

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY DECEMBER 6, 2010
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called meeting to order at 5:05PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Robert Lee, Lester Closson, Katharine Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary McKenzie Jewett, absent Selectmen Chris Eaton.

Members of the public present included Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2010

MOTION by Selectmen Katharine Thurston to approve minutes, with minor change (change dept to debt), seconded By Selectmen Lester Closson. All in favor 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#64 \$7,582.41

#65 \$10,155.80

#66 \$75,308.19

#67 \$24,000.00

#68 \$29,229.06

#69 \$7,463.99

MOTION by Selectmen Katharine Thurston to approve warrants 64-69, seconded by Selectmen Lester Closson. All in favor 4-0.

Warrant #67 was discussed; Town Manager Billings informed the Board that this was additional money for the unexpected ledge that needed to be removed. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Billings to express their displeasure to the Army Corp.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UNPAID 2009 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Town Manager Billings updated the Board on Unpaid 2009 foreclosure properties. It was noted that only 4 accounts have outstanding balances as of December 6, 2010. Town Manager Billings also presented the Board with a letter that he has sent to the D.A. regarding a foreclosed property that allegedly was used as a bail bond.

B. METZGER CONSENT AGREEMENT

After much discussion the Board agreed that Mr. Metzger has violated the agreement that he had made with the Town. It was noted that no progress has been made as far as re-plating. CEO Carl Young has been in contact with the forester as well as the Landscaper. The Landscaper informed CEO Carl Young that he was asked to vacate the property. Due to weather conditions it is too late in the season to plant anything.

MOTION by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to contact the Town Attorney and proceed with court action, for collection, seconded By Selectmen Lester Closson. All in favor 4-0

C. TRUCK BODY & PLOW

Town Manger Billings presented the board with estimates for truck body and plow. Town Manger Billings would like to take the V plow off the F450 and install in on the F350, purchase a new 9-foot straight plow for the F450. Selectmen Lester Closson complained that this truck was costing the Town too much money. The Selectmen were in agreement to contact Maine Equipment and look into a new steel deck.

D. APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent Rob Liebow has recommend Steve Harper to the MDI School Board Trustees. Town Clerk McKenzie Jewett has contacted Mr. Harper several times and he still had not filled out paperwork.

MOTION by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to appoint Steve Harper to the MDI School Board Trustees, seconded by Selectmen Lester Closson. All in favor 4-0

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Prock Marine is still in the process of dredging.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

Nothing new to report.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Billings reported that Wednesday December 8, 2010 MDOT is offering a class regarding snow and ice control on local roads. Town Manager Billings inquired if this might be a class that Selectmen Chris Eaton might be interested in attending. Selectmen Lester Closson wondered if it was really necessary to pay someone to attend this class.

Town Manager Billings presented the Board with the Small Animal Clinic's annual contract/agreement.

MOTION by Selectmen Katharine Thurston to sign contract, seconded by Selectmen Lester Closson. All in favor 4-0.

Request from Roy, Beardsley, Williams and Granger to sign a municipal quitclaim deed from the Town Of Tremont to Alan Gordius regarding property that he purchased from James Harkins.

MOTION by Selectmen Katharine Thurston to sign consent agreement, seconded by Selectmen Robert Lee. All in favor 4-0.

9. OTHER

David Kelley still has an outstanding balance with the town. Town Manager Billings asked the Public Works Department to clean up anything Mr. Kelley had remaining at the garage. His things have been sitting there for past 5 months. The Town is in the process of taking another resident to small claims court, this may be a good time to take Mr. Kelley to small claims court at the same time.

MOTION by Selectmen to proceed with court proceedings with Mr. Kelley, seconded by Selectmen 3 in favor Selectmen Charlie Dillon abstained, motion passed.

Lester Closson was upset that the sign at the entrance to the Driveway had not been changed. It was noted that usually Public Works changes the sign and they have been busy plowing the roads.

Selectmen Lester Closson also feels like the Town Office and the Garage needs Time clocks. He feels that all Town Employees, including Snow plow drivers should be punching a time clock, Selectmen Closson informed the board that he must punch a clock at his job, and anyone that has a "real job" should do the same.

MOTION by Selectmen Lester Closson to purchase time clocks for the Town Office and the Garage, seconded by Katharine Thurston. 3 in favor, Selectmen Charlie Dillon opposed, motion passed.

Selectmen Robert Lee inquired why the Fire Department didn't get included on the bids for fuel this year. It was explained that Acadia Fuel only would contract with Departments that were paid directly from the town (i.e school, library)

Selectmen discussed Christmas bonuses; Town Manager requested that the board give \$150.00 bonuses this year. The past 5-6 years \$100.00 was given, but due to the fact the Selectmen have discontinued Birthday parties, he felt a \$50.00 increase was fair. After much discussion \$150.00 was agreed.

Selectmen Katharine Thurston requested that the Town send flowers to Mr. Banfill.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 20

Next meeting will be December 27, 2010 at 5:00pm.

12. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to adjourn the December 6, 2010 Tremont Board of Selectmen's meeting at 6:45PM, seconded by Selectmen Lester Closson. 4-0, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
McKenzie Jewett