

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 16, 2009 Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Charlie Dillon.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Kath Thurston, Lester Closson. Recording Secretary McKenzie Jewett, Town Manager Millard Billings. Members of the public included Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander, Laurie Schreiber-Bar Harbor Times, Sandra and Norman Closson, Deputy Turcotte-Hancock County Sheriff Department and John Buckwalter.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of February 23, 2009**

**B. Minutes of March 2, 2009**

No minutes presented

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Warrant #93-98.

# 93 \$7,401.49

# 94 \$ 8,594.06

# 95 \$ 19,793.31

# 96 \$ 27,628.32

# 97 \$ 8,749.68

# 98 \$ 6,741.06

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve warrants #93 and #95-98 as presented, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. All in favor 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve warrant #94 in the amount \$ 8,594.06 as presented, seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0, Selectmen Chris Eaton abstained. Selectmen Chris Eaton was included in warrant #94.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. BOARD POLICIES**

Town Manager Billings presented the Board with a copy of General Policies of the Board of Selectmen. Town Manager reminded Selectmen that any personnel issues regarding Town employees should be directed to him.

### **B. REQUEST TO DISCUSS BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Buckwalter was present to discuss boundary line agreement with the Town. Mr. Buckwalter presented his survey and Selectmen reviewed the Town's survey. Mr. Buckwalter was instructed to come back to a meeting when he had a proposal for a line agreement that was fair to both parties. The Selectmen would review his proposed plan at that time.

### **C. SET DATE FOR AUCTION OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

Town Manager Billings updated the status of foreclosed properties with the Board. All but one property owner has made payments arrangements with the town. One property owner has disregarded all notices sent, certified and regular mail. Town Manger Billings was confident that notices have been going to the correct address. At the request of several Board members for the name of the delinquent taxpayer as public information, Town Manger Billings informed the Board the property belonged to Lorrieanne and Eddie Murphy.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to set the date of auction for the Murphy property as June 10, 2009, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed.5-0.

### **D. APPOINTMENTS**

Dean Wass and Chris Goodwin have submitted applications for Harbor Committee. One position is available due to David Schlaefer accepting the Harbor Master position. **MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to appoint Dean Wass to the Harbor Committee, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

1. Town Office-Nothing new to report  
Board Members asked that the new Town Office be removed from the list of on-going projects
2. Flat Iron Road-Nothing new to report
3. Seal Cove fish way- Roland Dupris stated that the fish way design would be complete at the beginning of April.

### **B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS**

1. Acquisition of Real Estate-nothing new to report.

2. Internet Exploratory Committee-Town Manager Billings submitted a newspaper article explaining that Red Zone received \$ 346,000.00 to expand wireless to un-serviced areas. Town Manger Billings informed the Board that Committee member Mark Picurro would be riding with a Red Zone representative to view the un-serviced areas in Tremont.

## **8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

Town Manager Billing and Harbor Master Schalefer will be in Augusta on March 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with the ACOE, DMR DEP and representatives from Bucks Harbor, and Narraguagus to discuss Maine Stimulus Projects.

## **9. ANNUAL BUDGET**

### **A. BOARDS & COMMITTEES REQUESTS**

#### **Cemeteries**

Town Manager Billings asked the Selectmen to reconsider the previous request from the Cemetery Committee. After meeting with Cemetery Chairman it was requested that no new funds be appropriated and only last year's balance be carried forward.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to carry forward Cemetery balances as requested, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Dispatch**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Grierson to approve request of \$8000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Recreation Board**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to carry forward all unexpended balances for the Recreation Board, seconded by Selectmen Lester Closson. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **ADD**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Kathi Thurston to approve ADD request of \$1,370.00 for Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

### **B. MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS**

#### **Abatement/Town Line**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Grierson to approve request of \$1000.00 and to lapse remaining \$744.29 to surplus, seconded by Selectmen Thurston. No vote.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Grierson to withdraw motion, seconded by Selectmen Thurston. No vote.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Grierson to carry forward \$1,000.00 as requested, seconded by Selectmen Eaton. Motion passed 5-0

#### **Abatement**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Kathi Thurston to include the request of \$ 25, 000.00 for abatements for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Insurances**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Grierson to approve Insurance request of \$ 20,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Contingency**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to approve Contingency request of \$ 12,500.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

**General Assistance**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve General Assistance request of \$6, 000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Seal Cove Fish wish way**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Seal Cove fish way request of \$1,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to carry forward any unexpended balance, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Solid Waste**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Solid Waste request of \$178,900.00 for Town Meeting Warrant seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Law Enforcement**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to approve Law Enforcement request of \$ 86,580.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Works Municipal Building**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve PW Municipal Request of \$10,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Works Winter Roads**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve PW Winter Roads request of \$134,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Works Summer Roads**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve PW Summer Road request of \$150,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Town Equipment**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Town Equipment request of \$14,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Street Lights**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to approve Street Lights request of \$ 12,800.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Office Operations**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Office Operations request of

\$ 60,900.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton.  
Motion passed 5-0.

**Municipal Building**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Municipal Building request of \$18,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Debt Service**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve Debt Service request of \$ 169,228.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reserves**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to approve Reserve request of \$ 20,000.00 for Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

**10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**11. OTHER**

Selectmen Lester Closson wanted to know about ice build up in front of truck entrance. It was noted that this was a State Road, but Town Manger Billings would have Public Works look into steaming the culvert.

Selectmen Kathi Thurston inquired as to why the audit still had not been completed.

Town Manager Billings signed a new contract with No Frills Oil for \$ 1.89 per gallon for heating oil as discussed at last meeting.

**12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: March 30 & April 6**

**13. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Chris Eaton to adjourn March 16, 2009 Tremont Board of Selectmen's meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

McKenzie Jewett  
Recording Secretary

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Charlie Dillon

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Chris Eaton

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Kathi Thurston

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Lester Closson

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Scott Grierson