

TOWN OF TREMONT
WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETING
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2013
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Warrant Committee Meeting of March 27, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:00 PM
2. ROLL CALL
Warrant Committee Members present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, members Susie Higgins, James Geary, David Campbell, Frank Gray, Assessor Carl Young and Town Manager Millard Billings.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. MINUTES OF March 13, 2013
Motion was made by James Geary with a second by Frank Gray to approve the minutes as written. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.
4. A. BOARD & COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Warrant Committee Member Greg Dow arrived at 5:10 PM.
 1. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Motion was made by James Geary with a second by Susie Higgins to recommend funding the amount of \$5,540.00 for the Animal Control Officer. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.
 2. RECREATION BOARD
No action was taken under this agenda item because the Recreation Board was not asking the Town for any new funding, but only to carry forward any existing money in their account, which Town Meeting authorizes the Select Board to approve.
 3. BOARD OF APPEALS
Motion was made by Charlie Dillon with a second by James Geary to recommend funding the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Board of Appeals. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.
 4. HARBOR COMMITTEE
 - A. Harbor Reserves/Operations
 - B. Wharf Reserves/Operations

C. Seal Cove Facilities Reserves/Operations

Motion was made by Frank Gray with a second by Greg Dow to make a favorable recommendation on the passage of the three warrant articles concerning Wharf, Harbor and Seal Cove Facilities funding. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.

C. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS

1. OFFICE OPERATIONS

Motion was made by James Geary with a second by Greg Dow to recommend funding the amount of \$72,200.00 for the Office Operations request. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.

2. RESERVES

Motion was made by James Geary with a second by Susie Higgins to recommend funding the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Reserves request. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.

3. WAGES & BENEFITS

Motion was made by James Geary with a second by David Campbell to recommend funding the amount of \$446,397.20 for the Wages and Benefits request. Motion was approved by vote 6-0.

Warrant Committee Member James Geary left the meeting at 6:15 PM as he had a prior commitment he needed to attend.

D. SCHOOL REQUESTS

1. SECOND JOINT MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 18

Motion was made by Frank Gray with a second by Charlie Dillon that the Warrant Committee recommendation concerning the School Warrant Articles numbered 3 through 18 is that the Warrant Committee recommends the articles not pass. Motion was approved by vote 3-2, Susie Higgins and David Campbell voted not to approve the motion.

7. 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. No action was taken under this agenda item.

8. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Select Board will meet April 1, 2013 to hear a budget proposal from DEP & CES concerning well testing & estimates for costs of filtration systems. Does the Warrant Committee wish to attend that meeting or meet at 5 PM on Tuesday for brief meeting to make a recommendation on funding of the Landfill/Water issues?

The Town Manager informed the Warrant Committee that there were five other Warrant Articles that the Warrant Committee had not yet addressed. He asked if

because of time constraints if they would like to attend the Selectmen's Meeting Monday night and hear the discussion concerning those articles or if they would like to meet on Tuesday night before the Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendments to address the Articles. The Five Articles that have not been addressed are as follows;

Article 19 concerning authorizing a lease purchase for the Fire Department for a crew cab pick-up,

Article 20 concerning authorizing a loan of \$200,000.00 for Wharf and Harbor Finances,

Article 23 concerning authorizing a loan for \$420,000.00 as the Town's share of an MPI road project with MDOT,

A line item in the Administration Account concerning funding the Landfill /Well testing issue that will be discussed Monday night, and

Article 52 concerning action regarding weather or not to increase the property Tax Levy Limit.

Motion was made by Charlie Dillon with a second by David Campbell to recommend passage of Article 20 with a recommendation to approve the Harbor Committee request for authorization for a loan for \$200,000.00 for Wharf and Harbor Finances. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Motion was made by Charlie Dillon with a second by Frank Gray to recommend passage of Article 52 with a recommendation to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$952,683.00. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Motion was made by Frank Gray with a second by Charlie Dillon to make no recommendation on Articles 19, 21 and 23 rather than schedule another Warrant Committee Meeting. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

9. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Charlie Dillon with a second by Frank Gray to adjourn the Warrant Committee Meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Millard Billings
Town Manager