



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tremont Town Office
Harvey Kelley Meeting Room
6:00 p.m. ~ Monday, December 1, 2014

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Katharine Thurston, chair of the Selectboard, at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Chairman Katharine Thurston, Selectman Dean Wass, Selectman Stewart Murphy and Interim Town Manager Dana Reed.

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to excuse Selectman Christopher Eaton due to illness, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There being no changes offered, the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014, as amended to remove the duplicate paragraph at the bottom of page 2 under Item G; second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to approve warrants 42 through 46, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

A. Library Board: *Recommendation of the library trustees that Michael Hays be appointed to a three year term.*

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to appoint Michael Hayes to the seat on the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees expiring June 30, 2017, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Deer Herd Management: *Request of Marc Fink for initiation of a deer herd control program.*
Mr. Fink presented his proposal for a limited bow season. Following considerable discussion, the following motion was offered:

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to look at this again when we have all four board members present, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

B. Harbor Master Job Description: *Review of edits suggested by the Select Board.*

Town Manager Reed presented a draft of the Harbor Master job description containing the edits suggested by the board, along with some new language which he proposed for consideration. Several members of the public offered their comments as well. Following considerable discussion, the following motion was offered:

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to request the Town Manager to make the amendments discussed and place this matter on the next agenda, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Law Enforcement Contract: *Report of the Town Manager regarding his meeting with Scott Kane, Sheriff-Elect, to discuss renewal of the law enforcement contract expiring December 31, 2014.*

The Town Manager reported that Sheriff-Elect Kane was called to Augusta unexpectedly, but he met instead with Pat Kane, patrol supervisor. Pat reiterated that Scott has no concerns about holding their price for the coming calendar year, while at the same time, offering a DARE program, if the school would be willing to host the program. Pat thought that they should be able to get us a draft contract in time for the December 15 meeting. However, if they are unable to do that for some reason, he indicated that they would continue providing the service until we get the contract executed. No Board of Selectmen action was taken on this matter.

D. Heating Oil: *Review of bids and possible award of a fuel oil contract for the 2015-16 heating season.*

Mr. Reed reported that Acadia Fuel was the low bidder.

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to award the Town's heating oil contract for the 2015-16 heating season to Acadia Fuel, LLC, at a price of \$2.65 per gallon, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Broadband: *Request by the League of Towns if Tremont has any interest in helping fund a study of improving computer broadband access island wide.*

At the Islandwide Elected Officials workshop held by the League of Towns this fall, the attending Selectmen identified "Regional Broadband Access" as a goal for the League managers to work toward over the coming year. In brief, the idea is to improve the quality and availability of Internet access on MDI and the surrounding towns. The League has now received a proposal from a consultant and determined that the next step should be to determine which Towns wish to participate in the study, since the participants will need to split the \$60,000 cost using an as yet undetermined formula. Once each municipality decides if it is in or out, an appropriate cost sharing formula will be worked out among the participants.

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to advise the League of Towns that the Town of Tremont is tentatively interested in participating in the Regional Broadband Access study, pending determination of a mutually agreeable cost sharing formula, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

F. Financial Reports: *Town Manager's report on Selectmen's November 17 questions on the Special Revenue Fund financial reports presented at that meeting.*

Mr. Reed reported on his research into the questions raised at the previous meeting. No action was taken.

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Reed presented a brief verbal report on his recent activities and those of the other Town employees.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: *Any other items which may come in late and are for the board’s information purposes only. No action will be taken, except that the board may request a matter be placed on the next agenda.*

Selectmen would like the following matters placed on the December 15 agenda: Deer Herd Management, the Harbor Master’s Job Description and next year’s schedule for meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Possible adoption of a motion to set the date of the next meeting for Monday, December 15.*

MOTION by Selectman Stewart Murphy to set the date of the next meeting for Monday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office, second by Selectman Dean Wass. Motion passed 3-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Selectman Dean Wass to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., second by Selectman Stewart Murphy. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana J. Reed
Recording Secretary

Katharine S. Thurston, Chair

Stewart Murphy, Vice Chair

Christopher A. Eaton

Dean Wass