

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon opened the June 7, 2010 Regular Selectmen's Meeting at 5:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Lester Closson, Bobby Lee, and Chris Eaton, Selectmen Kathi Thurston arrived at 5:30 pm, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Robert Cousins, and Judy Cousins, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. RECESS TO HOME OF ELLWOOD BANFILL

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to recess. Motion passed 4 - 0. The meeting was recessed to present the Boston Post Cane to Tremont's oldest resident at 5:02 pm. Most present went to Ellwood Banfill's home where Chairman Charlie Dillon presented the Boston Post Cane to Mr. Banfill, who was very appreciative.

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CEREMONY**

The meeting resumed at 5:25 pm.

4. AGENDA ITEM 3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

5. AGENDA ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2010

None available

6. AGENDA ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 137	7,556.35
Warrant 138	1,170.00
Warrant 139	10,337.60

Warrant 140 7,170.41
Warrant 141 104,350.89

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 137 – 141. Motion passed 4 - 0.

7. AGENDA ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 5:30 pm.

A. JUDY COUSINS PARKING FLAT IRON ROAD

Judy and Robert Cousins had a visit from Hancock County Sheriff's office. Some one had complained their trailer was parked in the road. The Deputy told them that they had to remove the trailer completely from the paved roadway. The Deputy explained that once the road was painted they could park beyond the white line, but until the lines were painted no one could park on the pavement. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to get the road painted with the bike lane on the Cousins side of the road.

B. ACTION ON OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAX LIENS

Per town meeting vote prior owners could have the opportunity to redeem their property if all taxes, interest, penalties and cost then due, plus all costs of the sale to be paid in full prior to such sale.

There are currently four parcels of property that have outstanding 2008 tax liens.

- The \$105.60 balance on the 2008 lien has been paid plus \$214.56 on the 2009 tax lien.
- The Bank has submitted an e-mail confirming that they are going to be paying the total amount of taxes outstanding and establishing an escrow account for future taxes.
- This individual promised to pay the 2008 taxes in full on Friday May 28th, but in fact only made a payment of \$200.00
- A person who was interested in buying this property called the Assessor for information regarding the property. The Assessor learned and made Town Manager Millard Billings aware that the property is being offered for auction at www.auction.com. Town Manager Millard Billings contacted Claudia at auction.com and explained the Town has three tax liens on this property, one of which is in automatic foreclosure and the Town has set a date for public auction. Town Manager Millard Billings believes this will be resolved now that he has found a person with which to speak, but he recommends continuing with the auction process. If the total amount due is paid before July 12th the auction can be cancelled. The Selectmen set the minimum bid at \$40,000, and the winner of the bid has to honor the Life Estate.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Mount Desert Island and Ellsworth Housing Authority request the appointment of Lacey Wakefield as a tenant representative to the Tremont Housing Authority Board for a four year term (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Lacey Wakefield as a tenant representative to the Tremont Housing Authority Board for a four year term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

D. PROPOSED CHANGE OF TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Manager Millard Billings would like to change the hours that the Town Office is open to the public from the current 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to become 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. There will be no change to office staff work hours, they will still be 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Currently the time from 8:30 am to 9:00 am is used by the staff to cash up their cash drawers and reconcile the receipts from the day before. Then at 9:00 am the office opens to the public. Under the new hours people that are in the office at 4:30 pm will be served, but the door will be locked at 4:30 pm, the same as in any department or grocery store. The staff will use the remaining time until 5:00 pm to cash up their cash drawers and reconcile the receipts for the days work.

The reason for the change if two fold:

- It will be easier to remember what took place to do the cash up at the end of the day rather than waiting until the next morning.
- Staff who serves people that day will be here to cash up their work that night. The following day they may be absent (sick, vacation, training).

The Selectmen agreed with Town Manager Millard Billings and the office hours will change on July 1, 2010.

8. AGENDA ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. FLAT IRON ROAD: Nothing new to report
2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Bruce Conary reports 30 to 50 bushel of Alewives have gone through the fishway into Seal Cove Pond. This is an excellent report; we have managed the water level in the pond through the drought and had water to allow the fish access to the pond. Selectman Bobby Lee suggested an Alewife Ordinance. He is concerned that there will be Alewife dipping at the fishway and the Town must have control of the situation.
3. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY-BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report
4. DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Town Manager Millard Billings has received the results of the title search on the Hinton Estate. Acadia Wildlife is a beneficiary of the Hinton Estate. The Selectmen asked to have Acadia Wildlife represented at their next meeting.
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report

9. AGENDA ITEM 8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Trio will be here the week of June 14th to install and train the staff in use of on-line motor vehicle.
2. The Auditors were here May 19th to start the preliminary audit. They are scheduled to return August 16th to finish the audit. The audit should be done early this year.
3. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Select Board a copy of a Table from a Northeast Tax Collector magazine listing the Top 10 and Bottom 10 States in Median Real Estate Taxes Paid in 2008 (see attached).
4. Total expense for the vandalism is \$2,193.73. A claim has been filed with MMA Risk Services. The Town has a \$1,000 deductible. Town Manager Millard Billings has not heard anything from the Investigators.

10. AGENDA ITEM 9. OTHER

Selectman Bobby Lee expressed how happy Mr. Banfill was to receive the Boston Post Cane. Selectman Kathi Thurston was not at the ceremony and was pleased to hear.

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

The Selectmen asked to have Acadia Wildlife here at the July 12th meeting. The auction will be held at the July 12th meeting.

12. AGENDA ITEM 11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

June 21, 2010

13. AGENDA ITEM 12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston,, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III