

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 2, 2009 Regular 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, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Lee Closson, Mark Good – Islander, Nancy Thurlow – Union 98, Rob Liebow – Union 98 Superintendent, Amy Murphy – Tremont School Committee, Dianne Waters – Principal Tremont Consolidated School, David Schlaefer, Stewart Murphy, Mel Atherton, Susie Higgins – Warrant Committee, David Campbell – Warrant Committee, Marybeth Judy – Warrant Committee, Greg Dow – Warrant Committee and Frank Gray – Warrant Committee.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

N/A

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None available

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 91           \$ 5,160.36

Warrant 92           72,370.09

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 91 and 92. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. HARBOR COMMITTEE'S HARBOR MASTER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPOINT HARBOR MASTER

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 405 subsection 6 paragraph a, to discuss the appointment of a new Harbor Master. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 5:10 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session at 5:35. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to appoint David Schlaefer as Harbor Master. Motion passed 3 - 0

– 2. Selectmen Lester Closson and Kathi Thurston abstained; Selectman Lester Closson is Lee Closson's brother and Selectman Kathi Thurston's son works for David Schlaefer.

2. ESTABLISH SALARY FOR HARBOR MASTER

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to establish the salary of the Harbor Master as it was for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

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

Mr. Buckwalter has applied for a building permit to construct a one story shed on the side of his garage. Mr. Buckwalter started digging the foundation hole after he filed the building permit application but before a building permit was issued. It appears that the property line crosses the newly dug foundation hole. Mr. Buckwalter was issued a stop work order until proper set back requirements could be met.

Tom Benson has done boundary line research on both properties and recommends a boundary line agreement to settle the issue of where the property line is located. The proposed boundary line agreement would give Mr. Buckwalter the required setback necessary for him to continue his construction project. Without a boundary line agreement the existing garage apartment may not meet the required property line setback requirement.

If the Board would like to proceed with a Property line agreement final approval would be required at Town Meeting. Prior to Town Meeting, deeds would need to be drafted and reviewed by the Town's Attorney.

Mr. Buckwalter did not have an agreement available for the Selectmen to discuss. Chairman Charlie Dillon suggested Mr. Buckwalter develop a proposal and bring it to the Select Board for their discussion.

C. JOINT MEETING WARRANT COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT LIEBOW WITH SELECT BOARD

Union 98 Superintendent Rob Liebow explained the School's budget and the expected reduction (see attached). He and the Selectmen discussed the Town's Fuel Oil agreement. The School has a chance to lock into a cheaper fuel oil price and he was concerned that the Tremont School could not join in the savings. Mr. Liebow also invited the Town to join in.

Chairman Charlie Dillon noticed that there was no budget amount for plowing and he felt that the School should be responsible for plowing or paying for the plowing of their lot. Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested leaving the plowing as it is because of the Community Building. Selectman Scott Grierson said he felt to make the respective budgets correct the School should be paying for their own plowing, including the play ground. Superintendent Liebow felt that if the School were to plow its own lots the cost would be more expensive. Frank Gray spoke up and said that he felt the Town was subsidizing the School and the School Budget should reflect the entire cost of running the School. Stewart Murphy pointed out that the Fire Department, Library, and Post Office do not pay for the

plowing of their lots. Mel Atherton asked if the number of Snowplow Drivers would be decreased. Amy Murphy brought up the expense of the Community Building and the fact that the School funds that building completely. In the end the Selectmen chose to leave the plowing as it is. There are 130 students in the Tremont School and 37 employees. On March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 the second forum will be held to discuss Southwest Harbor/Tremont School consolidation. On June 9<sup>th</sup> is the School Budget Referendum. Superintendent Rob Liebow promised there will be at least one more adjustment to the School Budget.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE: Nothing new to report
2. FLAT IRON RD: Nothing new to report
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

Town Manager Millard Billings went to a meeting about the stimulus money that will be available to the State. DOT will be getting funds and they are going down their list funding projects.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. BOARDS & COMMITTEES REQUESTS

See attached requests

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to authorize the Comprehensive Plan Committee carry forward any unexpended balances. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to carry forward the unexpended balances of the Tremont Solid Waste Committee. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to forward the request of the Tremont Solid Waste Committee to the Warrant Committee for review. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Selectman Scott Grierson withdrew his motion and Selectman Kathi Thurston withdrew her second.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to recommend \$2,500 on the Warrant for Tremont Solid Waste Committee. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to put \$12,000 on the Warrant for the Cemetery request. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table the Cemetery [carry over] request until the next meeting. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put \$400 on the Warrant for Memorial Day Flags. Motion passed 5 - 0.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

John Buckwalter line agreement  
Budget

11. OTHER

All the Selectmen agreed the Town needs to explore joining the School's fuel option. Town Manager Millard Billings to check the Webber contract and if the School meant next year or now.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 16 & 30

13. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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