

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The July 21, 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, Lester Closson, Chris Eaton, and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, David Kelley, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Ken Peterson – Brookside Technology.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008. Motion passed 5 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 172	\$95,494.82
Warrant 173	619.81
Warrant 3	5,831.28
Warrant 4	5,790.36
Warrant 5	205,114.96
Warrant 6	1,516.85
Warrant 7	1,246.20

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 172, 173, and 3 – 6. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrant 7. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. Selectman Chris Eaton abstained; his wife had a reimbursement check on Warrant 7.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. WHARF GARAGE LEASE

Town Manager Millard Billings sent David Kelley a letter on July 8, 2008 (see attached). Mr. Kelley has since come into the office and paid \$1,045.00 towards his rent and utilities and signed his lease. David Kelley is in the process of cleaning up his yard. David Kelley asked to have something set around the well

head at the Wharf Garage to protect it from being run into. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to send Public Works down to take care of it. David Kelley was surprised to find out that he is \$2,500.00 behind on rent. The Selectmen asked him to get caught up as soon as he could. Mr. Kelley also asked if something could be done about the oil that is left at the Wharf. Chairman Charlie Dillon offered the phone number for someone that is willing to pay for used oil. David Kelley also asked to have something done with the dumpster at the Wharf.

B. AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT MEETING ROOM

Ken Peterson of Brookside Technology explained the estimate he had sent to Town Manager Millard Billings (see attached). The Selectman asked to have the estimate scaled back to just one camera, with 8 microphones. Ken Peterson will submit a new estimate for the Selectmen's review.

C. JAMES WADMAN LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The Town's auditor, James Wadman, has sent a Letter of Understanding to be signed and returned (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to authorize our town manager to sign the Letter of Understanding from James Wadman. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. ELECTION OF MMA OFFICERS

MMA has sent the Town of Tremont their Annual Election Ballot (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to cast a ballot for all the candidates for the MMA offices and executive committee. Motion passed 5 - 0.

E. APPOINTMENTS

Michael Ryan has volunteered for the Harbor Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Mike Ryan to the Harbor Committee for 2 years. Motion passed 5 - 0.

F. RESIGNATIONS

Jennie Gray has resigned from the Rec Board (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to accept Jennie Gray's resignation from the Rec Board. Motion passed 5 - 0.

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. Plowing & Sanding: Nothing new to report

5. Seal Cove Fishway: The DEP permit by rule has been filed and all agencies have been notified (see attached). NRCS needs a copy of the minutes from the Selectmen's last meeting where the Board gave Town Manager Millard Billings authority to sign all applications and permits for the Fishway. Mr. Billings will drop them off tomorrow.
6. Flat Iron Rd.: CES has started to survey Flat Iron Rd.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. Acquisition of Real Estate: Nothing new to report
2. Access Rd.: Nothing new to report
3. Internet Exploratory Committee: Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Letter has been sent to the person dumping household trash in the Seal Cove Ramp dumpster (see attached).

Chairman Charlie Dillon voiced concern about the dumpster at the Wharf. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked about where the Gott's Island people could put their trash, there used to be a dumpster at the Ferry Terminal that the Island people would use. The Selectmen asked if something could be done about the dumpster at the Wharf. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to investigate the dumpster pick-up.

Chairman Charlie Dillon said the newspaper dumpster by the School Bus Garage is full and the edges are sharp.

Selectman Lester Closson suggested getting another dumpster the weekend of the Blast.

- B. The Backside Blast is scheduled for August 9th at the Wharf. The Tremont Good Citizenship Award will be presented then. The Selectmen agreed with Mr. Billings' secret suggestion for the award recipient.

- C. ADD has agreed with the construction debris proposal from HCPC. ADD has received the new contract from EMR, but it has some new items that need to be reviewed (see attached e-mail).

ADD's By-Laws state the term is 3 years long. Mr. Billings suggested changing Elliott Spiker's appointment to 3 years.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to change Elliott Spiker's appointment to a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

- D. CES sent Town Manager Millard Billings a proposal for the Rich Cemetery (see attached). The Selectmen will act on this at the next meeting. Town Manager Millard Billings voiced concern that CES would be doing more than he felt was necessary. The Selectmen agreed with CES' proposal.

- E. Donald Murphy has not responded to the first Notice of Violation. CEO Millard Billings has sent a second Notice of Violation.

- F. Town Manager Millard Billings has received a letter from a concerned citizen about the clambers in town (see attached). Peter Butler feels it's time for a Clam Ordinance. The Selectmen will discuss this at the next meeting.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Selectmen did not see anything to comment on (copies can be obtained from the Town Office).

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Rich Cemetery, Clam Ordinance – the Selectmen asked to have the Harbor Committee notified.

11. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked who was in charge of checking for expired Wharf Permits. The Harbor Master takes care of that said Chairman Dillon.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if the office would be sending out Excise Tax bills for Documented Boats? The bills were sent out during the winter said the Town Manager.

There is a Camper at the Algerine Coast, the Selectmen asked to have the Sheriff check into it. Mr. Billings agreed to tell the Hancock County Sheriff and put up signs.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

August 4. 2008

13 ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson