

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen's meeting of Monday, January 19, 2009 was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the Public present were: Emergency Management Director Keith Higgins, Mount Desert Islander Reporter Mark Good, Fire Department President Jim Keene and Resident Glendon Stanley.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of December 22, 2008

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve minutes of December 22, 2008 as written, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Minutes of January 6, 2009

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve minutes of January 6, 2009 as written, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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#76 4,620.10

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to approve warrants, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Emergency Management Director Keith Higgins said that he will check into sleeping occupancy at the Town Office. Mr. Higgins also said that it is better to try and keep people in their own homes where they have their pets, medications and where they are most comfortable. Selectman Kathi Thurston mentioned possibly getting a committee together to identify people who may need help. Selectman Chris Eaton brought up the idea of installing a generator at the school. Town Manager Millard Billings said that the Board needs to approve an emergency operations plan so that in case of a disaster the Town will be eligible for FEMA disaster money. Town Manager Millard Billings will get Hancock County Emergency Management to correct proposed plan and bring it back for the Selectmen's approval.

B. RESIDENT REQUEST TO DISCUSS SHELLFISH ORDINANCE

Selectmen decided to have a joint meeting with the Harbor Committee and DMR Representative Dennis Nault to discuss the possibility of a Clam Ordinance on Monday, February 2, 2009.

C. HARBOR COMMITTEE FOR HARBORMASTER JOB DESCRIPTION

Selectmen expressed concerns about the amount of comp time the new job description allows for the Harbormaster. Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested maybe having a part time Harbormaster to back up the full time Harbormaster. Selectmen decided to ask the Harbor Committee to look into this and discuss with the Harbor Committee at the February 2, 2009 joint meeting.

D. SET AUCTION DATE FOR TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

Discussion of tax acquired property in regards to Town Meeting vote on auction and the possible time frame for repurchase of property by prior owner and the amount of outstanding taxes needed to redeem property.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to set auction date for July 15th 2009, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson.

Selectmen Scott Grierson withdrew his motion and Selectman Lester Closson withdrew his second.

Selectmen decided to wait until their February 23, 2009 meeting to set the date of the auction for tax acquired property.

Resident Glendon Stanley asked the Board to go into executive session to discuss a payment arrangement to redeem tax acquired property.

Town Manager Millard Billings will check with MMA to see if an executive session for the discussion of a payment plan for a former property owner to repurchase tax acquired property could be allowed.

E. AOS BUDGET REFERENDUM WARRANT

Town Manager Millard Billings explained that there will be three separate ballots, one for the Superintendents office, the High School budget and the Grammar School budget. All three referendums will be on June 9, 2009 (see attached).

MOTION by Selectman Kathi Thurston for the Selectmen to sign the AOS budget warrant and notice of election, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

F. LANDFILL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Selectmen will have a meeting with Robert Birk from the Division of Remediation on Thursday January 29, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Tremont Town Office to discuss possible further testing of the water surrounding the landfill. Report attached.

G. APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY Selectman Chris Eaton to appoint James Laprade to a 3 year term on the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE

Nothing new to report.

2. FLAT IRON ROAD

CES has asked Town Manager Millard Billings to have the Town Attorney draft the wording for the signature block on the new Flat Iron Road survey.

3. SEAL COVE FISHWAY

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that he has called Roland Dupuis at NRCS and Mr. Dupuis stated that just last week he reminded the engineer that the completed design and specifications needed to be on his desk before April 1, 2009.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

Nothing new to report.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

1. Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the Town purchased a Miller Bobcat 250 at Lynox Welding Supplies for \$3395.00. The funds were taken from equipment reserve. Funds for the supplies, i.e. helmet, rods etc. will be taken from Public Works/Town Equipment/ parts equipment.

2. Town Manager Millard Billings requested that the Board authorize him to sign the contract with the Small Animal Clinic.

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the contract with the Small Animal Clinic, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton.
Motion passed 5-0.

3. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a copy of the response to the Town of Mount Desert regarding amending the High School formula (see attached).

4. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a copy of the letter mailed to the Congressional Delegation's Chief 's of staff after the January 5th meeting (see attached)

9. QUARTERLY REPORT

Selectmen received a copy of the quarterly report. No discussion at this time.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Possible clam ordinance, well testing around old dump, MMA executive session and Harbormaster job description.

11. OTHER

None

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Special meeting with Robert Birk from the Bureau of remediation January 29, 2009 at 11:00 AM.
Next regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Scott Grierson to adjourn at 7:38 PM, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Farley
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Kathi Thurston

Scott Grierson