

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the regular Selectmen's Meeting to order 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 Jerry Hamlin – CES, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, Austin Ward, Steven Ward, Amber Yeo, Vivian Chambers, and David Chambers.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the minutes of August 4 as written. Motion passed 5 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 15	5,933.54
Warrant 16	1,307.39
Warrant 17	39,206.39
Warrant 18	11,051.23
Warrant 19	1,424.21

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 15 – 19. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CES INC. REPORT ON FLAT IRON ROAD SURVEY

Jerry Hamlin, of CES, Inc., explained he was unable to find any record of the width of Flat Iron Road, but he was able to verify that it was once a State Road and all State Roads are 3 rods wide (Title 23 MRSA § 2103). He gave the Selectmen a copy of his survey (see attached). He also explained that Title 23 MRSA § 2101 states that with lost or doubtful boundaries of highways, the County Commissioners, upon petition of the municipal officers, have the authority to locate and define the limits and boundaries at the expense of the town. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to submit the survey to the County Commissioners and ask them to set the right-of-way boundaries of Flat Iron Road.

B. ACTION ON JUNKYARD PERMIT APPLICATION

Town Manager Millard Billings stated there was a Public Hearing held at the site of the proposed Junkyard (see attached). Of those present, no one spoke against the Junkyard. Several expressed concerns about buffering for the garage, but that was not pertinent to the Junkyard application. One letter was received (see attached). Mr. Ward will be putting up a fence on two sides of the Junkyard, to make the Junkyard not visible from Kelleytown Rd.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the Junkyard permit for Austin Ward. Motion passed 5 - 0.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Linda Robertson has volunteered to be on the Bass Harbor Memorial Library Board of Trustees (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Linda Robertson to the Library Board of Trustees [for a 3 year term]. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. RESIGNATIONS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. New Town Office: Nothing new to report.
2. Flat Iron Road: Jerry Hamlin reported to the Selectmen earlier at the meeting.
3. Seal Cove Fishway: Roland Dupuis, District Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Services, has announced that a WHIP grant has been approved for the Town of Tremont. The Town has been awarded \$22,500.00 for the Fishway project. The construction window is June 15, 2009 through September 15, 2009. Engineers are still working on designs and specifications. Project will be ready to advertise for bidders in early spring. The Town is to contribute 25% of the costs; volunteer work does count towards the Town's contribution.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. Acquisition of Real Estate:
Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (C) acquisition of real property. Motion passed 5 - 0. Selectman Scott Grierson excused himself for the executive session. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:00 pm.
The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:20 pm.
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to pursue the land purchase. Motion passed 5 - 0.
2. Access Road: Nothing new to report.
3. Internet Exploratory Committee: Nothing new to report.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Back Side Blast was a huge success due to the excellent job of the Rec Board and the help of volunteers. They netted \$1,500.00.
- B. Town Manager Millard Billings and Chairman Charlie Dillon attended the dedication of the West Tremont Pacific Hall (see attached). The owner, Mr. Churchman, has expressed interest in donating the building to the town for a Community Center. Town Manager Billings will inquire if he still wants to donate the building and what stipulations or restrictions Mr. Churchman may be considering. Some of the Selectmen questioned if the Town of Tremont really wants or needs the building. They felt they needed further information to help make an informed decision.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

None

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2008 and September 22, 2008

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson