

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 23, 2009 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander and Glendon Stanley arrived at 6:30 pm.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have the minutes clarified from "some of the fisherman" to be "R "Chummy" Rich, Wayne Rich, Walt Rich and James Rich" which were to their understanding the fisherman that approached Harbormaster David Schlaefer.

Chairman Charlie Dillon asked if BMV on page 4 should be DMV. Town Manager Millard Billings explained the name has been changed to Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He asked the Selectmen to sign a letter so the Town can register heavy trucks.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of November 2nd as amended. Motion passed 4 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 56	7,463.83
Warrant 57	7,469.74
Warrant 58	7,127.43
Warrant 59	2,955.98
Warrant 60	58,073.48
Warrant 61	2,091.31
Warrant 62	7,673.03

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 56 – 62. Motion passed 4 - 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADOPT FLEET SAFETY PROGRAM

The Fleet Safety Program is required by MMA Risk Pool Insurance. It covers municipal vehicles and their use (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adopt the Fleet Safety Program for the Town of Tremont. Motion passed 4 - 0.

B. MUNICIPAL RELEASE DEED

The Tax Collector requests a Release Deed for a property that was in automatic foreclosure and has been paid in full (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize the Tax Collector to issue a Release Deed for Jerry Harper. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested moving 6 C to after the Town Manager's Report to give a resident more time to arrive.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to move 6 C and 6 D to after 8. Motion passed 4 - 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. FLAT IRON RD: Town Manager Millard Billings suggested waiting until spring to paint the stripes on Flat Iron Rd.
2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: The reminder of the punch list will have to wait until summer when the water levels drop.
The Public Works crew and Town Manager Millard Billings dug up the dry hydrant line and insulated it with Styrofoam and sand bags out to the elbow and covered it with 4 inch ledge to protect it from freezing. The Fire Chief did not want to put a 45° angle in because it would restrict the water flow.
3. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY-BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Waiting to hear on the ACOE permit.
4. DREDGE PROJECT: Dave Robinson of Fathom Research and John Sullivan of Ocean Survey conducted the survey today to look for sunken ships. They did not find anything. They said they would call ACOE and Maine Historic Preservation Commission and give a verbal report. Mark Habel in an e-mail to Mr. Billings said the packets will be going out next Tuesday.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. The application before the Board of Appeals of the CEO decision dated July 23, 2009 regarding Carlton Johnson d/b/a Up Harbor Marine has been withdrawn by the applicants.

- B. The Superior Court Case of Adams, Graham and Eagleson vs. Town of Tremont, Carl Young and Carlton Johnson has been dismissed with prejudice and without costs (see attached).
- C. David Kelley spoke to Town Manager Millard Billings on November 3rd saying he no longer had an interest in leasing the Wharf Garage. Town Manager Millard Billings asked him to submit something in writing to that effect, but nothing has been received yet (see attached rent schedule through October 2009).
Town Manager Millard Billings is recommending not trying to lease the building over the winter. The Harbormaster can build finger floats in the large bay this winter and be on site to oversee the dredge project, and the Contractor for the dredge project may want to use the office space or some storage area. The Selectmen agreed with this plan.
- D. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a report from CEO/Assessor Carl Young detailing October 2009 (see attached).
- E. The Selectmen signed the letter for the BMV to request Tremont be authorized to register large trucks.
- F. Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen October's Revenues and Expenses for the Wharf and Harbor (see attached).

9. AGENDA ITEM 6. C. TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY 2007 TAX LIENS AND 6. D. AUTOMATIC FORECLOSURE DATE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2009 FOR 2008 TAX LIENS

There are currently two properties that are in automatic foreclosure status with the following payment status;

One property owner made a payment arrangement after November 15, 2008 to pay all taxes and interest due. There has been \$5,500.00 paid and a balance due of \$1,911.59 as of February 4, 2009, which per arrangement will be paid on February 26, 2009. The boat did not get out to fish and he asked for a time extension until March 30, 2009 to make total payment. A payment of \$400.00 was made on April 21st and a payment of \$500.00 on June 29, 2009 and a payment of \$500.00 on August 19, 2009. No payment since. The new tax bill is \$2,894.56 plus interest created a balance due of \$3,574.38 (see attached).

Another property owner had requested a payment arrangement. An arrangement was made to pay \$600.00 per month with a balloon payment in the summer from moonlighting projects. A payment of \$600.00 was made on May 1, 2009 and \$2,000.00 on July 14th and \$300.00 on August 12th and a payment of \$974.08 on November 18th. The new tax bill is \$1,047.54 creating an outstanding balance plus interest of \$3,028.60 (see attached).

Glendon Stanley said he would pay the balance of 2008 taxes by December 2, 2009, and then make an arrangement to pay the 2009 and 2010 taxes.

Selectman Kathi Thurston would like a policy to follow for foreclosures. If taxes are not paid in full by May 1st then she would like to automatically set the date of auction at the next Selectmen's Meeting immediately after May 1st. She would like Town Manager Millard Billings to send out a letter every couple of months to remind delinquent tax payers they are in foreclosure and need to have their taxes paid off by May 1st or the date will be set. Chairman Charlie Dillon wants to send a letter every month. Selectman Chris Eaton suggested doing that for the 2008 taxes and see how it works.

10. AGENDA ITEM 9. OTHER

None

11. AGENDA ITEM 10. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 7, 2009 at 5:00 pm

12. AGENDA ITEM 11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

13. AGENDA ITEM 12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III