

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY JULY 12, 2010
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, and Lester Closson (Selectman Bobby Lee did not attend the meeting), Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Debra Deal – Camp Beech Cliff, Candy Potter – Acadia Wildlife, Ann Rivers – Acadia Wildlife, Ken Gray, Christina Butler, Sam Crawford – S. C. Crawford, Megan Smith, Carey Donovan – Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustee, Art Paine and Carol Coakley.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2010

Not available

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 147 – 156 and Warrants 1, 2 and 3. Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF BIDS FOR TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

The Board of Selectmen have put up for bid the property owned by Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. located at 243 Harbor Dr. The minimum bid was set at \$40,000 and was closed at 4:00 pm on Monday, July 12, 2010. There were no bids.

Town Manager Millard Billings explained to the Board of Selectmen that no payment or bids had come into the Town Office by 4:00 pm today, and he suggested tabling this item until 6. D. to discuss it with the other tax acquired property.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table 6. A. Review of bids for tax acquired property. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. DEBRA DEAL CAMP BEECH CLIFF USE OF GYM

Debra Deal explained that Camp Beech Cliff would like to use the gym during the summer of 2011 while their facility is being renovated (see attached). Town residents were present and had written letters in support of Camp Beech Cliff (see attached).

The Board of Selectmen discussed the availability of the gym and asked if Camp Beech Cliff would clean the area each day. Debra Deal assured them Camp Beech Cliff would clean-up the area's they used on a daily bases and the Camp would do a thorough cleaning when they were finished with the gym. The Board of Selectmen came to the conclusion that Camp Beech Cliff would not interfere with the Town's resident's use of the gym.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, let Camp Beech Cliff have the use of the gym for the summer of 2011. Motion passed 4 – 0.

C. REVIEW OF BIDS FOR ROOFING PROJECT

Bids closed on June 17th at 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm bids were opened and were publicly read aloud. The bids were as follows:

Cadillac Builders	\$110,224.42
S. C. Crawford	87,000.00
Associated Builders	121,265.51
Robert Goodwin	None

The School Board met on June 22nd and recommended going with the low bid. On June 21st the Selectmen voted to have S. C. Crawford do the Roofing Project. Mr. Sam Crawford explained he is having difficulty getting bonded. He said his Insurance Company is requiring him to pay an exorbitant amount. The Selectmen discussed their options and felt they could not use a contractor that could not be bonded.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to award the Roofing Contract to Cadillac Builders for \$110,224.42. Motion passed 4 – 0.

The Board of Selectmen took a recess at 6:42 pm to enable Selectman Chris Eaton to call Nancy Thurlow to see how the School felt about using a different contractor with a higher price. The meeting was resumed at 6:50 pm.

Selectman Chris Eaton explained that Nancy Thurlow did not think the School would be willing to pay the higher price and would withdraw the school roofing phase of the project.

They asked Town Manager Millard Billings to talk to Cadillac Builders and to the Superintended of the School about using a different contractor. If the School did not go along with the different contractor the Selectmen authorized Mr. Billings to speak with Cadillac Builders about doing just the gym and Wharf House roofs. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have proof of ability to be bonded in the bid packets to prevent any more delays like the one that happened with this roofing project.

D. STATUS OF REMAINING TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

There are currently three properties that have outstanding 2008 tax liens and have therefore fallen into automatic foreclosure. The Selectmen have chosen discuss the property at 243 Harbor Dr. and the property at 355 Kelleytown Rd. at their July 26th meeting.

E. APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Mike Ryan to the Planning Board for a 5 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Marcia Maderia to the Board of Appeals to fill the remainder of Mark Mosenteen’s term – until 2012. Motion passed 4 – 0.

An ad needs to go in the paper to replace Marcia Maderia as the alternate.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Mary Jones to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for a term of 5 years. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Kathi Thurston to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for a term of 5 years. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston abstained; she would not vote for herself.

The vacant positions will be advertised.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Reva Weisenberg to the Warrant Committee for a term of 3 years. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, David Campbell to the Warrant Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

The vacant positions will be advertised.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Jon Crossman to the Harbor Committee for a 2 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Dean Wass to the Harbor Committee for a 2 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Mike Ryan to the Harbor Committee for a 2 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Wayne Rich to the Harbor Committee to fill the remainder of Mark Mosenteen’s term (see attached). Motion passed 4 – 0.

The Board of Selectmen will decide if the Internet Exploratory Committee is still necessary. Town Manager Millard Billings is to contact Red Zone to find out their progress.

There are 4 members on the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee. The 3 vacant positions will be advertised.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint David Campbell to the Recreation Board for a term of 3 years. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint McKenzie Jewett to the Seal Cove Picnic Area Committee for a term of 3 years. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Heidi Kelley to the Seal Cove Picnic Area Committee for a term of 3 years. Motion passed 4 – 0.

The 3 vacancies will be advertised.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Beth Gott to the Solid Waste Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

The vacancies will be advertised.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Carey Donovan to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Art Paine to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Michele Marks to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Rose Pinchetti to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Ruth Grierson to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 2 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Debbie Helmke to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees for a 1 year term (see attached). Motion passed 4 – 0.

F. MMA ELECTION VICE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Maine Municipal Association election ballot for 1 Vice-President and 3 Board of Directors (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings knows both Clint Deschane of Hermon and Michelle Beal of Ellsworth, both are good choices.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to vote for Clint Deschane for Vice President of MMA for a 1 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to vote for Michelle Beal for MMA Executive Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to vote for Marston Lovell for MMA Executive Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to vote for Robert Yandow for MMA Executive Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 4 – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Flat Iron Road: See Title 29 – A Bike lanes not allowing bike traffic to travel on the right side requires a Municipal Ordinance approved by Department of Public Safety and MDOT. At the last meeting the Board agreed to simply not call it a Bike Lane.

Town Manager Millard Billings has been trying to contact Todd Brophy, who lives in Town (he did the striping at the Town Office) to see if he will stripe the Flat Iron Rd, but has not been able to get a hold of him. Selectman Kathi Thurston offered to give Mr. Billings the number tomorrow that she has for his wife.

2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Nothing new to report
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: Ann River of Acadia Wildlife is here to meet with the Board later in the meeting.
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. New Office hours are in effect. Open at 8:30 am and close at 4:30 pm, balance cash drawers 4:30 to 5:00 pm.
- B. New computer program for Motor Vehicles is working fine and is much easier and faster than the old system. We are still short one printer, but that should arrive soon. The next step will be to set up rapid renewal.
- C. Notices have been place in the newspapers regarding the Kelley Cemetery and the Flye Cemetery (see attached).
- D. Acadia Disposal District has submitted their FY 2011 Budget (see attached).
- E. The Seal Cove Auto Museum and The Tremont Volunteer Fire Department would like to display the fire truck that the Town voted to buy in 1948. The Fire Department would also like to use it in parades. The Selectmen agreed, it is a good idea.

9. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked to see the mileage for the Town employees.

10. ANN RIVERS OF ACADIA WILDLIFE – TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REMAINDERMAN'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY HELD IN LIFE ESTATE

The Bass Harbor Library Trustees, at a regular meeting, have voted to form a subcommittee, called the Hinton Estate Committee, with three members, Carey Donovan, Heidi Welch and Linda Lord.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session. Motion passed 3 – 1. Chairman Charlie Dillon voted against. Before the room could be cleared Carol Coakley, Attorney for Southwest Harbor Animal Welfare, Inc., said Southwest Harbor Animal Welfare feels they have an interest in the Hinton Estate and they have filed a court order to halt any discussion between Acadia Wildlife and the Town of Tremont.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 4 – 0. The Selectmen never actually went into executive session.

The Selectmen will speak to the Town's Attorney.

11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Tax acquired property

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

July 26, 2010

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III