

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Selectmen's Meeting on November 3, 2008 was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon 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 Mark Good – Islander, Leita Zeugner – BHBT, Colleen Maynard – BHBT, Greg Dalton – BHBT, John Buckwalter, Tony Smith – ADD, Elliott Spiker – ADD, Robin Bennett – SWH Town Manager, and Robert Cousins.

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 September 29th.

Selectman Scott Grierson asked to have "property has been stolen" changed to "property have been stolen".

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the minutes of September 29th as corrected. Motion passed 5 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 41	\$5,060.44
Warrant 42	1,424.21
Warrant 43	1,920.00
Warrant 44	75.00
Warrant 45	5,270.37
Warrant 46	4,972.00

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 41 – 46. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADD COMMENTS/CONCERNS DRAFT EMR CONTRACT

Tony Smith, Chairman of ADD, explained that ADD believes that the contract that they have worked to negotiate is good except for the pricing (section 10) (see

attached). Mr. Smith explained that the towns of Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, and The Cranberry Islands have all approved the contract except section 10, and Trenton is leaning towards the same. ADD has been negotiating since 2007 with EMR on this contract. Selectman Scott Grierson expressed his desire to recycle. Elliott Spiker suggested the Selectmen ask Lee Wooster to supply two contracts, one with recycling and one without recycling. Robin Bennett explained that under the new contract the town would be charged \$10 less per ton for recycled items because they would not go to PERC. Selectman Kathi Thurston agreed with the two options. She feels this would be a good time to take a few years to plan a recycling program. Tony Smith said that he believes this is the time to investigate an Island wide transfer station. ADD would need 3 to 5 years to work it all out.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the Solid Waste Contract provided to us by EMR except for section 10 regarding pricing, and for ADD to continue negotiating. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. REPORT FROM BAR HARBOR BANKING & TRUST

Greg Dalton assured the Selectmen that Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is secure and having a very good year (see attached Press Releases). Leita Zeugner assured the Selectmen the Bank is sound and the Town's money is safe. Selectman Scott Grierson asked for verification that the Town's investment money was not in any danger. Leita Zeugner assured the Selectmen that the Town's money was deposited at the Bank and receiving interest. The Town has not lost any money during this economic down turn. The Selectmen thanked the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust representatives for coming.

C. FLAT IRON ROAD REPORT

Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen to table this until the Town's Attorneys arrived.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to table this issue until the Town's Attorney arrives. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. REQUEST OF JOHN BUCKWALTER TO DISCUSS TOWN PARKING LOT AND BOUNDARIES OF SAME

John Buckwalter withdrew his request.

Town Attorneys Chad Smith and Jim Collier arrived at 6:45 pm.

E. AGENDA ITEM 6. C. FLAT IRON ROAD REPORT

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C)&(E) consultation with legal counsel. Motion passed 4 - 1. Selectman Scott Grierson was opposed. The Selectmen went into executive session at 6:50 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session at 7:25. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectman came out of executive session at 7:25 pm.

Motions made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the survey as done of the Flat Iron Rd and have it recorded. Motion passed 4 – 1. Selectman Scott Grierson was opposed.

F. AGENDA ITEM 6 . E. DISCUSS BOARD POLICY

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen copies of their policy as well as Bar Harbor's and Bridgton's (see attached). A Selectman requested this be on the agenda because what would be discussed in executive session was disclosed to the press. The Selectmen chose not to update their policy, but they would refrain from discussing future executive sessions before they happen.

Robert Cousins complained that a Selectperson has stated in an open meeting the name of a business in town and that the business was not adhering to the laws of Tremont. The Chairman explained that there were not allegations made at a meeting by a Selectman.

G. AGENDA ITEM 6. F. DEVELOP QUESTIONS FOR EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table "Develop Questions for Employee Interviews" to after "Executive Session to Review Applications Assessor/CEO", Item 12. Motion passed 5 - 0.

H. AGENDA ITEM 6. G. RESIGNATIONS
None

I. AGENDA ITEM 6. H. APPOINTMENTS
None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE: Nothing new to report
2. FLAT IRON ROAD: See Agenda Item 6. E.
3. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Town Manager Millard Billings to check on the progress.

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: Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Assessor Gary Geaghan's last day was Tuesday, October 28. He asked if the Town needed his services extended until a new assessor was hired. Town Manager Millard Billings felt that it was not necessary as there was not anything pending that could not wait until a new assessor was appointed.

B. Letter to MDOT requesting speed limit sign be reposted at Seal Cove was mailed.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have Back Beach charges moved from Wharf to Harbor and the Wharf Liability Insurance from Harbor to Wharf.

10. AGENDA ITEM 13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

November 10, 2008 Special and November 17, 2008 Regular

11. AGENDA ITEM 10. SUGGESTION/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

12. AGENDA ITEM 11. OTHER

The Library asked to have some estimates acted upon (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the Library's request to buy carpeting from Saliba's Carpet for \$5,500 which includes installation. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to let the Library spend \$2,922.08 for the Jotul gas stove with installation included in that price after checking with the Insurance Company. Motion passed 5 - 0.

13. AGENDA ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS
ASSESSOR/CEO

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.

Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 8:46 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session at 9:45 pm. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 9:45 pm.

Interviews will begin Monday, November 10, 2008.

14. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings has been approached by a resident who requested a street light in front of the Library. The Selectmen suggested he speak to the Library's Board about putting in a light for the kids who are on the internet.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson