

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 20th Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 6:00 pm.

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, Lee C Wooster III - EMR, Beth Gott, Austin Ward, Danielle Gray, David Schlaefel – Harbormaster and Pamela Cleaves.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the minutes of September 7th. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 33 7,415.88

Warrant 34 45,867.42

Warrant 35 27,208.35

Warrant 36 57,663.46

Warrant 37 7,909.72

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 33 – 37. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEE WOOSTER/EMR CONCERNING RECYCLING

Mr. Wooster asked the Selectmen to reconsider their decision to take Tremont's recycling to Ellsworth. He gave the Selectmen a letter with his interpretation of what it will cost the Town to take the recycling to Ellsworth and a pamphlet outlining what recycling EMR does accept (see attached). Chairman Charlie Dillon asked if Lee Wooster had explained this to ADD, after all ADD is the Town's negotiating representative with EMR. Mr. Wooster cautioned the Board to be careful about the cost savings promised by ADD. Lee Wooster said ADD rejected his offer to give up recycling profits, except cardboard, during contract negotiations. He does not understand how Tremont would benefit from going to

Ellsworth – EMR accepts things Ellsworth does not. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if Mr. Wooster had sat down with ADD and discussed what they would do. Mr. Wooster responded that ADD was fully aware of what EMR does and explained contract negotiations of 2 years ago and he thinks ADD has an agenda. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked Lee Wooster what Ellsworth would not accept that EMR does. He said office paper, computer paper, all papers that are not newspaper, magazine and residential mail, #2 plastics (EMR accepts 1 – 7), cans and bottles. The recycle program in Ellsworth is what EMR used to offer.

B. A & S AUTO APPLICATION TO RENEW JUNKYARD PERMIT

The renewal of a junkyard permit is for W. Austin Ward d/b/a A & S Auto at his garage at 8 Thunder Road off Kelleytown Road (see attached). A Public Hearing was held at the site. At 1:59 pm there were only W. Austin Ward and Town Manager Millard Billings present. Mr. Billings delayed starting the Public Hearing until 2:06 pm to allow others a little extra time. After starting the Public Hearing, Town Manager Millard Billings asked Mr. Ward questions about the application, his use of the junkyard, if he maintained the proper logs for vehicles and the draining of fluids. Mr. Ward stated that he had the proper recorders. On August 24, 2010 Town Manager Millard Billings and Code Enforcement Officer Carl Young did not find any violations when they did a courtesy inspection. Town Manager Millard Billings closed the Public Hearing at 2:10 pm (see attached photos). Town Manager Millard Billings has received phone calls from a few residents complaining that the junkyard is an eye sore.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to renew the permit for a junkyard by W. Austin Ward d/b/a A & S Auto at the garage at 8 Thunder Road off Kelleytown Road. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. **SEAL COVE FISHWAY:** Jimmy, Rick, Town Manager Millard Billings and Roland Dupruis worked at the Fishway on Friday September 10th. They completed check list item #4. Mr. Dupruis was not satisfied with check list item #6 and had them redo the stones on the down stream side of the dam. He agreed that check list item #1 was done as much as could be done for this fall. They have limed and seeded the area between the road and the fishway. Roland Dupruis agreed that the Punch list was finished and he would release the balance of funds for the fishway project. Once the Town receives payment this project will be over and will be removed from the ongoing projects list.
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, Wid Minctons and the Coast Guard was held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Harvey Kelley Meeting Room. The purpose was for a final meeting with all stake holders to insure all are understanding duties, responsibilities and scope of the project. Town Manager Millard Billings said there was a good turnout and the meeting went quite well.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: a motion has been made to dismiss with prejudice and with out costs the suite filed by Ms. Cloakley (see attached).
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Town Manager Millard Billings has contacted both Steve and Joel and informed them that Tremont wants to join for the franchise negotiations for a fee that is a percentage of the costs and a portion of the Directors salary.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The new EMR bill with a PERC amount was thought to be the PERC payment being paid through EMR. The change from mailing the invoice to having the invoice come in the manila envelope with the dumping receipts gave rise to the assumption that the EMR bill was the only bill. The Auditors have been contacted to correct the PERC payments in the June 30, 2010 audit.
2. Town Manager Millard Billings will be leaving for vacation from September 23rd through October 13th. He will have his laptop and cell phone with him if there are any issues or concerns do not hesitate to call or email. The Select Board Meeting of October 4th should be held if only to approve warrants for accounts payable. Town Manager Millard Billings will email other documents necessary for packets to the office staff.
3. Harbor Wharf Revenue and Expenses (see attached).
4. The State does all the Summer Maintenance on the major collectors. The proposal is that the State do all of the Winter Maintenance on the major collectors and the Towns take over all Summer Maintenance. The Highway Simplification Study's Policy Working Group (PWG) will be hosting what is expected to be its final Sounding Board meeting (see attached). The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7th at the Maine Municipal Association from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Town Manager Millard Billings encouraged the Select Board to attend.

9. OTHER

Chairman Charlie Dillon would like a sign for the end of the Garage driveway that says "Town Meeting Tonight". He has received many complaints from residents that do not drive up Harbor Drive and don't see the sign at the end of the Town Office's driveway.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Invite ADD and EMR to the October 18th meeting

11. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING PERSONNEL ISSUE

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 405 subsection 6 paragraph A. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Select Board went into executive session at 7:15 pm.

Motion made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session at 7:45. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Board of Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:45 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to give the Harbormaster a raise to \$20.00 per hour. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Town’s portion is to come from Contingency effective October 1st.

12. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING PERSONNEL ISSUE

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 405 subsection 6 paragraph A. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:52 pm.

Motion made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 8:29 pm.

13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

October 4, 2010

14. ADJOURN

Motion made Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III