

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY DECEMBER 22, 2008
6:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The December 22, 2008 Tremont Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Charlie Dillon.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Lester Closson, Chris Eaton, Scott Grierson, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary McKenzie Jewett. Members of the public included Laurie Schreiber-Bar Harbor Times, Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander and Art Paine-Bass Harbor Memorial Library. Absent Selectmen Kathi Thurston.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 8, 2008 Selectmen's meeting minutes were presented to the Board. Chairman Dillon stated that the minutes presented did not accurately reflect the motion at the previous meeting.

MOTION by Selectmen Scott Grierson that the minutes be amended as follows Selectman Kathi Thurston appeared to vote against, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. 3 in favor, Selectmen Chris Eaton opposed. Motion passed as amended.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#62 \$ 5,840.36

#63 \$ 6,293.30

#64 \$ 10,804.37

#65 \$ 1,400.00

#66 \$ 174,148.95

#67 \$ 1,424.21

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve warrants 62-67 as read, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. LIBRARY REQUESTS

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 6:30PM.

Art Paine was present to discuss letter presented to the board by Michelle Marks.

See attached. Selectman Scott Grierson and Kathi Thurston expressed concern with the process the Library Board has taken. Both Selectmen stated that services should be bid out, by advertising the projects it gives all interested parties a fair chance to bid on projects. Other board members stated that they approved of the prices presented, and the Board of Trustees had done the proper research. Town Manager Billings reminded the Selectmen that the bidding process is at their discretion, they don't have to bid projects under \$10, 000.00.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve library renovations as presented in letter, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. Selectmen Scott Grierson and Kathi Thurston voting no. Motion passed 3-2.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Town Manager Billings reported that CES has been contacted and will forward a draft survey plan for approval showing 2-rod right of way for Flat Iron Road. When approved a Mylar will be submitted for filing at the Registry of Deeds.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

Nothing new to report.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Billings has received a letter from Mount Desert Board of Selectmen requesting the Tremont Board of Selectmen support or not support a petition that supports amending the Private and Special Act of 1963, Chapter 176, "To create a Mount Desert Island Regional School District.". The Selectmen asked to invite Rob Liebow and the Tremont School Board Members to a meeting to discuss this petition.

Town Manager Billings reported that he received a complaint from Jay Corbin concerning a metal culvert that has begun to deteriorate on his property. The bottom has begun to rot and the earth is caving in. Town Manager Billings explained that he had contacted DOT and spoke with John Craig. Mr. Craig agreed that this is a DOT issue but because of funding issues he didn't feel that this was a huge priority. Town Manager Billings will keep in contact with Mr. Craig.

Town Manger Billings has contacted Brad Reed-Fire Chief, Keith Higgins-Emergency Management Director and Jim Keene and asked each of them to read over the Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Keene and Town Manager Billings have met and reviewed the plan. Selectmen Dillon stated that he would like to look into purchasing cots and blankets in case of an emergency.

Jim Keene informed Town Manager Billings that the Fire Department will be receiving a grant. In order to receive the money the Fire Department needs a Federal ID number. Mr. Keene has asked if the Fire Department can use the Town's Federal ID, have the funds deposited to the Town and then have the Town distribute the funds to the Fire Department. Town Manager Billings will contact the Town auditors and

see if this is an issue. The Selectmen asked Town Manger Billings to invite Jim Keene to a meeting to further discuss this issue.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

Selectmen Chris Eaton asked about purchasing a generator for the garage. Town Manager Billings will contact an Electrician to see if the generator that powers the office would power the garage, he will also get prices on generators and welders.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Proposed January 5 & 19

12. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to adjourn the December 22, 2008 Tremont Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:10PM, seconded by Selectman Charlie Dillon. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
McKenzie Jewett
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Kathi Thurston

Lester Closson

Chris Eaton

