

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY APRIL 1, 2013  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chris Eaton opened the April 1, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Chris Eaton, Members Bobby Lee, Lester Closson, James LaPrade, Hugh Gilley, Town Manager Millard Billings, Assessor Carl Young, Fire Chief Keith Higgins, Warrant Committee Members Charlie Dillon, Frank Gray  
Guests present were Mark Good of the Mount Desert Islander, Judy Cousins, Mike Wagner, Vashti Cossette, and Greg Johnston

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2013**

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to approve the minutes as written. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Warrant 102	\$ 8,934.02
Warrant 103	\$ 1,987.00
Warrant 104	\$ 83,607.75
Warrant 105	\$ 7,485.85

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to approve warrants 102 through 105. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE UPDATES**

The Board was given a copy of the Acadia Disposal District Meeting Agenda scheduled for March 28, 2013. No further action was taken.

**B. WELL TESTING/LANDFILL REPORTS DEP & CES**

The meeting was scheduled with John Pond of CES & John James of DEP to discuss proposed well testing and drinking water filtration systems. Copies of data were enclosed regarding water testing.

After much discussion concerning the landfill and well water quality all over the Town of Tremont it was decided to invite John Pond of CES and John James of DEP to return to a meeting on April 8, 2013 to answer additional questions.

**Motion** was made by James LaPrade with a second by Bobby Lee to recommend raising \$26,800.00 at the Annual Town Meeting to fund the additional water testing and to cover water filtration systems if needed.. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

Status of Bernard Boat Launch Facility, Ramp Expansion Project.

Thursday March 28    Low tide 6:17 AM -0.9 feet

                                  Low tide 6:33 PM -0.6 feet

Friday March 29      Low tide 7:01 AM -1.2 feet

                                  Low tide 7:16 PM     -0.6 feet

Saturday March 30    Low tide 7:48 AM -1.2 feet

                                  Low tide 8:03 PM -0.5 feet

These are the best draining tides available; we hope to finish work below second piling on these tides.

### **B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS**

Purchase of Closson Property

The closing for the purchase of the Closson Property was held Tuesday March 19, 2013. Title insurance was provided prior to closing. Tom Benson is scheduled to do a survey of the property to establish the boundary lines.

Sale of Ford F-650

As discussed at the last meeting the Town Manager has met with an interested party concerning trading material for the F-650. The Contractor has offered to extend the cost per yard for road sand without going out to bid (as of the October 2012 bid price of \$7.22 per yard) to include the 2013-2014 fiscal year. He will supply \$10,000.00 worth of material in return for the 2003 Ford F-650 with dump body and including the Fisher 10 foot plow.

The Town Manager recommends agreeing to the trade but conducting it the following manner;

After July 1, 2013 ask for a check for \$10,000.00 from the Contractor for the purchase of the vehicle. Then issue the contractor a check for \$10,000.00 as a prepayment for 1385 yards of road sand for 7.22 per yard which equals \$9,999.70 and waive the thirty cents. This method should satisfy both his Accountant and the Town's Auditors, by creating a proper paper trail.

The Select Board agreed with the proposal but asked the Town Manager to check with the Contractor to see if he would mind waiting until July first or if he needed the truck sooner. The Board will act on the proposal at their next meeting.

## **8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

- A. MMA Freedom of Access request training in Ellsworth April 9, 2013 at the Elks Lodge.
- B. Deer Herd Questionnaires were mailed February 7, 2013. They have been coming back steadily and we had 451 returns that were submitted to COA for tabulation.
- C. On Monday March 25, 2013 there was a Specially – Scheduled Public Hearing on the Governor’s Proposed Budget at Jeff’s Catering in Brewer. Carl Young attended on behalf of the Town of Tremont he also submitted the Resolution that the Select Board adopted on March 4<sup>th</sup>. (see attached)
- D. Town Manager received an email inviting the Select Board to a Fireside Science Fair at Jackson Lab it was scheduled for March 28 from 4:30 to 6 PM. (see attached)
- E. Agenda for the County Commissioners Regular Meeting April 2, 2013. (see attached)

## **9. ASSESSOR/CEO SEARCH**

After discussion concerning weather to interview all candidates or only qualified candidates the Board agreed by consensus to interview only qualified candidates and to schedule the interview at 5:00 PM on the night that CES and DEP would be present to discuss the landfill/water issue.

## **10. ANNUAL BUDGET**

### **A. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS**

- 1. Landfill/Water (after reports of CES & DEP)  
This agenda item was addressed under agenda item 6B.

### **B. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

- 1. Final Approval of Warrant on Monday April 1, 2013  
Town Manager Billings announced to the Select Board that at their last meeting the Warrant Committee had voted to recommend that the school budget articles 3 through 18 not be passed.  
The Town Manager explained that the \$26,800.00 that was approved for the landfill/water budget needed to be added to the General Administration Budget request and also increase the amount funded from taxation by that amount.

The Select Board then proceeded through the draft Warrant and addressed any issues that they had not previously acted upon as follows;

- Art. 19 To see if the voters of the Town of Tremont will vote to authorize the lease/purchase of a new crew-cab pick-up truck for the Fire Department ....

**Motion** was made by Hugh Gilley with a second by Lester Closson for the Selectmen to recommend passage of this article. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 20 The Town Manager informed the Board that even though Article 20 had been previously approved by the Selectmen. The Town Manager Billings announced that the final report from the bank had authorized the loan at the rate of 2.09% interest. At an estimated interest rate of 2.09 % for a term of 10 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be: Principal \$200,000.00; Interest \$19,996.75; Total Debt Service \$ 219,996.75

Art. 21 To see if the voters of the Town of Tremont will vote to authorize the Tremont Selectmen to enter a Municipal Partnership Initiative with the Maine Department of Transportation for a Highway reconstruction project to start by the Tremont School at the end of the Clark Bridge Construction project and extend 0.40 miles westerly to a point beyond Burnt Hill Road where the MDOT ended a Road Reconstruction Project in 2010, and to further authorize a majority at least of the municipal officers of the Town to borrow on behalf of the Town an amount up to but not to exceed the principal sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) and to issue and sell for that purpose a general obligation security or securities of the Town of Tremont in the form of bonds or notes, or to borrow said \$420,000 by means of a loan from a local or national financial institute with associated note and security instrument, the proceeds of either of which to be used for said Municipal share of the Municipal Partnership Initiative with the Maine Department of Transportation (such bonds or notes to be issued, or such mortgage and security instrument to be negotiated, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the municipal officers of the town); and further to authorize the municipal officers to execute such documents and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish this financing and issue the bonds or notes on behalf of the Town.

**Motion** was made by James LaPrade with a second by Bobby Lee to place the Article on the Warrant and recommend passage. Motion was approved by vote 3-1-1, Lester Closson voted no and Hugh Gilley abstained from voting.

Art. 31 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$571,397.20 the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for GENERAL ADMINISTRATION purposes.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$571,397.20; with \$392,260.53 raised from Taxation, \$100,000.00 appropriated from Revenue, \$50,000.00 appropriated from surplus and \$29,136.67 appropriated from Reserves. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 32 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$24,535.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for INSURANCE.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to recommend \$24,535.00 raised from taxation. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 33 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$179,380.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PROTECTION.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$179,380.00; \$167,380.00 raised from taxation, and \$12,000.00 appropriated from revenue. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 34 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$267,811.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for DEBT SERVICE.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$267,811.00 raised from taxation. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 35 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$56,775.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for RECREATION purposes.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to recommend \$56,775.00, raised from taxation. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 36 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$296,800.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$296,800.00, appropriated from Revenue. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 37 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$195,500.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for SOLID WASTE disposal.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$195,500.00, raised from taxation. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 38 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$68,881.00, the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND SERVICES.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Hugh Gilley to recommend \$ 68,881.00, \$54,881.00 raised from taxation and \$14,000.00 appropriated from Reserves. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 39 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$30,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for RESERVES.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to recommend \$30,000.00 appropriated from revenue. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by Lester Closson to recommend that articles 40 through 48 be raised through taxation. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Art. 52 To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of nine hundred fifty-two thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$952,683.00) established for Tremont by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by James LaPrade to recommend passage. Motion was approved by vote 4-1, Lester Closson voted not to approve the motion.

**Motion** was made by James LaPrade with a second by Lester Closson to recommend Articles 53 through 56 have passage. Motion was approved by vote 4-1, Bobby Lee voted not to approve the motion.

**11. 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.** No discussion was had under this agenda item.

**12. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Regular Meeting April 22, 2013 and a Special Meeting when ever DEP & CES can meet before that date

**14. ADJOURN**

**Motion** was made by Bobby Lee with a second by James LaPrade to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Millard Billings, Town Manager

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Christopher Eaton

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James LaPrade

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Robert Lee III

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Hugh Gilley

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Lester Closson