

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 4, 2010 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Chris Eaton, Bobby Lee, Lester Closson, and Kathi Thurston arrived at 5:45 pm, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Sheila Eddison, David Eddison, Jim McKenna – Red Zone, George Urbanneck – Internet Exploratory Committee, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times and Peter Butler.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2009

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of December 21st. Motion passed 4 - 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 80	8,272.03
Warrant 81	20,995.90
Warrant 82	14,083.61
Warrant 83	9,494.00
Warrant 84	660.54

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve Warrants 80, 81, 82, and 84. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Motion made by Selectman Bobby Lee, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrant 83. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. Selectman Chris Eaton abstained; he has a check on Warrant 83.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. WHARF GARAGE

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to postpone 6. A. to after 9. Other. Motion passed 4 - 0.

B. REPORT FROM JIM MCKENNA OF RED ZONE

Jim McKenna introduced himself and his company to the Selectmen. With money from Connect Maine his company is trying to get high speed internet to as much as 50% of the residents on MDI. He brought a repeater to the meeting to show the Selectmen and explained he wants to install them on at least a dozen buildings through out Tremont. In October, he approached 31 residences with

information about hosting a repeater. They have heard from only one. Jim McKenna said he'd like Tremont to send out a letter encouraging residents to host a repeater.

Jim McKenna asked the Selectmen if he could install a repeater on Tremont Consolidated School and the Town Office. He offered to erect the tower at the Town Office and reserve the top ten feet for the Town to install a wind generator. He has negotiated with Fairpoint to install a terminal in Seal Cove so they can get DSL.

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested he call the people on the list to ask them to host a repeater.

Selectman Chris Eaton offered his roof for a repeater.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to give Millard the authority to contact the people that have been attempted to be contacted by Red Zone. Motion passed 4 - 0.

David Eddison wanted to stress to the Selectmen that the technology is line of sight and would not work for everyone, but he hopes he will be one of the ones that can get Red Zone.

Internet Exploratory Committee Member George Urbanneck said the Committee is behind Red Zone 100%.

Chairman Charlie Dillon questioned Mr. McKenna about what would be needed at the School. Mr. McKenna said he would install a tripod on the roof with a repeater.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve a tripod, tower and what ever is necessary to get the wireless service at the School on the Gym. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 5:45 pm.

Right now the only stipulation on a tower in Tremont is that it be no higher than 100 feet. The Selectmen asked about the tower Red Zone could build. Jim McKenna stressed that he would build the tower to what ever specifications were necessary for the Town to put a wind turbine on top. Town Manager Millard Billings received a negative response to his inquiry from the DEP about putting a tower on top of the landfill.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to apply for a maximum 100 foot tower for our wind generator and any other purposes we deem fit on town property. Motion passed 4 – 1. Chairman Charlie Dillon is against; he felt the application should not be submitted until an Ordinance is in place.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Awaiting official notice but rumor is that Doris Reed has resigned from the Housing Authority (see attached e-mail that confirms Doris Reed's resignation). Scott Grierson has orally informed the Code Enforcement Officer that he will no longer be available to serve on the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee. The Board of Selectmen requested a written resignation before any action be taken (see attached letter sent to Mr. Grierson explaining a written resignation is requested).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the resignation of Doris Reed from the Housing Authority. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Chairman Charlie Dillon suggested, and the other Selectmen agreed, to wait for a written response from Scott Grierson.

D. APPOINTMENTS

Two people have signed up for the Housing Authority's open position (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Louise Kinney to the Housing Authority to finish Doris Reed's term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. FLAT IRON ROAD: Nothing new to report
2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Town Manager Millard Billings spoke to Roland Dupruis at NRCS. His engineers are on vacation over the holidays. As soon as they get back he will set up a joint meeting with the engineers, Mr. Billings and himself.
3. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY-BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report
4. DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Jim McKenna spoke to the Board (see above).

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Magic Salt is available for \$4.75 per gallon from Wilson Landscaping in Hermon. Adding this to regular rock salt, which stops working at 18°, will make the mix work at down to minus 30°. At \$4.75 per gallon this adds \$38.00 per ton to the cost of the rock salt. Mr. Wilson will apply the Magic Salt; we have to provide a man and machine to work the liquid into the salt. Once this is added to the salt it will reduce the amount of salt needed by 30 – 50%. We are currently paying \$69.05 per ton for rock salt plus the additional \$38.00 per ton for the liquid plus a man and a loader at \$70.00 per hour for 4 hours to mix 64 tons of rock salt with the liquid will bring the total cost of the mix to \$107.35 per ton and if we only use 50% as much the cost would be \$53.67 per ton or a savings of \$15.58 per ton for a mix that will work at temperatures below 18°. If we only use 30% less then the cost per ton would be \$71.56 or \$2.51 more than we are currently paying but a product that will still work at temperatures below 18° (see attached). Selectman Chris Eaton said Southwest Harbor is using it and he will speak to their Public Works Department to see how it is working for them.

9. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen, in response to a request from Peter Butler, the part-time driver's hours. The 5 part-time drivers have 291.25 hours so far this winter. Peter Butler said he has seen the drivers wasting time. He feels they should be supervised better. He also thinks the Cape Rd. is not done as soon as it should be. It was explained to him that the Cape Rd. is a priority #3, all priority #1 & #2 roads are done first, then when time allows, #3's are plowed. Peter Butler said

he thinks all town roads should be the same. The Selectmen thanked him for his concern.

Selectman Bobby Lee said he would like to see the Public Works writing down what they have done. Town Manager Millard Billings explained one does write on his time sheet, another one writes down what he does every day, and the third one is either plowing or working on the trucks. Some of the Board want to see what the Public Works are doing. They were invited to come to the Town Office and see the time sheets and logs.

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked the Board if they would like to dedicate something to long time resident Harvey Kelley, who passed away on Christmas. Town Manager Millard Billings suggested naming the meeting room "The Harvey Kelley Room", or maybe name the Town Office "The Harvey Kelley Memorial Office". The Selectmen are going to think on it.

10. AGENDA ITEM 6. A. WHARF GARAGE

The tenant did not come to the meeting. The Wharf Garage is all cleaned up and Harbormaster David Schlaefer is using it to build floats. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to have the Town Attorney send David Kelley a letter.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

January 18, 2010

12. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Tony Smith, Elliott Spiker, and ADD

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III