

**PUBLIC HEARING
TREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TREMONT SCHOOL
BOARD
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008
6:00 PM**

A joint Public Hearing to discuss the school administration reorganization plan. Chairman Charlie Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson, and Rob Lebow – Union 98 Superintendent, Mark Good – Islander, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times. Superintendent Rob Lebow explained the reorganization plan and how it would affect Tremont (see attached). There was no comment on the impending School reorganization plan. Chairman Charlie Dillon closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING
TREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SCHOOL REORGANIZATION
PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

The Tremont Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing to hear public comment on General Assistance Maximums and Appendixes. Chairman Charlie Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson, and Rob Lebow – Union 98 Superintendent, Mark Good - Islander and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times. There was no comment. **Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed 5 - 0. Chairman Charlie Dillon closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm.

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 6:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Rob Lebow –Union 98 Superintendent, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Mark Good – Islander.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 36	14,578.60
Warrant 37	6,967.78
Warrant 38	4,770.05
Warrant 39	5,310.26
Warrant 40	142,455.16

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 36 – 40. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL REFERENDUM WARRANT & MDIHS FUNDING FORMULA

1. Warrant for the Special town Meeting on the School Referendum November 4, 2008 needs to be approved and signed (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to call a Special Town Meeting Referendum on November 4, 2008 with the two Warrant Articles that have been provided. Motion passed 5 - 0.

2. HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

The Reorganization Planning Committee chose not to change the funding formula as part of the Alternate Organizational Structure reorganization plan, but would like MDI residents to consider discussion it at an island wide forum to be held shortly after the AOS ratification vote. League of Towns is considering sponsoring a forum on December 4th.

The Town of Mount Desert is not happy with MDI's High School formula (33% enrollment, and 67% valuation) and would like to discuss changing the formula. They pay around \$20,000 per student, which is more then the other towns in the AOS, and they want to discuss changing the formula.

Superintendent Rob Lebow explained that Trenton and Swans Island students pay \$9,000 because the tuition amount is set by the State.
The Selectmen felt they should attend the meeting.

B. ACTION GENERAL ASSISTANCE MAXIMUMS & APPENDIXES

Each year the Department of Human Services sends the Town General Assistance Maximums and Appendixes that need to be adopted by the Town (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, [the Selectmen] approve the General Assistance Maximums and Appendixes as provided to [them] by Maine Municipal Association. Motion passed 5 - 0.

C. AWARD ROAD SAND BID

The Town sent out Bid Proposal Forms for 2,000 cubic yards of ½ inch minus sand, to be delivered in 1,000 cubic yard increments as requested between December 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, mixed with salt, and stockpiled in the salt/sand shed (see attached).

John Goodwin Jr.	\$17,960.00
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Doug Gott and Sons Inc.	\$22,617.00
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Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go with the lowest bidder, John Goodwin Jr., for \$17,960 per 2,000 cubic yards. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. ADD REPORT CONTRACT WITH EMR

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested the Selectmen table this item to give them time to read the contract and a representative of ADD to be present to answer any questions they may have. (Contract draft attached)

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table the contract with EMR until the next meeting. Motion passed 5 - 0.

E. SEARCH FOR ASSESSOR/CEO

New search for an Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer will end November 1st. The Selectmen chose to interview qualified candidates only and to screen the applicants next meeting as well as work up a list of questions. They will also set up the interviews on nights they do not have meetings.

F. DOWNEAST RC&D BIOMASS FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Downeast RC&D will host an informational presentation on the possibilities of the conversion of Community Facilities from oil to biomass heat (see attached) on November 7, 2008 at the University of Maine at Machias Clipper Lounge 9 am to 12 noon.

The Selectmen chose to wait and see what other municipalities did.

G. RESIGNATIONS

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept Stewart Murphy's resignation as Harbor Master. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to appoint David Schlaefer as interim Harbor Master to work with the Town Manager and staff. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen suggested Vice Chairman Mel Atherton could act as Chairman of the Harbor Committee.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, the Selectmen request the Harbor Committee begin its search for a new Harbor Master. Motion passed 5 - 0.

H. APPOINTMENTS

Michele Marks, Chairman of the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees, has recommended appointing Chris Richardson to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Chris Richardson to the Library's Board of Trustees for the remainder of Linda Lord's term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE: nothing new to report
2. FLAT IRON ROAD: nothing new to report
Selectman Scott Grierson asked about the County Commissioners hearing for the Flat Iron Rd. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to find out when the hearing would happen. Selectman Scott Grierson asked if aerial pictures would be helpful in ascertaining where the Flat Iron Rd. was.
3. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: nothing new to report

B. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: nothing new to report
2. ACCESS ROAD: nothing new to report
3. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Letter requesting copies of septic pumping data was mailed to Cap'n Nemos per Board's request (see attached). They have submitted a receipt for one pumping of 1700 gallons on October 3rd. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Town Manager Millard Billings to request records from the other holding tank owners in town. Selectman Chris Eaton pointed out that all the wells in the area were just tested by the State because of the Land Fill and they all were found to be just fine.
- B. Letter to MDOT requesting speed limit sign be reposted (see attached). Chairman Charlie Dillon received a call from a resident requesting the speed limit sign be replaced in Seal Cove near the Baptist Church. Town Manager Millard Billings will send another letter.

C. MRC Board of Directors Election – Candidate Nomination Form. This is a nine member Board; the term of three seats expires December 31, 2008. Member Towns may nominate an individual for consideration of placement on the slate of candidates (see attached).

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Go over the Applicants and interview questions for CEO/Assessor. Find out what the Harbor Committee thinks about the Harbor Master position. EMR and ADD will be here for the next meeting about the new contract. Quarterly Reports. The Auditors will be here November 3rd.

10. OTHER

None

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

November 3rd

There will be Police Coverage on Halloween.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson