

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY MARCH 30, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the Selectman meeting of Monday, March 30, 2009 to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectman Kathi Thurston, Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander and Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

None

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

None

**C. Minutes of March 16, 2009**

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve minutes of March 16, 2009, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton.

Selectman Kathi Thurston pointed out that the motion on 6C should include "for the Murphy property", the word "has" should be removed in 6D and on page 3, 9B the Selectmen did not vote on first and second motions.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve minutes of March 16, 2009 as amended, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

#99	\$6,930.51
#100	5,927.85
#101	1,461.21
#102	6,722.86
#103	92,069.05

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve warrants, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DOG WARRANT**

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to authorize the Animal Control Officer to enforce Municipal dog warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**B. AUDIT FOR JUNE 30, 2008**

No action taken at this time.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

1. FLAT IRON ROAD

Nothing new to report.

2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that he had talked with Roland Dupris who thought the issue with endangered species concerning salmon could be worked out. The first draft of the design should be ready mid month.

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

### **1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE**

Nothing new to report.

### **2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE**

Committee met with Redzone today and have requested to be on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.

## **8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, he met with the Harbormaster, Mark Habel, Todd Randall, Jack Karalius and Mike Tuttle from the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE), Danielle Obrey of DEP, and Brian Swan of DMR to discuss the Maine stimulus projects (Bass Harbor, Bucks Harbor and Narraguagus). ACOE could not discuss the stimulus monies but advised DEP that an ACOE permit had lapsed and needed to be reissued before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen that we don't know anything yet but everything looks positive.

Town Manager Millard Billings, Harbormaster David Schlaefer and CEO Carl Young are going to Augusta to meet with Jessica Damon of DEP and ACOE representatives to discuss piggyback project.

## **9. ANNUAL BUDGET**

### **A. MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS**

#### **1. RESERVES REQUEST**

Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Select Board to reconsider action taken at the last meeting concerning reserves. (See attached)

**MOTION** by Selectman Chris Eaton to reconsider action taken on 3/23/09 concerning reserves, seconded by Selectman Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$15,000.00 for Municipal appropriations reserve, \$5000.00 community building, \$5000.00 Town truck, \$5000.00 Town equipment, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

2. ADMINISTRATION

**MOTION** by Chairman Charlie Dillon to give Town employees a 2 ½ % raise, Harbormaster and CEO to receive 1 ¼ % and Bookkeeper to receive an extra .25 cents per hour, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**B. SCHOOL BUDGET**

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to table action on the School budget until next meeting, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

**C. APPROPRIATIONS FIRST DRAFT**

Selectmen would like the Town's mil rate to stay at 7.9% and see surplus reduced. Town Manager Millard Billings will finalize appropriations for next meeting.

**D. WARRANT FIRST DRAFT**

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$100.00 from taxation for Red Cross, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$100.00 from taxation for Eastern area on aging, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$3000.00 from taxation for Island Explorer, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$1500.00 from taxation for Bar Harbor Food Pantry, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$250.00 from taxation for Hospice of Hancock County, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$1600.00 from taxation for Downeast Horizons, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$297.00 from taxation for Downeast Transportation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$1250.00 from taxation for Island Connections, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$900.00 from taxation for Downeast Health Services, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$1011.00 from taxation for Washington Hancock Community Agency, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$6000.00 from taxation for General Assistance, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend \$12,500.00 from taxation for Contingency, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend passage to apply all Harbor revenue (mooring fees, boat excise taxes, harbor fines and any other Harbor revenue) to the Harbor Management Reserve Account and appropriate funds from Harbor Management Reserve to pay Harbor Management expenses (Harbor management repairs & Maintenance, 1/3 Harbormasters salary)., seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend passage to apply all Wharf revenue (wharf use fees, wharf house rent, wharf impact fees, wharf fines and any other wharf revenue) to the Wharf Reserve Account and appropriate funds from Wharf Reserve to pay Wharf expenses (Wharf loan, repairs & maintenance to wharf, wharf house and wharf garage, 1/3 Harbormasters salary)., seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to recommend the Town vote to increase the property tax levy limit of eight hundred forty-five thousand three hundred thirty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$845,337.85) established for Tremont by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Check with Nancy Thurlow about fuel costs for buses.

## **11. OTHER**

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a copy of request to bid for audit services to look over and a letter from the Maine Historic Preservation Committee, which he was asked to forward to the Library Committee members.

## **12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: April 6 & Proposed Tuesday, April 21**

Selectmen agreed to both proposed dates.

**13. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Selectman Scott Grierson to adjourn at 8:15 PM, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted  
Heidi Kelley  
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