

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Selectman's meeting of Monday, December 8, 2008 was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Charlie Dillon.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectman Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings and recording secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the public present were: Islander Reporter Mark Good, Bar Harbor Times Reporter Laurie Schrieber, Residents George Urbanneck, Scott Harper, Bob Cousins, Melvin Atherton and Steve and Kellie Carter.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to accept minutes of November 24, 2008 as written, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton.

Resident Melvin Atherton expressed concerns that the minutes don't reflect all comments made at that meeting. Chairman Charlie Dillon explained that minutes are a record of the facts and don't contain all of the small talk and that there is a DVD of the meeting if anyone would like to purchase a copy they are available for five dollars at the Town Office.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to table the vote on the minutes until Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson can review her work.

Selectman Scott Grierson withdrew his motion.

Resident George Urbanneck asked the Select Board to pass a motion publicly acknowledging that the intent of the Board was not to impugn Kathi Thurston's reputation or integrity.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to apologize to Kathi Thurston, seconded by Selectman Charlie Dillon. Chairman Charlie Dillon and Selectman Chris Eaton voted in favor. Selectman Scott Grierson voted against because he feels the process was done right. Selectman Kathi Thurston appeared to vote against. Motion did not pass 2-2.

Vote on original motion to accept minutes of November 24, 2008 as written was 3-0-1. Selectman Kathi Thurston abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to also include Selectman Kathi Thurston's family in the apology, seconded by Chairman Charlie Dillon. Selectman Chris Eaton voted in favor. Chairman Charlie Dillon and Selectman Scott Grierson opposed. Selectman Kathi Thurston recused herself. Motion failed.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Town Manager Millard Billings noted to the Selectmen that warrant number 59 to H.G. Reed Inc. has been corrected.

#57	10,302.20
#58	5,646.56
#59	85,332.17
#60	10,333.12
#61	25.38

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve warrants, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SET AUCTION DATE FOR TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to set auction date for tax acquired property for February 17, 2009, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton.

Selectman Kathi Thurston said that she would like to hold off on the auction date to give people more time.

After further discussion motion was withdrawn.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to table the date setting for the auction until last meeting in January, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

B. DISCUSSION OF FLAT IRON ROAD

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson that after further review and discussion with abutters Flat Iron Road be a two rod road, seconded by Chairman Charlie Dillon. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to have CES modify plan to show a two rod road with a block on the plan for Selectmen to sign, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Nothing new to report

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

Internet Exploratory Committee member George Urbanneck passed out a sample letter (see attached) concerning Selectman support for Redzone.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve, sign and send letter to Connect Maine relative to Redzone internet services, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen if they would like to give the employees a Christmas bonus. For the past seven years the Board has approved one hundred dollars per employee.

MOTION by Chairman Charlie Dillon to give employee bonus of \$150.00. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to give \$100.00 Christmas bonus to employees, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 3-1. Selectman Kathi Thurston voted against and stated "it's no reflection on Town Employees"

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that there was a meeting at the High School concerning the High School funding formula and Superintendent Liebow would like to leave the funding formula the way it is (copies attached).

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen each a copy of the Emergency Operating Procedures manual to review.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 22, 2008

12. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Heidi Farley
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Kathi Thurston

Lester Closson

Chris Eaton