

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008  
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 24, 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, Mel Atherton, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Robert Cousins.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2008

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the minutes of October 20, 2008. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Selectman Scott Grierson asked to have "excusive" changed to "executive".

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008 as amended. Motion passed 5 - 0.

C. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2008. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2008

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the minutes of November 11, 2008. Motion passed 5 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 47	\$5,635.53
Warrant 48	100,683.66
Warrant 49	5,334.92
Warrant 50	5,275.18

Warrant 51	900.86
Warrant 52	199,514.00
Warrant 53	41,612.49
Warrant 54	1,424.21
Warrant 55	5,862.75
Warrant 56	3,962.72

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to act on Warrant 48 separately.  
 Selectman Scott Grierson asked if the trash at the office could be picked up less frequently. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to investigate.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrants 47, 49 – 56. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrant 48.

Selectman Kathi Thurston stated she did not agree with paying Roy, Beardsley, Williams & Grainger check # 11026 for \$1,258.50. She felt Mr. Beardsley should not have been hired to investigate Ram Island. Mel Atherton spoke up to say he did not agree with the hiring of Mr. Beardsley, that it was an Appeals Board issue. Town Manager Millard Billings explained that the town was acting as directed by the Town Attorneys and the issue was not an Appeals Board issue. Motion passed 4 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston voted against.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ASSESSOR/CEO SEARCH

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint candidate number three, Carl Young, to the Assessor/CEO position conditional on his availability to work begin January 5, 2009. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. RESIGNATION

None

C. APPOINTMENTS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE: Nothing new to report
2. AGENDA ITEM 7. A. 3. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Roland Dupuis informed Town Manager Millard Billings that the plans for the fishway will not be completed until mid-March. He and Mr. Billings will be in touch monthly.

3. AGENDA ITEM 7. A. 2. FLAT IRON ROAD: The survey of Flat Iron Rd. has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Robert Cousins is not happy that the survey has been recorded. His opinion is that the Selectmen violated his rights and circumvented due process. He said that they can not take his property without a Public Hearing and compensating him. Town Manager Millard Billings explained that every step the Selectmen took was recommended by the Town's Attorney. Chairman Charlie Dillon suggested Robert Cousin submit something to the Selectmen in time for the next meeting so the residents on Flat Iron Rd. and the Town's Attorney could be present for any discussion.

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: Red Zone has reported that they have a federal grant to provide service to areas that are currently without internet access. This would mean about \$100,000.00 to Tremont. Time Warner got a court injunction to stop Red Zone from proceeding. Red Zone was going to submit something in writing to ask for local support but have not received anything yet. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Town Manager Millard Billings to get an update from the Internet Exploratory Committee.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. MDOT speed limit sign was found in the ditch at Seal Cove. The Selectmen agreed the sign should be on the other side of the road from the church in Seal Cove.
- B. The 25 mph sign on 102A was replaced by Tremont Public Works using an old town sign because MDOT had not replaced the missing sign six weeks after the letter asking to have it replaced was sent.
- C. MDI League of Towns is sponsoring an island wide meeting at the MDI High School in the Demas-Higgins Theater at 7:00 pm on December 4, 2008 to discuss the High School funding formula. All Selectmen and concerned citizens are invited to attend. The goal is to determine if the participating towns support the current funding formula or do the residents favor a change in the formula.
- D. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen copies of the draft lien letter and the list of recipients (see attached). The Selectmen okayed their mailing.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. AGENDA ITEM 11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2008

11. AGENDA ITEM 9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Selectman Scott Grierson asked if their semi-yearly checks would be done in December. Town Manager Millard Billings assured him they would be ready by the last Selectmen's Meeting in December.

12. AGENDA ITEM 10. OTHER

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked Town Manager Millard Billings why the Ram Island file was copied, attested to by the Town Clerk and filed in the town vault. Town Manager Millard Billings explained the file was copied to insure there was a back up of the file.

13. AGENDA ITEM 12. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson  
Recording Secretary

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Charlie Dillon

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Scott Grierson

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Katharine Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson