

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 18, 2007 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Scott Grierson.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Heath Higgins, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson, and Town Manager Millard Billings. Members of the public present were Ruth Grierson, Rina Grierson, Connie Howe, Mark Good – Islander, Mel Atherton, Susannah Jones, Elaine Smith, and Laurie Schrieber – Bar Harbor Times, Tony Smith.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to make an adjustment to article 4. and leave that available so when Tony arrives we can open that up. Motion passed 4 – 0.

4. AGENDA ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JUNE 4, 2007

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to go to 4. Report ADD & EMR Negotiations. Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. AGENDA ITEM 4. REPORT ADD & EMR NEGOTIATION

Tony Smith explained to the Selectmen that the contract with EMR expires the end of June. ADD requested an extension from EMR and EMR agreed to an indefinite extension while ADD is negotiating with them. Tony Smith said he would bring up the subject of Tremont recycling with EMR during the negotiations and he went on to say ADD is looking into recyclables from many different angles. Chairman Scott Grierson asked about Mt. Desert's recycling program and that he would like to see Tremont pursue our own program. Tony Smith explained they contract with Pine Tree Waste who supplies the containers for recycling which are placed under a roof. Mt. Desert has a part-time recycling attendant, but the recycling containers are accessible 24/7/365. Chairman Scott Grierson said he felt something like that could be placed near to the old dump site. Tony Smith advised having the recycling center in a highly visible section to prevent the dumping of universal/hazardous waste or

household trash. ADD has organized the annual universal waste collection day on August 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the High School.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 6:12 pm.

In 1986 the Federal Government set aside 55 acres of land for an Island wide transfer site in Town Hill. Due to the growth in the area there are traffic and zoning issues. ADD and their attorneys have looked at that area extensively, and they have removed it from consideration. ADD is investigating receiving money from the Federal Government in exchange for the property.

6. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 144	\$5,235.39
Warrant 145	8,000.00
Warrant 146	2,830.00
Warrant 147	5,802.69
Warrant 148	228.90
Warrant 149	void
Warrant 150	void
Warrant 151	87,983.86
Warrant 152	63.00

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 144 – 148 and 151 & 152. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

1. A walkway is being installed by Public Works around the flag pole. Town Manager Billings would like to plant some medium sized bushes to conceal the light fixtures.
2. Sign Services has sent an email to Town Manager Billings (see attached). Selectman Heath Higgins asked to have “est.” put into the artwork before the date. The Board had made that decision previously.
3. Still waiting for HG Reed to install the generator.
4. Town Manager Millard Billings suggested the Selectmen take a walk around the building to look at the landscaping that has been done. Chairman Scott Grierson led the Board around the lawn talking about what he has planted to date and what he would like to see done in the future. The Board discussed the Landscaping Committee’s roll in landscaping the Town Office.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen cease planting until the committee makes recommendations to the Selectmen. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen ask the committee to make their recommendations at the next Selectmen’s Meeting.

Elaine Smith asked to have the wood chips changed for bark mulch that would look good. Selectman Heath Higgins asked to have someone speak to Goodwin’s about the grass.

B. RESIGNATIONS

At the last Selectmen's Meeting the Board asked Town Manager Billings to schedule a Landscaping Committee Meeting (see attached). Present were Scott Grierson, David Campbell, Connie Howe, and William Helprin. Town Manager Billings withdrew David Campbell's resignation dated 6/5/07 from consideration because at the scheduled meeting Mr. Campbell was elected Vice Chairman of the committee. All four resignations are attached.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to accept the resignation of Heidi Farley from the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to accept the resignation of McKenzie Clough from the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to accept the resignation of John Buckwalter from the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Susie Higgins applied to be a member of the Landscaping Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to appoint Susie Higgins to the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint George Urbanneck to the Solid Waste Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint Debbi Nickerson to the Solid Waste Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint Beth Gott to the Solid Waste Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint Ben Harper to the CIP Committee for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint Wayne Libhart for a 5 year term to the Cemetery Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Kathi Thurston, to reappoint Virginia Libhart for a 5 year term to the Cemetery Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Jen Shaw has expressed interest in being the Animal Control Officer, but she was unable to attend this meeting and would like to talk to the Selectmen at their next meeting.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Town of Tremont has received a Safety Enhancement Grant awarded by MMA in the amount of \$666.63 as a two-thirds reimbursement for a flammable liquid storage cabinet (see attached).
2. Town Manager Billings would like to contract with Official Payments Corporation (OPC) for a credit card payment system. The town would not be charged any fees by OPC. OPC charges the customer all fees associated with their transaction.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to grant the Town Manager authority to follow up with this Official Payments Corporation credit card payment system. Motion passed 5 – 0.

3. The town is getting more and more bounced checks. The Town Manager requested authority to institute a system to put that person on cash only.
Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize Millard to establish a check cashing policy. Motion passed 5 – 0.
4. Joan Grant has written a letter requesting the Town of Tremont settle a boundary dispute (see attached). The Selectman asked for more information.
5. The Selectmen asked Town Manger Millard Billing to write a draft "Policy Regarding Check Disbursement Prior to Expenditure Warrant Approval".
6. There is a Chipper for sale in town and the owner wants to know if Tremont is interested. The Selectmen felt the town did not need one this large.
7. The Selectmen decided to take no action on the MMA elections.
8. Dept. of Marine Recourses has approved the Seal Cove Ramp site. The ramp needs to be built between 6/16/2007 – 11/16/2007. The Engineers will meet with the Harbor Committee on June 28, 2007.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Selectman Lester Closson spoke to Bill Carroll who would like to swap some land with the town. The Selectmen agreed to authorize Town Manager Billings to negotiate with Bill Carroll.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

11. OTHER

Chairman Scott Grierson suggested getting more hoses, timers and sprinklers for the new office and some picnic tables.

Selectman Kathi Thurston has heard from Emma Mitchell about a replacement culvert the town put in last year. Town Manager Millard Billings is to investigate.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

July 2, 2007

Chairman Scott Grierson asked how the Memorial Dedication Ceremony went. Town Manager Billings assured him it was well attended.

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson