

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the May 4, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

There was no one else there.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Scott Grierson asked to have "for" changed to "four" and a few sentences in the Public Hearing section changed to "Acting Chairman Scott Grierson said he was not qualified to make that determination. Robert Cousins stated they do conserve water."

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2009 as amended. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. Chairman Charlie Dillon was not present at the meeting of May 4, 2009.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 111	6,734.80
Warrant 112	8,703.75
Warrant 113	9,698.71
Warrant 114	6,449.00

Motion made by Selectmen Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrants 111 – 114. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ON – PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE WINTERS DREAMS INC D/B/A SEAFOOD KETCH RESTAURANT, SHORE RD, BASS HARBOR.

The incomplete sections of the application have been completed (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the Liquor License for Seafood Ketch. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ACOE BASS HARBOR DREDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Request from the Army Corp of Engineers for a Project Partnership Agreement for the Bass Harbor Dredge Improvement Project (see attached).

Town Manager Millard Billings has received many e-mails from Michael Tuttle regarding the Dredge Project (see attached). Mr. Billings has written a letter to John Kennelly, Chief, Planning Branch US Army Corps of Engineers, with the numbers requested by Michael Tuttle in the first e-mail (see attached). Mr. Billings will be contacting Mr. Tuttle to verify which numbers are necessary in the correspondence.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the Letter of Intent for the Project Partnership Agreement between the Department of the Army and Town of Tremont Maine for the construction of the Bass Harbor Navigational Improvement Project. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. FLAT IRON ROAD: Town Manager Millard Billings met with a representative from Lane Construction on April 21 to discuss price per ton for asphalt for Flat Iron and reclaiming and paving for Kelleytown Road. If the price is right Town Manager Millard Billings would like to put the finish coat on Flat Iron Rd. and reclaim Kelleytown Rd. before June 30th, in this year's budget. Then after July 1st, on next years budget, put the 2" of base on Kelleytown Rd. If the price is too high, Town Manager Millard Billings would like to reclaim 1/2 of Kelleytown Rd. before June 30th and reclaim the second half after July 1st.

2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Town Manager Millard Billings met with Roland Dupruis on May 4th to discuss the Seal Cove Fishway and received the Draft Plans for the Fishway (see attached). The back side of the dam will be sealed to stop the leakage. On the Fishway they will use the same system to prevent leakage. Rip-rap will line the surface of the dam and surrounding pond to curtail erosion. According to the plans, they have not lowered the sluice as per the request at the joint meeting on the site. The plans also show the board that the Selectmen asked to have removed from the dam. Town Manager Millard Billings will speak with Roland Dupruis about these issues.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to approve the final draft of the plans for the construction of the Seal Cove Fishway at his discursion. Motion passed 5 - 0.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report. Town Manager Millard Billings asked if the Selectmen were interested in pursuing acquisition of the property abutting the Town's property. They all agreed yes, they are still interested if the price is right.

2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The League of Towns has sent a letter to Maine Department of Transportation urging the DOT to work with the FAA to create one good intersection at Routes 230 and 3 rather than have two traffic lights along that stretch of road (see attached).

The Bass Harbor Memorial Library has been approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (see attached).

The Bass Harbor Memorial Library is having an open house Thursday May 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Selectmen asked to have the Wharf and Harbor expenses and revenues transferred to the reserve account quarterly. The Selectmen asked to have the Library phone expense moved to the Library's accounts. The Library also has money in the Investment Account that they had when the Town began doing their expenses that they are not using.

The Park has not removed the incorrect monuments they placed several years ago. Town Manager Millard Billings is to investigate. The Selectmen suggested using Mike Avery, who has started his own business, rather than CES, if a Surveyor is necessary.

The Selectmen asked Selectman Kathi Thurston to investigate the reports further, if she feels it's necessary.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chad Smith will be at the Town Meeting May 12, 2009.

Select a new Chairman and Vice Chairman at the first Selectmen Meeting after Town Meeting. Go through policies and start on appointments for next year.

Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested presenting the Boston Post Cane. The Selectmen discussed what constitutes a "Tremont Resident" and how would the cane be presented. They felt a duplicate cane would be a good way to present the cane.

11. OTHER

The Public Hearing for the Piggy Back Dredge Project around the Town Wharf is on June 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if delinquent Personal Property tax could be taken to small claims court. Town Manager Millard Billings said he would bring it to the next meeting.

Chairman Charlie Dillon said he had been approached about a blessing of the fleet.

The Selectmen agreed it was a good idea, but it does not involve the Selectmen or the Town in any way.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked about Private Road Signs. Town Manager Millard Billings said it was time to put in 10 more road signs.

12. ANNUAL TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to go into executive session under Title 1 MRSA section 405 subsection 6 paragraph A. To discuss annual personnel evaluation of Town Manager. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:27 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to come out of executive session at 9:17 pm. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 9:17 pm.

13. SET DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

May 18, 2009

Election May 11th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Town Meeting is May 12th at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked who was on the Bank Accounts. After being told it was the Chairman, she stated she felt that it should come to the Selectmen to be voted on as a formality.

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Scott Grierson, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson