

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Scott Grierson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Elliott Spiker, Mark Good – Islander, Greg Johnston, David Merritt, Mike Avery, Mel Atherton, William Helprin, Peter Campbell, Jeanne Naqurniuk, Dan Wilson, Ben Worcesgter III, George Urbanneck, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Douglas Gott.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept the minutes for the Public Hearing of October 17, 2005 and the Selectmen Meeting of October 17, 2005 as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 45	9,135.42
Warrant 46	550.00
Warrant 47	3,820.51
Warrant 48	7,050.75
Warrant 49	17,800.00
Warrant 50	3,182.00
Warrant 51	103,671.94
Warrant 52	280,367.97
Warrant 53	7,670.00
Warrant 54	3,931.54
Warrant 55	80.74
Warrant 56	25,216.67

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to approve Warrants 45 – 56. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a copy of a Change Order for the new Seal Cove Fire Station that the Fire Department requested be paid from the \$75,000.00 (see attached). He went on to explain that the total bids for the Fire Station are already over the \$75,000.00 and one of the bidders might be shorted.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Vice Chairman Scott Grierson, that the Selectmen honor the Fire Department's request and take this \$927.00 out of the \$75,000 approved and just let them know they are over the budget and they will have to come up with some more in the end. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0-1. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained; he is an employee for EL Higgins.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ON BIDS FOR TOWN OFFICE DESIGNS & SPECIFICATIONS

Town Manager Millard Billings relayed to the Selectmen that 7 bid specifications for the town office were sent out and 2 bids were returned – Architectural/Engineering Services for \$76,800 and CES for \$41,200 (Proposals are available at the town office).

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept CES's bid for \$41,200 for the office design and specification. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

A workshop and sit visit will be set up with CES, the CIP Committee, and the Select Board. November 10, 2005 at 3:00 pm, meet at the site.

B. ACTION ON BIDS FOR CEMETERY SURVEYING

Town Manager Millard Billings informed the Selectmen 2 bids packages were sent out, CES was the only bid received by the cut off (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept CES's bid for \$9,500.00 to do the cemetery surveys. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

C. TOWN LINE SURVEY

Mike Avery, with CES, explained how he surveyed the town line. He provided a map of his survey with the Park's survey also displayed (map is available at the town office). Maine DOT helped him find the center of the old bridge in relation to the new bridge. He also located the bolt in a blue rock in Ship Harbor. In doing the survey, he discovered the rock had moved nine inches since the Park had done their survey. The Selectmen asked CES to set 2 monuments – one at Ship Harbor and one near the bridge. They also requested the official report be put on the next meetings agenda.

D. ACTION REQUEST FOR FUEL SURCHARGE

A. WRITTEN REQUEST FROM EMR

Ben Worcester, with EMR, explained his position (see attached). Vice Chairman Scott Grierson asked Eliot Spiker, representing Acadia Disposal District, how soon ADD could make a recommendation. Mr. Spiker replied ADD would be having a meeting Wednesday. Vice Chairman Grierson requested it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to table this request until ADD has given back their advice. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

B. VERBAL REQUEST FROM JOHN GOODWIN JR.

Town Manager Millard Billings informed the Selectmen there is no provision for fuel surcharges in John Goodwin Jr.'s snow plowing contract. The Selectmen agreed.

E. REPORT FROM MMA REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

MMA responded no, the Select Board could not go into Executive Session to discuss the Board's actions (see attached).

F. RESIGNATIONS AND POSSIBLE RELATED ACTIONS

Chairman Steve Harper submitted his resignation from the Select Board, CIP Committee and Heath Point Committee (Seal Cove Ramp Committee) to Town Manager Millard Billings on October 20, 2005 (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept Steve Harper's resignation from the CIP, Select Board and the Heath Point Boards. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Vice Chairman Scott Grierson suggested not having a Special Town Meeting to elect a new Selectmen that would only serve until May. The rest of the Selectmen agreed they would continue with 4 Selectmen until the May Town Meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to nominate Scott Grierson as Chairman. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0-1. Chairman Scott Grierson abstained.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to nominate Charlie Dillon as Vice Chairman. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0-1. Vice Chairman Charlie Dillon abstained.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. STATE ROADS

Town Manager Millard Billings explained there are 3 tiers of Roads State Roads, Collector and Local or Town Roads. Collector is broken down to Major Collector and Minor Collector, on both the State pays for repair and maintenance. Major Collector the State takes care of Capital Improvements, excluding new sidewalks and bike paths. Minor Collector the town covers 1/3 the cost of Capital Improvements. State Highway is a designation that the State uses for roads they plow.

In Tremont, the section of roadway from Adam's Bridge to the Ferry Terminal is a Major Collector. From Bernard Corner to Pretty Marsh town line is a Minor Collector. From the Texaco station to Bernard Corner is State Highway.

Mr. Billings gave the Selectmen several letters and e-mails from Peter Coughlan, Nathan Howard, Hannah Pingree, Robert Radle, Gerald Waldo, and MDI Tomorrow (all available upon request at the town office).

The Selectmen agreed to a meeting with Peter Coughlan on November 15th. They also requested Southwest Harbor's Representative Trudy Bickford be invited to the meeting.

B. ACTION ON INVESTMENT OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS

The money in the Reserve Account at The First has been moved to Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. The Selectmen decided to have a workshop to figure out how to invest it on November 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Harbor Committee would like to run the advertisement for the Harbor Master position with no closing date, open until acceptable candidate is found.
Motion by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to have a closing date of January 2, 2006. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.
2. Letter from Central Voter Registration Team concerning Registrar of Voters not having submitted voter registration data.
Town Manager Billings stated that Janet Patton was in this morning and sent off the requested information.
3. A request from the Sheriff's office about new law update *Chapter 415-L.D. 670 An Act to Protect Children Using Maine's Athletic Fields and Parks from Drug Dealers* (see attached). Principal Peter Campbell suggested passing this on to the school.
4. Town Manager Millard Billings contacted 5 different well drillers to drill the new town office well. He received estimates from all of them and there is not much difference between them (see attached).
Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to leave it to Millard's discretion to call the drillers to see if we can get it done before December. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.
5. The Harbor Committee revised the Float Schedule and it needs to be included with the Harbor Manager's Job Description. The four outer most floats have been removed from Seal Cove. Four floats remain and they should be removed by Thanksgiving.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

Peter Campbell requested to be put on the agenda for next meeting to discuss the old town office and what the school needs to do. He also explained the next steps for the mold problem.

He went on to request a light in the outer parking lot for the Teachers that work late. Chairman Scott Grierson asked for a light that is covered and is directed down to help eliminate light pollution.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

November 21, 2005 5:00 pm for workshop, 6:00 pm for meeting.

Town Manager Millard Billings relayed on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at 7:00 pm at Pemetic in Southwest Harbor is the public meeting about the proposed Deer Hunt on MDI.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbi Nickerson

Kathi Thurston

Scott Grierson

Charlie Dillon

Heath Higgins