

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2010  
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 22, 2010 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, Kathi Thurston, and Lester Closson arrived at 6:02, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

There were no members of the public present.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Chairman Charlie Dillon asked to have "There was not comment from the public" changed to "There was no comment from the public".

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the minutes of November 1<sup>st</sup> as corrected. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Lester Closson arrived at 6:02 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warrant 56	8,004.83
Warrant 57	7,873.08
Warrant 58	762.33
Warrant 59	33,600.00
Warrant 60	180,689.46
Warrant 61	1,461.21
Warrant 62	5,637.26
Warrant 63	8,049.98

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 56 – 63. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UNPAID DOG LICENSES

Municipal Warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners was approved and signed by the Select Board on March 29, 2010. The ACO has been working hard to collect the unpaid licenses. She mailed a letter to all owners of unpaid dog licenses on September 2, 2010, after five months of trying to collect.

On November 3, 2010 she gave Town Manager Millard Billings a list that she had not been able to collect and on November 8, 2010 Mr. Billings mailed a letter informing all owners of unpaid dog licenses that he would ask the Selectmen to forward unpaid licenses to the Town Attorney for collection plus attorney fees and court costs.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked Town Manager Millard Billings if the delinquent dog license fees could be collected in small claims court. Mr. Billings will investigate. The Selectmen asked to have dog licenses on the sign out front.

B. ISLAND WIDE COLLABORATION MEETING

Town Manager Millard Billings attended the Island wide Collaboration Meeting held November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Somesville Fire Stations. The agenda consisted of five items as follows (see attached):

- Welcome and Introductions
- Goals for this Meeting
- Collaborative prioritization
- Getting there from here
- Wrap-up and next steps

Quite a lot of time was spent discussing the existing local government collaboration and how well the various programs were working.

The attendees were asked to address priorities for more collaboration. Each person was given four stickers to attach to various areas of interest. The results were as follows: Planning – 3 stickers were attached, Solid Waste – 13 stickers were attached, Human Resource/Personnel – 13 stickers were attached, IT – no one was interested, Fire, Rescue and Police – 18 stickers were attached, Purchasing – 6 stickers were attached, Roads – 14 stickers were attached, and Assessing – 6 stickers were attached. The group felt that another meeting was needed sometime after Christmas to continue discussions. Photo copies of Town Manager Millard Billings' notes from the meeting are attached as well as the minutes of the meeting. Town Manager Millard Billings said schools were not discussed other than Tremont and Southwest Harbor have had talks. Tremont is not part of the Shell Fish Enforcement. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Town Manager Millard Billings to inform the Board when the next meeting will be held.

C. MRC APPOINTMENT

Every year the Board of Selectmen are asked to vote for a Candidate for the Municipal Review Committee. This year there were five candidates to choose from (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to elect Charles (Chip) Reeves to the Municipal Review Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

D. APPOINTMENTS

Town Manager Millard Billings has not heard of another candidate for the open School Trustee position, but Keith Higgins would like to be on the ZOAC Committee (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Keith Higgins to ZOAC Committee for a 3 year term.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY-BACK DREDGE PROJECT: The Piggy-back dredge project is complete and the project came in under budget at \$33,600. They accomplished the required debt except in the southwest corner where they hit ledge. Selectman Bobby Lee suggested moving the punts off the end of the finger floats to make more room to maneuver. Town Manager Millard Billings suggested putting two big floats with a bridge between in place of the finger floats, then put finger floats on the other side. Chairman Charlie Dillon expressed the desire to move the ramp to the south to free up the middle hoist.
2. DREDGE PROJECT: Prock has finished the expansion on the east side, done around the Wharf and is now working their way up the harbor doing maintenance dredging as they work their way toward the new expansion area. Prock has hit ledge at 3 feet in the expansion mooring pool that is suppose to be 8 feet deep. Chairman Charlie Dillon saw a map at the Wharf showing where the ledge is. The Board of Selectmen agreed now is the time to coordinate blasting the ledge.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE:
  - a. HINTON ESTATE: Nothing new to report
  - b. FUDGE PROPERTY: Nothing new to report
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:  
Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. On Tuesday, November 9, 2010, Town Manager Millard Billings attended a meeting of the Hancock County Commissioners. The discussion was concerning the purchase of cruisers for the Sheriff's Department and the signing of the Town's contract for Police Protection. The Sheriff's Department is getting a cruiser and 2 crew cab pick-ups. One of the pick-ups will be used in Tremont.
- B. Harbor & Wharf Revenue & Expense for October 2010 (see attached).

- C. Letter from EMR acknowledging the change to Tremont's recycling (see attached). The letter also reminds the Town that our contract with EMR says that all Solid Waste goes to EMR and if a load of recyclables is contaminated it needs to be sent to EMR.
- D. Assessor/CEO Report for October 2010 (see attached).
- E. A picture of Mount Desert's Recycling Station (see attached). Starting January 1, 2011, Tremont will be recycling with Ellsworth and someplace needs to be designated for the station and the station built. Town Manager Millard Billings would like to see it put on the property next to the Town Office. The Selectmen agreed that would be a good spot, but the Town doesn't have clear title yet.
- F. Town Manager Millard Billings and Public Works Employee Jimmy Schlaefer went to the public auction today. They purchased a 2005 Ford F350 V8 automatic 1 ton single wheel truck for \$4,000. The truck does not have a body, but the Selectmen felt one could be purchased easily enough, or just build a flat bed. They felt a tailgate lift and plow would make the truck quite versatile.

9. OTHER

The Board of Selectmen asked if the Town was ready for snow. Town Manager Millard Billings said the 650 and Topkicks #5 & #6 are ready. Topkick #4 is almost ready, and the 450 has new tires.

10. SUGGESTION/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Start the meetings at 5:00 for the winter. Selectmen Kathi Thurston and Chris Eaton may run into situations where they might be a few minutes late. The next meeting scheduled will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

11. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURPOSED LAND PURCHASE

N/A

12. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION ACQUISITION OF LAND

N/A

13. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING PERSONNEL ISSUE

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to go into executive session to consider a town employee's concerns pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 405 subsection 6 paragraph A. Public officials, appointees or employees if public discussion could damage reputation or violate right to privacy. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:00 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:27 pm.

The Board of Selectmen will review the Selectmen's Policy and Guide Lines.

14. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

15. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson  
Recording Secretary

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Charlie Dillon

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Katharine Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson

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Robert Lee III