



**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE, HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
6:00 PM MONDAY DECEMBER 2nd, 2013**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6 PM

2. ROLL CALL: Selectmen, Chris Eaton, Hugh Gilley, Dean Wass & Robert Lee III, Town Manager Carl Young, Keith Higgins, Fire Chief, Residents Mel Atherton, John Horton & School principal Pam Bush

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of November 18th, 2013

Motion by Hugh Gilley, to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2013, seconded by Dean Wass
Vote 3 Yes 0 No Robert lee III Abstaining

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

WARRANT# 59 \$739.25
WARRANT# 60 \$7,511.79
WARRANT# 61 \$6219.61
WARRANT# 62 \$140,842.82

Motion by Robert Lee III, to approve all Warrants #59 thru #62 seconded by Hugh Gilley.
Vote 4 Yes 0 No

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to replace basketball hoops at the Community Center

The Town Manager indicated that the School Custodian has reported that the backboards are in very poor condition.

Principal Pam Bush reported the need for new basket ball back boards and indicated that the Recreation Board was purchasing the wall pads.

Chris Eaton spoke about the cost on line for this type of equipment.

Dean Wass indicated that it would be important to price remote and manual systems.

Robert Lee III spoke of how important this facility is to the residents

Chris Eaton indicated sufficient funds were available in the Community Building Reserve.

Keith Higgins spoke about the Recreation Board's meeting & planned funding

Dean Wass asked about the time scheduling for the project?

The Town Manager was directed to provide bid quote packets for the next Selectmen's meeting.

B. Sale of the 6 yard Swenson salt/sand spreader:

The Town Manager indicated that professionals from H. P. Fairfield have inspected the equipment and felt it was worth \$2,500 to \$5,000 and asked that the Selectmen open the bids at their 6 January meeting. The Board agreed on a minimum bid of \$2,500.

Dean Wass asked if this could be advertised on additional web-sites and access more people?

The Town Manager said he would try and place an add on the MMA site, Uncle Henry's in addition to the regular news paper & local postings.

The Manager asked the Board's permission to request bidders provide 1/2 the bid at the openings?

The Board had some reservations regarding this request.

Dean Wass asked if the bidders would be required to be at the bid opening?

Motion by Robert Lee III, to put the sander out to bid.

The Board was in agreement.

C. Correction, utilizing reserve funds, of safety equipment deficiencies noted at the Community Building:

A list of parts and equipment necessary to install emergency lighting at the Community Building.

Dean Wass asked about the funding for utilizing the building and for repairs?

Motion by Robert Lee III, to appropriate funds, not to exceed \$2,500, from the Community Building Reserve, second by Hugh Gilley.

Vote 4 Yes 0 No

D. HCPC request for letter of support for grant application for solid waste technical support:

The Town Manager reported that Mr. Spiker, the Town's A.A.D. Representative had reviewed the request and had no concerns with the Selectmen indicating their support.

Motion by Robert Lee II, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the HCPC Letter of support, Second by Hugh Gilley.

Vote 4 Yes 0 No

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Appointments: Library Trustee Resignation:

Motion by Robert Lee III, to accept Ruth Grierson's resignation from the Library Board and to direct the Town Manager to send a letter of appreciation, Second by Hugh Gilley.

Vote 4 Yes 0 No

B. Report of pending projects:

1. Water testing and remediation associated with the closed landfill:

A memo from the DEP was read indicating their approval of a proposed system to remove landfill related contaminants from the Horton's well water.

The Town Manager indicated that the system cost would exceed the \$5,000 limit the Select Board has agreed to use for purchases without utilizing the bid process.

Robert Lee III & Chris Eaton spoke definitively in favor of funding the system.

Hugh Gilley asked for clarification as to the total cost?

Chris Eaton spoke about the need for a maintenance plan.

Hugh Gilley spoke in favor of going forward with the install now.

Robert Lee wanted to get the ball rolling now.

The Town Manager felt that the Board has set the purchasing limits and as such may vote to amend at any time with cause.

Chris felt the Board should just do it. Robert Lee was in agreement.

Motion by Robert Lee to accept the total estimates for options 1 & 2 for John Horton's water system, Second by Hugh Gilley.

Vote 4 Yes 0 No

The Town Manager spoke about the recent DEP Public Informational Meeting and asked for guidance from the Board on pursuing a more permanent remediation of the contaminated water problems. He indicated that Rural Water Association has offered to assist in a \$30,000 loan grant to help fund engineering studies. The Town Manager did not pursue this as the Town has expressed a desire that the Town move in this direction.

Dean Wass spoke about residents that may be concerned when they start paying for a public water connection.

Robert Lee III spoke about his concerns regarding the possibility for funding and completing the project as the entire route is ledge and the cost would be excessive.

The Town Manager offered the alternative of pursuing information without cost and present the Question to the voters at the May Town Meeting.

Chris spoke about the need to have some data to present to the residents when they are asked.

Robert Lee III asked if Southwest Harbor was interested in extending the line?

Dean Wass asked how far the line was planned to go and who would responsible for maintenance?

Robert Lee III shared these concerns and felt we were getting into too much.

Dean Wass expressed is concern with waiting 6 months to start looking for a cost of \$2,500.

The Town Manager indicated that there should be sufficient funding in the Land Fill account to fund \$2,500 for research.

Dean Wass asked about the number of wells in the area that DEP considers land fill contaminated?

Motion by Chris Eaton, to utilize funds from the remediation account to hire the engineer and his agents to obtain funding studies and grants for connecting to the Southwest Harbor water supply.

Vote 3 Yes Robert Lee Voting No.

2. Tremont Road MPI Project Agreement

The Town Manager reported that there was no new information on the MPI Project.

No Action Taken

3. Repair of the John Deere tractor

The Town Manager indicated that a mechanic from Beaugard Equipment has been down and provided a quote for the repair of \$5,167.50 if the housing is bad.

The Town's winter sand contractor will provide a loader for our use while the tractor is gone.

A local contractor will haul the tractor to Bangor for \$500 round trip.

Motion by Hugh Gilley, to send the John Deere tractor to Beaugard Equipment in Herman for repair, second by Robert Lee III.

Vote 4 Yes 0 No

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT:

A. Code Officer / Assessor report, presented in writing

Mrs. Nickerson is attending classes regularly and will begin testing in January.

Public Works Foreman was in on Thanksgiving to correct any storm damage.

Health insurance has increased 4%

Dean Wass asked that the Board be provided with a more user friendly report on the funds in the Harbor & Wharf Reserve Accounts.

Have salted & sanded on morning. All the equipment is working well.

Public Works is setting their hours based upon need (winter road maintenance)

Financial report was presented.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Manager to provide bid packet for basket ball back boards.
Request Recreation Board meet and report to Select Board at next meeting.
State MPI Project
land Fill water contamination remediation.

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.

Keith Higgins reported that the School P.T.O. has recently raised and spent on the school playground \$9,400 & \$2,600.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: December 16th, 2013

12. ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn made by Robert Lee III at 7:38 PM, seconded by Hugh Gilley
All in Favor

Approved 16 December 2013
