

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the July 7, 2008 Regular Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Jerry Hamlin – CES, Mark Good – Islander, Daniel Closson, Mary H Jones, Michele Marks – Bass Harbor Library Trustee, John Buckwalter, and Tom Benson.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectmen Chris Eaton and Charlie Dillon asked to have a typo changed and a sentence clarified.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the June 16th minutes as amended. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Town Attorney Chad Smith arrived at 6:05 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrant 160 – 171, with Warrant 162 void, and Warrants 1 & 2. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. BASS HARBOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1. Library Construction/Remodeling

Michele Marks explained the Trustees plan to renovate the Library by improving the lighting, seating and heating systems, and modifying the shelves to hold larger books and cleaning the wanes coating. The Library is also getting an energy audit to assist the Trustees efforts to make the Library more energy efficient. Ms. Marks assured the Selectmen the Library Trustees plan to do the entire Library renovation through grants and private donations. She asked for help in putting the renovations out to bid.

2. Davis Family Grant Application

Michele Marks was pleased to hear the Town of Tremont has received \$20,000 from the Davis Family (see attached). She also praised Clara Baker's efforts to find and apply for grants for the Library's renovation projects. The Selectman asked to keep a folder at the Town Office for copies of all bills associated with the project.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, accept the Davis Family Grant of \$20,000 with their conditions.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

The Selectmen asked to have the money deposited into the Investment Account to gain the most interest for the Library.

Town Attorney Chad Smith left at 6:35 pm.

B. CES TO REVIEW SURVEYS

1. Survey of Murphy Property

Jerry Hamlin, of CES, surveyed the Murphy property to establish the property line between the town and John Buckwalter (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Town of Tremont's preliminary survey provided by CES for the Murphy property is accurate and is a survey of what we believe to be the town's property line. Motion passed 5 - 0.

The Selectmen asked Jerry Hamlin to set the pins.

2. Survey of Black Property

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the CES preliminary survey of the Black property as an accurate survey. Motion passed 5 - 0.

3. Proposal for Survey of Flat Iron Rd.

CES has proposed surveying the Flat Iron Rd. for \$5,200.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to award the survey proposal to CES and the amount not to exceed \$5,200 and authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the proposal on behalf of the town (see attached proposal). Motion passed 5 - 0.

4. Discussion of Surveying Lots in Rich Cemetery

In front of the Rich Cemetery is a flat area that needs to be surveyed with some depth sounding to see if there is ledge or graves there. The Selectmen asked Jerry Hamlin to provide them with a proposal.

The Selectmen asked Mr. Hamlin to set the pins for the Town line and check to see if the rock in Ship Harbor has moved.

C. REVIEW OF FLOAT SALE REQUEST

Daniel Closson submitted a bid for \$300 for the 3 finger floats the town is selling (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the bid of \$300 for the three finger floats to Daniel Closson.

Motion passed 4 - 0 - 1. Selectman Lester Closson abstained; he is Daniel's father.

Town Manager Millard Billings said he had spoke with the Harbor Master, who said he would put the Daniel Closson floats up near the head of the harbor, in a shallow area that would not be in the mooring field.

D. CORRECTIVE DEED

Request of Mark Perry of Consumer Title for a Municipal Quitclaim deed to correct an error in a prior release deed for George Seavey, which should include the corner lot (see attached correspondence).

Deed from Town of Tremont to George Seavey dated December 16, 1981 and recorded in Book 1424, Page 379 only refers to one parcel of land 2 rods by 3 rods and does not include the second lot, which is the corner of 102 and Richtown (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the corrective Municipal Quitclaim deed for George Seavey provided by Consumer Title. Motion passed 5 - 0.

E. APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to appoint David Schlaefter to the Harbor Committee for a term of 2 years (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to appoint Mark Mosenteen to the Harbor Committee for a term of 1 year (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to appoint Kristal Seavey to the Recreation Board for a term of 3 years (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to appoint Frank Gray to the Cemetery Committee for a term of 5 years (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Connie Howe to the Board of Trustees, Bass Harbor Memorial Library for a term of 3 years (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

F. RESIGNATIONS

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept Dianne Miller's resignation from the Harbor Committee and Seal Cove Ramp Committee (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to accept Lorena Beal's resignation from the Library Committee (see attached). Motion passed 5 - 0.

G. MMA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Maine Municipal Association election ballot for members on the Legislative Policy Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to cast our ballot for Mike MacDonald. Motion passed 5 - 0.

H. HCPC CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION DEBRIS

A memo from the Hancock County Planning Commission concerning construction demolition debris (see attached). The Selectman asked to have it passed on to ADD.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. New Town Office: Nothing new to report
2. Salt/Sand Building: Nothing new to report
3. Seal Cove Ramp: Nothing new to report
4. Flat Iron Rd.: CES has submitted a proposal to survey Flat Iron Rd (see previous).
5. Plowing and Sanding: Nothing new to report
6. Seal Cove Fishway: Town Manager Millard Billings met with Roland Dupree, two Engineers, a Biologist, three agents from US Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife, Jon Cullen of DEP, Mike Blaney of ANP, Fireman Jim Keene, Selectman Scott Grierson, and citizen Frank Reed at the Seal Cove Dam and Fishway on Monday, June 30, from 10 to 12. They looked at the new Dam and Fishway and discussed possible methods of improving this facility with the goal of maintaining as close to a constant water level for Seal Cove Pond as possible, allowing for the safe passage of Alewives through the fishway and creating a facility that needed little maintenance and was tamper proof. All agreed this was a worth while project and should be done easily. They than walked down into the gorge at the old Dam site and looked at concrete that would need to be removed. DEP only needs a permit by rule for their portion of the project.

At the last meeting the Board authorized Town Manager Millard Billings to sign for the WHIP application. There are more applications needed for various permitting agencies. Mr. Billings has responded to one at Penobscot FSA (see attached) saying he would ask the Board to reaffirm that he has authorization to sign for any of the permits or applications needed for the Seal Cove Dam and Fishway repair and/or reconstruction project.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Board gives our Town Manager the authorization to sign any permits or applications needed for the Seal Cove Dam and Fishway reconstruction project. Motion passed 5 - 0.

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: See attached letter of support for Norman Hill exploring free Wireless and a letter from a Tremont citizen.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

- A. The Town has received a reimbursement check from DEP for 90% of well monitoring costs.
- B. Senator Dennis Damon has contacted MDOT concerning the State's Roads in Tremont. Town Manager Millard Billings has received two phone calls from Bangor MDOT Office, but nothing about the Ferry Terminal yet.

- C. The Town has received payment for the fence at Hillrest Cemetery from the driver's insurance.
- D. Four Notices of Violations to various residents (see attached). Three have responded and are moving toward compliance, one has not responded.
- E. Tina Weeks has sent a letter to the Island towns about a car at the Seal Cove Automobile Museum and a Tremont Fire Truck that is stored there at the Museum (see attached).
- F. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen the job description for the Assessor/CEO and asked them to read them over for discussion next meeting (see attached).
- G. Town Manager Millard Billings has received the estimate to equip the meeting room and wharf with cameras and mics (see attached). The Selectmen suggested giving the harbor's equipment estimate to the Harbor Committee for their input.
- H. Last week a Public Works employee and the Harbor Master witnessed someone putting household trash in the dumpster at Seal Cove. Today the Public Works employee was able to get the license plate number of the one responsible. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to write the responsible party a letter.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Next Meeting

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Job Description for the Assessor, review the quarterly reports, and, hopefully the ADD contract with EMR.

11. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked about the Wharf Garage again. He is complaining that the garage and yard are a mess. David Kelley has not come into the town office to sign over his check, pay his rent, or sign his lease. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to write him a letter and invite him to the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked about starting the meetings earlier.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

July 21, 2008

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson