

**TOWN OF TREMONT
SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP RESERVE ACCOUNTS
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005
5:00 PM**

The Selectmen held a Workshop to discuss the investment of the Reserve Account. All four Selectmen were present as well as Town Manager Millard Billings. The Selectmen asked the Town Manager to investigate CD's and other forms of investment.

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the November 21, 2005 Regular Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mel Atherton, Mark Good – Islander, Stewart Murphy, Greg Johnston, Ben Worcester, III, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mark Good requested moving Agenda Item 9 to before Adjourn. Town Manager Millard Billings requested moving Agenda Item 6F to 6A.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to change 9 to the end to just before Adjourn and to move 6F up to 6A. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2005

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the October 3rd minutes as corrected. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

B. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2005

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the minutes of October 11th as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

C. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2005

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the minutes of November 7th as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 57	927.00
Warrant 58	1,876.00
Warrant 59	4,232.83
Warrant 60	19,776.00
Warrant 61	4,197.82
Warrant 62	39,402.51
Warrant 63	4,037.84
Warrant 64	4,187.90
Warrant 65	4,235.23

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept Warrants 57 through 65 excluding Warrant 60. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to accept Warrant 60 for \$19,776.00. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0-1. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained; he is an employee of E L Higgins.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGENDA ITEM 6.F. APPOINT IN-TERM HARBOR MASTER

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to appoint Stewart Murphy as in-term Harbor Master and that he be compensated for time spent at the Harbor Master's rate. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

B. AGENDA ITEM 6.A. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put that where the appointment of the Harbor Master was supposed to be. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

C. AGENDA ITEM 6.B. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

Greg Johnston with CES updated the Selectmen on where the new town office project is and submitted a change order (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept CES' proposal for storm water management, utility layout, and storm water discharge licensing and application fee of \$8,900.00 on a change order to our building quotes. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Selectman Heath Higgins asked if there were any grants available for the elevator. Town Manager Millard Billings is going to check.

D. AGENDA ITEM 6.C. TOWN LINE SURVEY

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to accept the survey from CES to be the Town Line. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0-1. Chairman Scott Grierson abstained; his family owns land along the town line. Chairman Scott Grierson requested Town Manager Millard Billings contact Southwest Harbor and tell them Tremont had accepted this as the town line and ask them to do the same (see attached CES Report).

E. AGENDA ITEM 6.D. REQUEST FROM ADD FOR AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE DISPOSAL FEE CHANGES ON BEHALF OF TOWN

Chairman Scott Grierson read into the record the agreement ADD would like the Selectmen to sign (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to authorize Acadia Disposal District to negotiate disposal fee changes on behalf of Town of Tremont as entered into the record. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Town Attorneys Chad Smith and Jim Collier arrived at 7:00 pm.

F. AGENDA ITEM 6.E. REQUEST FOR FUEL SURCHARGE

No action was taken.

G. AGENDA ITEM 6.A. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to table School/Community Center update 6.A. until the next meeting. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

H. AGENDA ITEM 6.G. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED *NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM*

Town Manager Millard Billings read into the record a letter received from the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency meeting. He went on to explain he would be at a meeting for this on November 30, 2005. Selectman Heath Higgins suggested Keith Higgins, the town's Emergency Management Director, attend also. **Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to table 6.G. for further information till next meeting. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. STATE ROADS

Town Manager Billings updated the Selectmen on a meeting with DOT representatives, Peter Coughlin, Jerry Waldo and Terry Hannan, that was held at the town office on November 15th. The \$450,000.00 cap is not for one year, but for two years and the earliest road work can begin is July 2007. If the town wants

to do a road project a letter needs to be sent to Bill Croce at DOT stating the town will do a local match of 30% and the town needs to raise the money at a town meeting. The section of 102 from Texaco to Bernard Corner is a State Highway and there are no funds available to redo State Highways. The DOT will assist the town in prioritizing the road projects.

B. ACTION ON INVESTMENT OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS

More information is needed, so no action was taken.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Public Hearing on the Deer Herd Reduction at Pemetic 11/15/05. Tremont needs to appoint a Deer Management Committee to come up with a Warrant Article for Town Meeting. The Board felt this needed to be advertised.
Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to establish a Deer Management Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.
2. Ramp at Bernard Wharf was hit by a boat and one of the shoes has come off. Wyman Pettegrew will be able to re-weld the cross members the week after Thanksgiving and install a roller. If it can be determined who hit the ramp the town may be able to collect some money for the repair.
3. The floats at Seal Cove have been taken out.
4. The week of November 28 there will be a Public Works employee out of work for surgery for a week. The Loader/backhoe will be returned that week.
5. By phone, on November 10th, town employees were given Veterans Day off with the intent that this would be a paid holiday – a vote is needed to confirm this.
Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to make Veterans Day a paid Holiday for the Town Employees. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.
Chairman Scott Grierson asked Town Manager Millard Billings to ask MMA if a phone survey of the Selectmen is legal. MMA responded that it was not and Chairman Grierson asked the Selectmen to not do it any more (see attached).

9. AGENDA ITEM 10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. AGENDA ITEM 12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 12, 2005

11. AGENDA ITEM 11. OTHER

Town Manager Billings passed on to the Selectmen that Mike Trainer, Bond Council, wants the town to have a Special Town Meeting to inform the residents of the town's total loans and bonds before he will issue the loan for the Fire Stations and New Town Office. Special Town Meeting is set for December 5, 2005 at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Scott Grierson passed on to the Selectmen the Land Use Ordinance Committee wants to be called the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee.

Town Manager Billings mentioned to the Selectmen that Terry Hannan will be here December 7, 2005 to help prioritize the roads.

He also told the Selectmen about a meeting December 5, 2005 at 5:00 pm, Mark Hable with the Army Corp of Engineers will be meeting with the Harbor Committee.

Selectman Heath Higgins suggested the Selectmen look into buying some property in town for parking for the harbor.

12. AGENDA ITEM 9. CONSULTATION WITH TOWN ATTORNEY CONCERNING CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to go into Executive Session for consultation with the Town Attorney concerning contemplated litigation according to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E). Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 8:44 pm.

13. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Charlie Dillon to adjourn. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbi Nickerson

Kathi Thurston

Scott Grierson

Charlie Dillon

Heath Higgins