

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2012
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Eaton opened the November 19, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Chris Eaton, Members James LaPrade, Robert Lee III, Lester Closson and Hugh Gilley, Town Manager Millard Billings also present were John Pond of CES, John James of DEP, Mark Good of the Mount Desert Islander and Fire Chief Keith Higgins. Members of the public present were Bob and Judy Cousins, Tony Menzetti, Mike Wagner, Vashti Cossette, John Horton, Deni Anne Dow and Ron Kilgore.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the Agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012

Motion was made by Hugh Gilley with a second by Lester Closson to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed 4 in favor, none opposed and Robert Lee abstained because he was absent that meeting..

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 49	\$ 6,334.00
Warrant 50	\$ 8,542.46
Warrant 51	\$ 7,985.07
Warrant 52	\$ 3,249.50
Warrant 53	\$ 27,767.57
Warrant 54	\$ 7,739.17

Motion was made by Hugh Gilley with a second by Lester Closson to approve warrants 49 through 54. Motion passed by vote 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECYCLING UPDATES

Copies of the MRC tonnage report and a letter that PERC would waive the GAT penalty for towns that had not met their guaranteed annual tonnage where given to the Board for their information but no action was taken by the board on these items.

B. WELL WATER CONCERNS

John Pond of CES Inc., the firm that the Town retained as consultants explained that they had been sampling and evaluating the water from wells in the area of the landfill since 2008. He explained that they were about 1/2 done with gathering the data for the third round of water testing as authorized for completion this fall. John James of DEP explained that he had been given the project after Bob Birk had retired from DEP. He explained that in 2008 fourteen wells were tested and in 2009 sixteen wells were tested. He stated that analytical results from CES new tests would be completed later this fall. He explained that if it was determined that the landfill had caused any contamination to local wells DEP would be responsible for 90% of the funding for a solution. He recommended annual monitoring until a determination was made. He explained that there were several issues besides just the landfill, the old MDOT salt/sand pile, the current Town salt/sand shed, the old shark processing facility as well as leachate from private septic systems could contaminate local wells, more testing is needed to determine if it is from the old Landfill.

Local residents in attendance Tony Menzetti, Mike Wagner, Bob Cousins, Judy Cousins, and John Horton all express concerns about their wells and their drinking water.

John James said he would make it a priority to review the new data as soon as it comes in and get back to the Town to schedule another meeting to discuss their findings.

C. LESTER CLOSSON’S REQUEST TO DISCUSS REQUIRING ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES TO LIVE IN THE TOWN OF TREMONT

Motion was made by Board Member Lester Closson for the Town of Tremont Select Board to require all new employees to live in the Town of Tremont. There was no response from the other Board Members and the Motion failed for lack of a second.

D. REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR BERNARD BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT

An advertisement for proposals for a per hour price for an Excavator and a per hour price for an excavator operator was in the local newspaper on November 1 and 8, 2012 involving work on the Bernard Boat Launch Facility Expansion Project. The Bid closed on November 14, 2012 at 4:00 PM, at 4:01 PM the bids were publicly opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Contractor	EXCAVATOR PER HOUR	OPERATOR PER HOUR	TOTAL PRICE PER HOUR
Doug Gott & Sons	40.00	36.00	76.00
John Goodwin Jr.	115.00	115.00	115.00

The Select Board had a regularly scheduled public meeting on November 19, 2012, and to review proposals for Bernard Boat Launch Facility Expansion Project was an agenda item for that meeting. The Town Manager's recommendation to the Select Board was to award bids to lowest bidder, both bidders have done work for the town at various times and both have been excellent to work with. The Board was very glad to see both contractors submitting prices and to get such a low price per hour for the Project.

A **Motion** was made by Selectman Robert Lee III with a second by Selectman Hugh Gilley to award the bid to Doug Gott & Sons Inc. as low bidder for the total price of an excavator and operator of \$76.00 per hour. The Motion passed by vote 5-0 for Doug Gott & Sons Inc., for \$76.00 per hour.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

The Bernard Boat Launch Facility, Ramp Expansion Project, the Bureau of Submerged Lands has issued a Final Findings and Decision, dated November 14, 2012. We now have all of the permits in hand for the Project.

Catherine Rand is the MDOT Project Manager; she has approved multiple documents which had to be filed with her before she authorized us to start work. We have authority to proceed with the setting the pilings and purchasing the float material.

On November 14 Languille drilled the outer hole in the ledge and on November 16 they drilled the two inner holes in the ledge. The Town Manager, Harbormaster and Public Works crew with the aide of a hired bomb truck set the outer Piling and poured the concrete around the base of it on the night of November 16, 2012. We finished at 7:30 PM well after dark but this was the lowest draining tide of this month if we had not got this piling set on the 16th we would have had to wait another month for the next big draining tide to be able to get to this piling.

On Monday the 19th the Harbormaster and Public Works crew started work framing the forms for the concrete bulkhead. The Plan is to set the remaining two pilings on Tuesday and pour the concrete around their bases and pour the bulkhead on Wednesday. We will have to wait until after the holidays and pour the concrete inside the pilings on a high tide from the Harbormaster Boat rather than trying to build a staging that will not float in the water because the pilings are 25 feet above ground level at low water but will only be about 7 feet above the deck of a boat at high tide.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

We picked up the two plow trucks from Colwell's Wednesday November 7, 2012. One truck is complete the other truck needs a valve for the rear air lines that George had to order. He will call when it comes in and we can take the Truck back to be finished. The rear air cost is just under 1100 per truck.

It snowed the night of the 7th Jerry Walls used one of the new trucks that night and Austin Seavey used it for a while that morning. Wayne Rich has been in and driven one of the new trucks around just to get familiar with it.

George called Tuesday afternoon to inform me that the part for the other truck had come in. I sent the truck to Coldwell's on Wednesday the 14th.

I have had three inquiries into the possible purchase of one or two of the Top Kicks. Inquires came from two independent contractors with snowplow contracts for off island towns. There should be more interest in snowplow trucks from now that others are trying to get ready to plow. Still no interest at Colwell's as far as the F650.

I have received a \$2,000.00 deposit from Richard McMullen, (he has the snowplow contract for the Town of Lamoine) for the purchase of both Truck #5 for \$4,000.00 (truck only no sander) & Truck #6 for \$8,000.00 (truck with old Svenson Sander). He will pay the balance on Tuesday if the Board authorizes the sale.

The Town Manager recommends selling him both trucks for \$12,000.00, and place this money in the Truck replacement reserve. Town Meeting vote authorized the purchase of two new trucks some of the purchase price was to come from the sale of existing trucks but existing trucks did not sell before we had to pay for the new trucks. Town Meeting (if we have a special or annual) can vote for this truck sale money to stay in truck replacement reserve.

Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to sell Trucks 5& 6 to Richard McMullen for \$12,000.00. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The League of Towns is scheduled to meet on November 27, 2012 at Bar Harbor Council Chambers and hear discussion from ANP & COA concerning the suggestion that a questionnaire be mailed out to local voters in the four towns to get a more accurate idea of how the voters feel about opening deer hunting on MDI.

Copies of the Third Party Budget request forms are enclosed for the Board information only they will be mailed this week.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME IN LATE AND ARE FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN, UNLESS BOARD REQUESTS IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

Selectman Bobby Lee mentioned that the would like to see the Town purchase a Tommy-gate for the Truck number 7, as a means of Public Works Employees loading and unloading heavy objects from the truck. The Town Manager asked where he had purchased the one had in his truck and was told it came from Bangor Truck & Equipment. The Town Manager said that in addition to a Tommy-gate another big help for Public Works would be a set of forks for the John Deere loader.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

John Pond will stay in contact with the Town Manager and he and John James will come back to a Selectmen’s Meeting as soon as they have a report available from the new data they are currently gathering.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: MONDAY DECEMBER 3 & 17

12. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millard Billings,
Town Manager

Christopher Eaton

James LaPrade

Robert Lee III

Hugh Gilley

Lester Closson