

**TOWN OF TREMONT
SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009
11:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 11:04 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Scott Grierson, Chris Eaton, Kathi Thurston, and Town Manager Millard Billings.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 11:06 am.

Members of the public present were John Pond – CES, Dick Behr – Geologist, Bob Birk – DEP, and Mark Good – Islander.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CONCERNING LANDFILL CLOSURE/WELL TESTS

Bob Birk explained that the DEP keeps an eye on closed Landfills and the surrounding wells. The DEP does this for all the closed Landfills in the state. The DEP is concerned about some of the wells in the area, some of which have never been tested (see attached). Dick Behr would like to begin monitoring additional wells and two wells that the DEP will drill near the Landfill. The data does not exist for Dick Behr to ascertain if the elevated level of salt in the ground water is from the old DOT salt/sand pile or if it is from the Landfill. There are some medical concerns presented by the elevated level of salt, and the DEP has notified the owners. Some of the wells are testing above the guidelines for manganese, which could be from the Landfill. If it is determined the contamination is from the Landfill the DEP would reimburse residents 90% of their bottle water cost, if they have saved their receipts. If it is determined the contamination is from the old DOT salt/sand pile, the DOT has a plan in effect to deal with the problem. Dick Behr, the Geologist, wants to discover what kind of rock was blasted out for the town office, because that may be the cause. The wells that were tested last year need to be tested again. The DEP also has a rig that can take soil samples, which they will do to see if they can pinpoint the source. They need to gather as much data as possible to identify the solution to the problem. The DEP has agreed to expand the test area by a few more wells. The DEP is drafting a letter to send to the effected residents keeping them informed of the progress. The DEP assured the Town's representatives that the new test wells at the Landfill, retesting the wells that were tested in 2008 and expanding the test area of private wells will be funded by DEP 90% and matching Town funds of 10%.

5. OTHER
None

6. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Scott Grierson

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson