

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY MARCH 4, 2013
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Eaton opened the March 4, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Chris Eaton, Members Bobby Lee, Lester Closson, James LaPrade and Hugh Gilley, Town Manager Millard Billings also present were Mark Good of the Mount Desert Islander, Fire Chief Keith Higgins, Harbor Committee Members Art Paine, Dean Wass, Mel Atherton and Carey Donovan.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to move 6B to such point in the meeting when the Harbor Committee Chairman Jon Crossman arrived he was going to be late due to a prior commitment; he had estimated his arrival at 6:15 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed by vote 4-0-1, James LaPrade abstained because he was absent from that meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 92	\$ 8,866.49
Warrant 93	\$108,308.92
Warrant 94	\$ 7,152.58

Motion was made by Hugh Gilley with a second by Lester Closson to approve warrants 92 through 94. Motion passed by vote 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITIZEN REQUEST CONCERNING GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

A resolution concerning the Governor's proposed budget cuts asking the Tremont Select Board to call upon Maine Legislature to reject these proposals, identify less harmful cost savings, and raise revenue in an equitable fashion to avoid this regressive tax shift, was present to the Tremont Select Board from Carey Donovan of Bernard. (see attached document)

Town Manager Billings notified the Board that a public hearing had been scheduled in Augusta on March 13 and 14, 2013 for Legislative Committees to hear comments concerning the Governor's Proposed Budget.

Motion was made by Chris Eaton with a second by Lester Closson to support to proposed resolution and forward it to Maine Legislature. Motion was approved by vote 4-0-1 James LaPrade voted not to approve the motion.

B. HARBOR COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REQUEST
(This agenda item was moved to be discussed after 6D.)

C. LIQUOR LICENSE SEAFOOD KETCH

An application for a renewal of a liquor license for Winter's Dreams Inc. D/B/A Seafood Ketch Restaurant, McMullen Ave., Bass Harbor. If a business has had a Liquor License for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not been filed against the applicant within that time the applicant may request a waiver of the Public Hearing. This business has had no complaints and a Public Hearing has not been held on this application for many years.

Motion was made by James LaPrade with a second by Lester Closson to approve the Liquor License for Seafood Ketch Restaurant in Bass Harbor. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

D. RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE UPDATES

The Select Board were given copies of a five page document that had been submitted by ADD for inclusion in the Annual Town Report. The Board had no questions or concerns regarding the report.

Harbor Committee Chairman Jon Crossman arrived at 6:15 PM.

E. (formerly Agenda item 6B.) HARBOR COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REQUEST

The Harbor Committee would like to discuss the option of an operating loan. At the February 19, 2013 meeting of the Select Board the board was asked if the board would consider an Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article to authorize an operating loan for the Harbor Committee. That request was rejected by the Select Board.

The Harbor Committee would like to meet with the Select Board to discuss the committee's financial obligations and projected revenues for the Wharf and Harbor Management Reserves. (see attached documents)

Harbor Committee Member Spenser Ervin arrived at 6:20 PM.

After a brief explanation that the request was not intended to change the payment arraignments that had been previously agreed upon and approved at a Special Town Meeting concerning the purchase of the property or the payment schedule to the sellers, but only as an operating loan to maintain a positive cash flow into

the accounts, several Selectmen agreed that there had been a misunderstanding of the intent of the original request.

Motion was made by Lester Closson with a second by Hugh Gilley to put the Harbor Committee request on the Warrant for up to \$200,000.00 for 10 years, to be repaid from Wharf and Harbor Reserves. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

There was nothing new to report concerning the Status of Bernard Boat Launch Facility, Ramp Expansion Project.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

The Closson House has had all personal belongings removed and is ready for demolition, which was completed today with an access driveway installed at lower level to load trucks and loam pile covered with hay and left for the Town.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

A. Agenda for Hancock County Commissioners Meeting March 5, 2013 (see enclosed)

B. MMA Freedom of Access request training in Ellsworth April 9, 2013 at the Elks Lodge.

C. Emergency Manager's request for a ProPac 25-Person Shelter Cart Kit that contains 25 cots, 25 blankets, pillows, first aid kit, for the Harvey Kelley Meeting Room when needed to be used as a short term Emergency Shelter. The cost is \$1,995.00 per unit. The Town Manager suggested waiting until closer to the end of June to see how much money would be available in the Contingency Account. The consensus of the Select Board was that the purchase should be made but suggested that possibly funding could be done through the Recreation Board. It was decided to wait until the meeting of the 18th to determine if the Rec Board could fund the purchase.

D. School Department Request for funding concerning Lighting Bids. School Principle Pam Bush submitted a letter concerning the bids the school had received for the lighting project. Attached were three bids in the following amounts:

H. G. Reed Inc., for	\$4,795.00
TM Jewett LLC, for	\$5,609.77
Stephen Stanley Electrical Contractor Inc., for	\$6,192.00

The Select Board was reminded that the Town's lease of the Community Center to the School Department called for maintenance and repairs of less than \$5,000.00 to be funded by the School Department and that any maintenance and repairs of more than \$5,000.00 was considered a Capital Improvement and was funded by the Town. Town Manager Billings explained that as of June 30, 2012

there was \$76,351.00 in the Community Building Reserve Account and the annual school lease for the Community Building is \$5,000.00 which is added to the Community Building Reserve Account to help cover future Capital Improvement costs. The consensus of the Select Board was that this should be considered as a Capital Improvement and funded by the Town.

Motion was made by James LaPrade with a second by Bobby Lee to fund the project and award the project to the low bidder. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

- E. Town Manager Report concerning results of Ford F650 testing at Colwell Diesel. George Colwell had been asked to investigate what could be causing the transmission light to remain on when the truck was in use. George Colwell's answer was that he had found a broken wire in the computer sensor wiring system that allows the engine, emissions control and transmission to talk to each other. He said the truck should also shift much better with this fixed. George also noted that the ABS warning light was staying on. He inspected the brake system and concluded that the problem was rust on the brake drum housing enough that the sensor could not read the wheel speed. George said the brakes are working fine that it would not be cost effective to do work on the brake drums to fix this light issue there is nothing wrong with the brakes go ahead and use the Truck. When Public Works brought the truck back on Monday Pepe noticed what he thought was a universal joint going bad but upon investigation found it to be the spline on the front of the rear drive shaft that had worn teeth. A new yoke has been ordered.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. BOARD & COMMITTEE REQUESTS

1. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (meeting of 18th)
2. RECREATION BOARD (meeting of 18th)
3. BOARD OF APPEALS no action on this item, the request has not been submitted.
4. FIRE DEPARTMENT
Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to approve the Fire Department budget request of \$65,800.00 for the 2012-2014 fiscal year. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.
5. HARBOR COMMITTEE
 - A. Harbor Reserves/Operations; no action on this item, the request has not been submitted.
 - B. Wharf Reserves/Operations; no action on this item, the request has not been submitted.
 - C. Seal Cove Facilities Reserves/Operations; no action on this item, the request has not been submitted.

B. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS

1. PUBLIC WORKS SUMMER ROADS;
Discussion was held concerning repair and paving the lower entrance to the Town Office through the old MDOT Lot.
Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to fund the Summer Road Budget in the amount of \$160,000.00 for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.
2. PUBLIC WORKS WINTER ROADS;
Motion was made by James LaPrade with a second by Lester Closson to fund the Winter Road Budget in the amount of \$100,000.00 for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.
3. DEBT SERVICE;
Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to fund the Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$267,811.00 for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.
4. TOWN OFFICE BUILDING;
Motion was made by James LaPrade with a second by Chris Eaton to fund the Town Office Building Budget in the amount of \$16,000.00 for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion was approved by vote 3-2 Lester Closson and .
5. OFFICE OPERATIONS;
After several comments by Lester Closson regarding it being the Selectmen's job to cut the budget, Town Manager Billings suggested postponing this item until the next meeting when Carl Young could be present to discuss the Office Operations Budget Request. No vote was taken but the Board agreed by consensus to postpone the Office Operations Budget Request.
6. RESERVES (meeting of 18th) after reports of CES & DEP
7. ADMINISTRATION (meeting of 18th) after Carl returns

C. SCHOOL REQUESTS

1. FIRST JOINT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2013, 6:00 PM
2. SECOND JOINT MEETING MONDAY MARCH 18, 6:00 PM

D. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

1. FIRST DRAFT MONDAY MARCH 18, 2013
2. FINAL APPROVAL MONDAY APRIL 1, 2013

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME IN LATE AND ARE FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN, UNLESS BOARD REQUESTS IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

March 5, 2013 Joint meeting with School Department and Warrant Committee.

March 18, 2013 DEP concerning Well Testing, Rec Board & Animal Control Officer Requests and School Department and Warrant Committee. Possibly Meeting of 18th could be so long that a meeting will need to be scheduled for March 25.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: MARCH 5 & 18, 2013

13. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millard Billings, Town Manager

Christopher Eaton

James LaPrade

Robert Lee III

Hugh Gilley

Lester Closson