

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:00 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 Mark Good – Islander, Mark Mosenteen – Harbor Committee, Mike Ryan – Harbor Committee, David Schlaefer – Interim Harbor Master, Mel Atherton – Harbor Committee, Art Paine – Harbor Committee, George Urbanneck, Spencer Ervin – Harbor Committee, Dennis Nault – DMR, Glendon Stanley and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2009

Selectman Kathi Thurston brought up that the minutes say that the money for the generator would be taken from the Equipment Reserve Account, but that would require a formal vote. The Selectmen agreed to do that during the Warrants.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the January 19th minutes as written. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2009

This meeting was postponed to February 6, 2009 at 11:00 am.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 77	1,461.21
Warrant 78	33,038.75
Warrant 79	7,931.75
Warrant 80	7,713.94
Warrant 81	100,362.30
Warrant 82	10,855.75
Warrant 83	892.30

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrants 77 – 80, 82 and 83. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that we purchase the generator from the Equipment Reserve Account. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrant 81. Motion passed 5 - 0. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF SHELLFISH ORDINANCE WITH DMR & HARBOR COMMITTEE

The DMR representative for Hancock County Dennis Nault explained to the Selectmen that as long as the Town doesn't have a Shellfish Ordinance DMR would enforce the States Laws. But, if the Town did approve a Shellfish Ordinance the DMR would not enforce the Town's Ordinance, the Town would have to enforce its own Ordinance. DMR is currently working with the other Island Towns to create a joint Shellfish Ordinance in which all the Towns would pay money into a collective pot and share a Shellfish Warden and possible staff. The Harbor Committee was present to hear what Mr. Nault had to say. The Harbor Committee and the Selectmen were inclined not to create a Shellfish Ordinance.

B. HARBOR COMMITTEE CONCERNING HARBOR MASTER JOB DESCRIPTION

The Selectmen approved of the changes the Harbor Committee made to the Harbor Master job description (see attached). Selectman Kathi Thurston expressed concern that the job of managing the harbor is more than one person can do and suggested a part-time person. The Harbor Committee agreed to keep that in mind. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked the Harbor Committee if fees would be raised. Harbor Master David Schlaefer replied that there were no plans to increase harbor fees, but to be frugal and keep expenses within the current revenues.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve the Harbor Master's job description dated January 22, 2009. Motion passed 5 - 0.

C. REPORT FROM MEETING WITH DEP CONCERNING LANDFILL WATER QUALITY TESTING

This meeting was rescheduled by the DEP to February 6, 2009 at 11:00 am.

D. RESPONSE FROM MMA CONCERNING EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the last Selectmen's Meeting a resident requested going into executive session to discuss their liened property. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to investigate if that was a legal reason for an executive session. MMA came back with the ruling that that was not a legal reason for executive session (see attached e-mail). Some members of the Select Board were under the impression that only the taxes up to the 2007 property taxes had to be paid (see attached e-mail). After much discussion the Board chose to set the date for the

Foreclosure Sale at the February 23rd meeting. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to check with MMA to see if the Warrant Article concerning foreclosure could be changed to give the Selectmen more control.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE: Nothing new to report
2. FLAT IRON RD: Signature block is complete on draft copies of survey and the Selectmen signed the Mylar.
3. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Nothing new to report

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Town Manager Millard Billings sent a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee requesting funding for the Bass Harbor Dredge Project (see attached).
- B. Snow Plow Drivers that drive the trucks that require a Class C license must be drug tested. The office is investigating the available options.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. AGENDA ITEM 9. B. THIRD PARTY REQUESTS

The total dollar amount of the Third Party Requests has increased by \$3,211 (Third Party Requests are available at the Town Office).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to forward the Third Party Requests to the Warrant Committee for their review. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. AGENDA ITEM 9. A. BOILER PLATE ARTICLES

The Selectmen would like to hear back from MMA about the foreclosure article before they take action on the "Boiler Plate" Articles.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table the "Boiler Plate" Warrant Articles until the next meeting. Motion passed 5 - 0.

10. AGENDA ITEM 11. OTHER

Selectman Scott Grierson noticed the ball rack in the gym needs to be fixed. He was told that the rack was broken during School hours. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to inspect the Community Center once a month.

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

None

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

February 23 at 5:00 pm

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson