	2,719.28

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested waiting to approve Warrant 150; later in the meeting the Selectmen would be discussing the matter.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table Warrant 150 till later in the meeting. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrants 144 through 153, excluding Warrant 150. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mark Picurro introduced Norman Hill. Norman Hill has devised a plan to provide free internet access to all students and teachers with MLT laptop computers. He assured the Selectmen the town would not be under any financial obligations. Mr. Hill plans to raise any necessary money from fundraisers, donations and grants. If a resident wanted wireless internet they would be charged a fee by the provider. Mr. Hill would use the franchise fees the town collected for maintenance. He is requesting the go-ahead from the Selectmen to begin negotiations with ISP's.

MOTION made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to write a letter in support of Norman Hill's efforts [to supply wireless internet to all students in the laptop program]. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to move to Other. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. AGENDA ITEM 10. OTHER

Michele Marks explained to the Selectmen that the Library Trustees would like to renovate the Bass Harbor Memorial Library through donations and grants. To facilitate this the Library asked the Selectmen to agree to the Library applying to be placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Mary Jones explained how being on the National Registry of Historic Places would assist the Library to get grants and donations for the renovations (see attached). The Selectmen voiced their concern that the Library was not on the Agenda; therefore the residents did not have an opportunity to express their opinions. Michele Marks and Mary Jones assured the Selectmen that they were only asking to apply. There would be ample opportunity for public comment if the Library qualifies as a Historic Place. The Selectmen agreed to the Library applying to the National Registry of Historic Places.

8. AGENDA ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGENDA ITEM 6. B. RPC LEGAL FUND DONATION

School Union 98 has requested the Town of Tremont contribute \$5,000.00 to the local RPC for legal expenses incurred in relation to the crafting of the amendment to the school consolidation bill.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to make a \$5,000.00 contribution toward the legal expenses of the RPC Committee (see attached). Motion passed 4 – 1, Chairman Charlie Dillon voted against. The Selectmen requested the money come from "Contingency".

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrant 150 for \$5,000.00. Motion passed 4 – 1, Chairman Charlie Dillon voted against.

B. AGENDA ITEM 6. C. MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED

Attorney Phil Worden has requested the Selectmen sign a Quitclaim Deed for his client (see attached). All tax liens have been paid in full.

MOTION made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to sign the Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Benjamin H Hodgdon and Benjamin H Hodgdon II. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. AGENDA ITEM 6. D. WHARF GARAGE RENTAL

After much discussion the Selectmen agreed to waive rent for January, February, and March 2008 for tenant David Kelley and renew his lease. Mr. Kelley paid \$1,000.00 to the town on June 2, 2008.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to waive the January, February, and March 2008 payments since December has been paid. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to renew the lease [for the Wharf Garage to David Kelley] for another year. Motion passed 5 – 0.

D. AGENDA ITEM 6. E. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen copies of the town's Wastewater Disposal Ordinance and a letter he had written to Robert and Judy Cousins (see attached). The Selectmen heard concerns and answered questions from Robert and Judy Cousins. Chairman Dillon explained they had until the 13th, the letter was a request for them to comply. Mr. Cousins also requested a copy of the previous owner's contract for the pumping of the holding tank. The Selectmen agreed the Cousins needed to supply what ever records they have and enter a contract with a tank pumper. Selectman Grierson asked Mr. Billings to locate any other holding tanks in town and request their records. Mr. Billings explained it would involve searching old records. The Board took no action.

E. AGENDA ITEM 6. F. APPOINTMENTS (see attached)

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Joanne Harris to the Board of Appeals for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Ben Harper to the CIP Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint John Gilpin to the Cemetery Committee for a 5 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint George Urbanneck for a 1 year term to the Internet Exploratory Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

No motion was made to appoint Lisa Jacobs to the Comprehensive Committee.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Art Paine to the Harbor Committee for a 2 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Jon Crossman to the Harbor Committee for a 2 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Ben Harper to the Tremont Housing Authority for a 5 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Doris Reed to the Tremont Housing Authority for a 5 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Scott Grierson to the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee for 3 years. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1; Selectman Scott Grierson abstained.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Alden Gray to the Planning Board for a 5 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Spencer Ervin to the Planning Board for the remainder of Rick Nickerson's term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Jen Shaw to the Rec Board for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Lester Closson to the Rec Board for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1; Selectman Lester Closson abstained.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Linda Graham to the Warrant Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

9. AGENDA ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

1. **NEW TOWN OFFICE:** JMAC, who installed the cable system for Southwest Harbor and Lamoine have not been answering their phones. Town Manager Billings will meet with Ken Peterson of Brookside Technologies, who installed the system for Bar Harbor, tomorrow to look at the facility and make a recommendation. The Selectmen liked the idea of being able to record the meetings. This will enable meetings to be broadcast over local cable channel and the office will be able to make DVD copies of meetings for public and archives.
2. **SALT/SAND BUILDING:** Nothing new to report
3. **SEAL COVE RAMP:** Nothing new to report
4. **FLAT IRON ROAD:** 2 of the 3 pins that the deeds gave distances on to the center of the road have been located. We are still looking for the third. The Selectmen asked Mr. Billings to contact a surveyor.

5. PLOWING AND SANDING: Nothing new to report
6. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with Ronald Dupree, who has agreed to come and look at the fishway on June 10, 2008.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report
2. ACCESS ROAD: Nothing new to report
3. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Presentation has addressed this item.
4. BUCKWALTER SURVEY: The Surveyors have not begun.

10. AGENDA ITEM 8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. ADD has received a draft of the EMR contract (see attached e-mail).
- B. Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen to sign the Administrative Agreement that was approved at Town Meeting.
- C. Frenchboro sent a check as a contribution for the use of the town's floats at Bass Harbor. Mr. Billings sent a Thank You note (see attached).
- D. Mr. Billings showed the Selectmen pictures of the undermined Bass Harbor Ferry Terminal bulkhead that he has contacted the DOT about (available at the town office).
- E. Several students of the Tremont Consolidated School came and planted flowers at the town office.
- F. Towns of Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, and Tremont have received bids for fuel oil (see attached).

11. AGENDA ITEM 9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cap'n Nemo's records should have been turned in by the 13th. Town Manager Millard Billings asked if he has received the documents and was satisfied would they need to be on the agenda. The Selectmen said no.

12. AGENDA ITEM 10. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked why a boat is parked at in the school's parking lot. He also stated that the area behind the bus garage is a mess. Town Manager Millard Billings will investigate.

13. AGENDA ITEM 11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

June 16, 2008 and July 7, 2008

14. AGENDA ITEM 12. TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss contract negotiations with the Town Manager. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 8:55 pm.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson with a second by Chris Eaton to come out of executive session at 9:07 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept the Town Manager's four year employment agreement. Motion passed 5 – 0.

15. AGENDA ITEM 13. ADJOURN

MOTION made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson