

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, September 7th Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Charlie Dillon.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Elliott Spiker – ADD and Tremont Solid Waste Committee, Wid Minctons, Beth Gott – Tremont Solid Waste Committee, Wayne Patton – Tremont Volunteer Fire Department, Jim Keene – Tremont Volunteer Fire Department, Tony Smith – ADD, Jeff Strang - CES, Mel Atherton – Harbor Committee, and Wayne Rich – Harbor Committee.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2010

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of August 9th. Motion passed 5 – 0.

B. MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2010

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of August 23rd. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 29 7,022.68

Warrant 30 7,074.25

Warrant 31 102,979.96

Warrant 32 8,366.86

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 29 – 32. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to move 6. B. ADD to discuss recycling with Ellsworth to A. Motion passed 5 – 0.

A. AGENDA ITEM 6. B. ADD TO DISCUSS RECYCLING WITH ELLSWORTH

Tony Smith explained that ADD has met with the City of Ellsworth about using their recycling facilities for ADD's member towns (see attached), he also introduced Jeff Strang, with CES to the Board. Jeff Strang – CES explained he has done a study of the cost involved with taking Tremont's recyclables to Ellsworth or continue using EMR (see attached). Tremont's recycling program would need to be expanded. Beth Gott – Gott's Disposal is investigating dumpsters that would work well for the Town as well as Gott's Disposal. Jeff Strang said the Town could make money from its recyclables. The Board of Selectmen felt it was a good idea. The Board of Selectmen need to commit by October 1st to give EMR their 90 day notice and give Ellsworth time to make arrangements to accept our recyclables and to give ADD time to work out the transportation of our recyclables. The Board felt they could make a commitment tonight.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to move ahead and go with Ellsworth for our recycling [with the other Towns in ADD]. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Tony Smith to come back to a Selectmen's Meeting if there were any changes.

- B. AGENDA ITEM 6. A. FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS OLD TRUCK
Jim Keene explained the Seal Cove Auto Museum is interested in fixing and using the Town's old 1940 era fire truck. The Select Board agreed with the Tremont Volunteer Fire Department that the Town should retain ownership of the truck, but the Museum can use it. Jim Keene will attend the September 17th meeting of the Seal Cove Auto Museum's Board to discuss the truck and the Selectmen's wishes. Jim Keene also invited the Selectmen to attend.

C. SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

There were no bids on the property. Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with Bill Livinghood with MMA. He said the foreclosure may not be valid. The taxes should have been billed to the holder of the Life Estate. It was recommended that the tax bill issued to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. be abated and a new bill issued to the holder of the Life Estate. The back taxes will have to be paid before anyone can get title of the property.

D. REVIEW MOORING PROJECT BIDS

Bids closed on September 1st to 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm bids were opened and where publicly read aloud. The bids were as follows (see attached):

Wilfred Minctons	75.00
Southwest Boat	98.75
Chalmers Enterprises	93.00

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to award the mooring moving contract to Wilfred Minctons. Motion passed 5 – 0.

There is a pre construction meeting with Prock set on Thursday at 3:00 pm. Town Manager Millard Billings asked Mr. Minctons to attend. Selectman Bobby Lee asked if the lobster cars would be going into the upper parking lot in Bernard. Town Manager Millard Billings explained yes, they would be allowed in the parking lot. The Town is asking people to remove them over the winter and not everyone has room to store them.

E. APPROVAL OF NEW E9-11 ROAD NAME

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the named road as Davis Wharf Road. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

1. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: After Town Manager Millard Billings phone call to Roland Dupruis at NCRS a punch list of 6 items was developed (see attached). Mr. Billings purchased the remaining steel from Wyman Pettegrew that Cadillac Builders had ordered from him for the fishway. The Harbormaster drilled the concrete and attached this steel to the face of the fishway – punch list item #2 & 3 were done. Public Works, the Harbormaster and Mr. Billings worked Friday August 27th on punch list items #5 & 6. Punch list items #1 & 4 still need to be addressed. Mr. Dupruis will call Mr. Billings with a schedule when NCRS Engineers can be at the site.
2. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY – BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report
3. DREDGE PROJECT: A pre-construction meeting with Mark Habel, ACOE, Prock marine, the Select Board and the Harbor Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 3:00 pm in the Harvey Kelley Meeting Room. The Purpose is for a final meeting with all stake holders to insure all are understanding duties, responsibilities and scope of the project.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: It has been moved from a Probate Hearing to a Superior Court Hearing on September 17th.
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Town Manager Millard Billings contacted Joel Greenwood, Administrator of Penobscot Downeast Cable Television Consortium. He emailed the attached documents. He also referred Mr. Billings to Steve Cornell, Technology Systems Manager for Bar Harbor who is an Assistant Administrator for Penobscot Downeast Cable Television Consortium. Town Manager Millard Billings discussed full membership with Mr. Cornell, who felt full membership is more advisable for towns that are broadcasting meetings over the cable system. The dues then are used by member towns for broadcasting equipment repair and replacement. He recommended Tremont might be better served by only joining for the negotiations. Mr. Billings asked the Board for specific questions he could forward to Mr. Cornell and he will come to the meeting of the 20th to discuss their questions. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked what the contract negotiation fee would be.

Mr. Billings said it was in the paperwork. Chairman Charlie Dillon then asked what the franchise cost was. Mr. Billings will forward that question to Steve Cornell.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. On August 26, 2010, Chad Smith submitted his annual letter of resignation. Town Manager Millard Billings told him over the phone that he has already been reappointed in June, but Mr. Smith wanted the Town to have the option if it chose.
- B. Notice of Intent to File has been received for Mike Radcliffe for two projects as follows (see attached):
 - 1. To construct a new float off the existing pier at Thurston's Wharf and dredge 4,600 square feet adjacent to the proposed float.
 - 2. To construct a fixed pier and dredge 5,700 square feet adjacent to the proposed pier, which will be located on Steamboat Wharf Road.There were "weighs" there in the past. Within 30 days after they submit the Intent to File they need to make the application available at the Town Office. The Town has received the applications for Kim Strauss' dredging and for #1 the dredging around Thurston's Wharf. The Selectmen voiced concern that the Thurston's Wharf dredging and float would crowd the Town's dredging area. Town Manager Millard Billings said the Harbor Committee needs to approve the project before it can be done.
- C. PERC payment shows up differently after February 2010 because EMR is billing the Town for PERC fees. We are still reviewing with EMR and PERC to make sure this is correct.
- D. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2010 at 2:00 pm for an Automobile Graveyard for W. Austin Ward d/b/a as A & S Auto located on Kelleytown Road (see attached).
- E. Bid Proposal for Road Sand (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings estimates there are 1,200 yards of sand in the Salt/Sand Shed, so he is putting the bid out for 2,000 yards.
- F. Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Board of Selectmen if they had a problem with storing moorings here at the Public Works Yard over the winter. He pointed out that we are inconveniencing mooring holders this winter and he feels allowing them to store their floats in the upper parking lot and their mooring here would help. The Harbor Committee recommends a time limit. The Selectmen agreed. The Town is in negotiations with Morris Yachts to use some of their mooring during the dredging.
- G. The Harbormaster has asked for a raise. The Select Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

9. OTHER

Selectman Kathi Thurston feels the flyer inserted with the tax bills to enable residents to use their credit cards looks like an advertisement. Town Manager Millard Billings said we would not insert them in the future.

Wayne Patton commented favorably on the Harvey Kelley Meeting Room sign.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Special Town Meeting September 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2010

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III