

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008
6 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Selectmen's meeting of Monday, March 10, 2007 was called to order by Vice Chairman Heath Higgins at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Heath Higgins, Selectmen Kathi Thurston, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Selectman Chris Eaton arrived at 6:50 pm.

Members of the public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander, Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times, Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefel, Harbormaster Stewart Murphy, surveyor Thomas Benson, Recreation Board member David Campbell and resident John Buckwalter.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Selectman Kathi Thurston to accept minutes of February 25, 2008 as written, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. Motion passed 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#106	\$6,567.27
#107	VOID
#108	6,982.35
#109	1,583.55
#110	7,216.94

MOTION by Selectman Kathi Thurston to accept warrants 106-110, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. Motion passed 3-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE

Nothing new

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Nothing new

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Nothing new

4. FLAT IRON ROAD

Nothing new

5. PLOWING AND SANDING

Road salt deliveries are becoming hard to get. Town Manager Millard Billings has two loads on order.

6. SEAL COVE FISHWAY

Nothing new

B. PHOENIX SALMON US INC., ATLANTIC SALMON OF MAINE

Town Manager Millard Billings explained that Phoenix Salmon US Inc. formerly know as Atlantic Salmon of Maine intends to start farming salmon at their Black Island site beginning around March 1. They are interested in renting the wharf house and a wharf impact fee, possibly tied to the rental. They would also be interested in renting the garage if it became available.

The Harbor Committee voted not to allow aquaculture use on the wharf because of overcrowding both the wharf and parking.

Town Manager Millard Billings said that Phoenix Salmon US Inc. is withdrawing their application and will not pursue wharf. They will renew their moorings.

Vice Chairman Heath Higgins asked Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer if there was room at the wharf for more fishermen. Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer explained that the wharf is getting

very crowded and that the aquaculture use would be way too high impact. The Harbor Committee wanted the money but couldn't justify the impact. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if wharf permits go before the Harbor Committee. Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer said that impact fees do but the rest Harbormaster Stewart Murphy does. Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer would like to see the Ferry Terminal floats utilized more to relieve Bernard.

C. PROPOSED BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT

Boundary line agreement is proposed by John Buckwalter for the property line between Mr. Buckwalter's homestead lot and the Town owned Murphy lot (see attached).

Mr. Buckwalter has applied for a building permit to construct a one story shed on the side of his garage. Mr. Buckwalter started digging the foundation hole after he filed the building permit application but before the building permit was issued. It appears that the property line crosses the newly dug foundation hole. Mr. Buckwalter was issued a stop work order until proper set back requirements could be met.

Tom Benson has done boundary line research on both properties and recommends a boundary line agreement to settle the issue of where the property line is located.

The proposed boundary line agreement would give Mr. Buckwalter the required setback necessary for him to continue his construction project. Without a boundary line agreement the existing garage apartment may not meet the required property line setback requirement.

If the Select Board would like to proceed with a property line agreement, final approval would be required at Town Meeting. Prior to Town Meeting, deeds would need to be drafted by the Towns Attorney.

MOTION by Selectman Kathi Thurston to table the proposed property line agreement between the Town of Tremont and John Buckwalter until the Board can conduct a site visit on Monday, March 17 at 5:30 pm, seconded by Vice Chairman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Nothing new.

B. ACCESS ROAD

Nothing new.

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Nothing new.

D. STATE ROUTE 102

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that he received a letter from MDOT (see attached) in response to the letter of February 26 expressing the Town's strong opposition to the reclassification of route 102 to a minor collector and the State's proposal to end 102 at McKinley Market.

Pete Coughlin, Community Services Director for MDOT would like to meet with the Board at an early afternoon meeting on either March 17, 21, or 24.

The Select Board would like Town Manager Millard Billings to try and schedule a meeting on March 24, 2008 at 5 pm.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Governmental Administration Mutual Aid Agreement for League of Towns. The League Attorney recommended the highlighted changes to the approved document (see attached).
2. League of Towns attorney also recommends that Mutual Aid Agreement is approved at Town Meeting; Pursuant to MRSA 30-A § 2201 (see attached).
3. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that there will be a DOT Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Mt. Desert Middle School from 6-8 pm and the Board of Appeals has a hearing on March 20, 2008 at 5:30 pm.

There have been many road washouts after the rain storm last weekend. Public Works is taking care of the worst roads first.

The 450 is all fixed and the 650 has been checked out and considered to be normal.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REQUESTS

1. TREMONT SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
2. RECREATION COMMITTEE
3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
4. SEAL COVE RAMP COMMITTEE

Selectmen agreed to pass these on to the Warrant Committee.

B. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS

1. WINTER ROADS
2. SUMMER ROADS
3. TOWN EQUIPMENT
4. EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR
5. STREET LIGHTS
6. NEW GARAGE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Selectmen agreed to pass these on to the Warrant Committee with the exception of street lights which the Town Manager will bring back at a later date.

C. THIRD PARTY REQUESTS

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to recommend passage of presented third party requests (see attached) for a total of \$55,230.00, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Selectman Kathi Thurston would like to discuss a Town newsletter at the next meeting.

11. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked why the ramp at Seal Cove wasn't plowed. Harbormaster Stewart Murphy said that Seal Cove ramp follows the float schedule and the cove is usually full of ice, therefore not used in the winter so no need to plow.

Selectman Chris Eaton wanted to say thanks to the part time snow plow crew for their extra effort in the last storm.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 17, 2008 immediately following the 5:30 pm site visit and John Buckwalter's and the Town's land.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to adjourn at 7:36 pm, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Farley

Heath Higgins

Chris Eaton

Kathi Thurston

Lester Closson

Scott Grierson