

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY DECMEBER 20, 2004  
6:00PM**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE  
AND YEARLY APPENDIXES A, B & C**

Chairman Alden Gray opened the public hearing at 6:00pm. There was no discussion about the appendixes and no visitors present. Chairman Gray closed the Public hearing at 6:02pm.

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 20, 2004**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The December 20, 2004 Regular Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray at 6:03pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Alden Gray, Selectmen Dean Tozier, Scott Grierson, Charlie Dillon, Recording Secretary McKenzie Clough, Town Manager Millard Billings. Also in attendance were: Cemetery Committee members Wayne and Virginia Libhart and Frank Gray. Senator Dennis Damon, Representative Hannah Pingree, Mel Atherton, Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander, Laurie Schreiber-Bar Harbor Times, Jason Lovejoy and Cecily Pingree.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Dean to approve minutes of the December 6, 2004 Selectmen's meeting, Charlie seconded the motion. All Selectmen in favor of approving minutes by show of hands.

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

WARRANT #77 \$4,371.41  
WARRANT #78 \$53,515.16  
WARRANT #79 \$13,968.42  
WARRANT #80 \$17,800.00  
WARRANT #81 \$4,527.29  
WARRANT #82 \$14,240.41  
WARRANT #83 \$7,882.63

WARRANT #84 \$88.00  
WARRANT #85 \$10,096.25

Motion by Dean to approve warrants # 77-85, Scott seconded the motion. Mel Atherton questioned warrant #82 and #79. It seems that this bill was on the warrant twice. Dean amended his previous motion to change warrant #79 to read \$10,719.75, Scott seconded the motion. All Selectmen in favor of amended motion by show of hands.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6A. REQUEST OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR A LEGISLATURE BILL TO GIVE MUNICIPALITIES RIGHT TO ACQUIRE CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP OF ABANDON CEMETERIES**

Cemetery Committee members Wayne and Virginia Libhart, Frank Gray are present to discuss this bill. Also present were Senator Dennis Damon and Representative Hannah Pingree. Mr. Libhart explained to the Board and Representatives the purpose of this bill is to maintain and keep up with the many cemeteries that have been abandoned. The Town of Tremont has at least 20 cemeteries. If this passes it would allow towns to control abandoned cemeteries and acquire vacant lots. The bill would assure that property owners would be protected and the Towns would use due diligence in locating the owners before acquiring the property. Provisions for public access would be made, and any interested parties to the cemeteries would also have access. Senator Damon is happy to co-sponsor this bill as is Representative Pingree. The Town of Tremont adopted the Cemetery Ordinance in 2003 and now owns several of the cemeteries already. Mr. Libhart requested that this bill be presented as a bill and not by request. Senator Damon and Representative Pingree agree to present the bill not by request. Both were happy to co-sponsor this bill. A public hearing will be scheduled, Town officials and Committee members will be invited to attend. Scott wanted to be sure this will not affect Native American burial grounds.

Motion by Charlie was made to refer this to the Representatives to present to Legislature, Scott seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

### **6B. ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AND YEARLY APPENDIXES A, B AND C.**

Motion by Dean to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance and yearly appendixes, Charlie seconded motion. All Selectmen in favor by show of hands.

### **6C. RESIGANTIONS**

Motion by Dean motioned to accept Ann Wentworth's resignation from the Library Board of Trustees, Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

Motion by Dean to accept Wayne Foote's resignation as Town Attorney, Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands. Selectmen would like Mr.

Footnote to make recommendations for other Attorneys that may be suited for the Town.

**6D. APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Scott to appoint Marilyn Miller for a one year term to the Library Board of Trustees, Dean seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands

Motion by Scott motioned to appoint Alice Chedister for a three year term to the Library Board of Trustees, Dean seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands

Motion by Scott motioned to appoint Lorena Beal to the Library Board of Trustees to finish Ann Wentworth's term (term to expire in July 05), Dean seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**6E. REQUEST OF RECREATION BOARD TO TRANSFER \$533.00 FROM REC BOARD RESERVES TO OPERATING ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE A DOUBLE TIER BALL WALL RACK AND 12 BASKETBALLS.**

Motion by Charlie to transfer \$533.00 from the Recreation Board's operating account to the reserve account to purchase wall racks and basketballs for the community center, with the stipulation the Recreation Board has enough funds to cover this expense, Scott seconded the motion, all in favor.

**6F. GARY GEAGHAN TOWN ASSESSOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED QUARTERLY RE-EVALUATION PROCESS**

Mr. Geaghan was unable to attend tonight's meeting and would like to be put on next Selectmen's agenda.

**6G. REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS**

Request to refund Son Ye Yu's property taxes. Ms. Yu paid her taxes and her mortgage company also paid the taxes.

Motion made by Dean to refund Ms. Yu's \$833.23, Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

Request to refund Lyford Stanley \$50.22 for excise tax. Mr. Stanley registered a new car for an entire year, several days later Mr. Stanley changed his mind and wanted to transfer registration and plates.

Motion made by Scott to refund Mr. Stanley \$50.22, Dean seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

A letter was sent to the Fire Department requesting all bills go through the Fire Departments Treasurer, to avoid sales tax.

A letter was sent to Land Use Ordinance Committee members asking if they were still interested in serving on this committee

Clean-O-Rama sent a letter about refinishing the gym floor. They feel that the floor was not done correctly to begin. They are willing to settle for \$750.00 for their services. Selectmen would like to contact Jack Graham of Space designs.

Motion made by Charlie d to approve an unpaid leave of absence to an employee who has not yet completed their first year on the job. Town Manager Billings feels that January is the best time for this employee to take time off, Scott seconded the motion. All in favor of granting the leave of absence by show of hands.

Town Manager Billings received a signed copy of the feasibility study from the Army Corp of Engineers, they would like Tremont to forward the \$10,000.00.

Board of Selectmen were invited to Holiday gathering December 23, 2004 at 12:00.

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

None

**10. OTHER**

George Urbanneck was present to discuss recent vandalism to his property on Bass Harbor Woods Rd. Mr. Urbanneck is very upset; his family has been the victim of 3 different episodes of vandalism. He suspects he knows who is responsible for the acts, but wants to know what is being done by the Board of Selectmen to protect the residents of Tremont. It is made clear that the Town is actively searching for police protection. As of now the State Police has several possible candidates going through the process. The town hopes to have some sort of protection by springtime. If the State Police don't work out; Selectmen will begin researching other options.

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of vandalism or any other crime to the proper authorities.

**11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held January 10, 2005 at 6:00pm.

**12. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Dean to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm, Charlie seconded the motion.

All in favor of adjourning December 20, 2004 meeting at 7:50pm by show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted,  
McKenzie Clough

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Alden Gray

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Dean Tozier

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Charlie Dillon

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Scott Grierson

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Steve Harper