

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, July 2, 2007 Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Grierson at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billing, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson, Amy Murphy and Harbormaster Stewart Murphy.

Members of the public present were Mel Atherton, Constance Howe, Mark Good – Islander, Jen Shaw and Laurie Schrieber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to put 6. G. [Appointments] to 6. A. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 153	\$10,067.26
Warrant 154	6,656.99
Warrant 155	39,296.49
Warrant 156	476.36
Warrant 157	619.52
Warrant 158	6,193.27
Warrant 1	1,794.21
Warrant 2	41,850.00

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to approve Warrants 153 – 158, and 1 and 2. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGENDA ITEM 6. G. APPOINTMENTS

The Selectmen spoke with Jen Shaw about her desire to become Tremont's Animal Control Officer (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Jen Shaw the Animal Control Officer [for 1 year term]. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Amy Murphy, Chairman of the Tremont School Committee, spoke about the need for a third representative to the Union 98 Regional Planning Committee (see attached) and what is known about the effects of consolidation on Union 98. Selectman Kathi Thurston expressed an interest, but hesitated because of the time commitment.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Alden Gray to the Planning Board for a 1 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

B. AGENDA ITEM 6. A. AWARD BIDS FOR THE CAPE ROAD PROJECT

Town Manager Millard Billings up dated the Selectmen of the bid packets that were sent out and the bid packets returned (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to award the bid to John Goodwin for the Cape Rd. project - \$60,650.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. AGENDA ITEM 6. B. AWARD BIDS FOR THE TURNER ROAD PROJECT

Town Manager Millard Billings up dated the Selectmen of the bid packets that were sent out and the bid packets returned (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to award to John Goodwin Jr. the Turner Rd. project \$11,368.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

D. AGENDA ITEM 6. C. DISCUSSION OF SALT/SAND SHED

Town Manager Millard Billings met with CES on June 25th to answer their questions. Unfortunately Greg Johnston, with CES, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Selectman would like Greg Johnston at the next meeting.

E. AGENDA ITEM 6. D. UPDATE ON SEAL COVE RAMP

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the Harbor Committee met June 29th and voted to put the Seal Cove Ramp Project back out to bid and let it stay out to bid for 1 month and extend the completion date to November 16, 2007.

F. AGENDA ITEM 6. E. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

Town Manager Millard Billings reported the following updates for the New Town Office:

1. Flag Pole work is in progress.
2. Sign Service has sent a design for the sign and a quote (see attached).
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the bid submitted by Sign Services, Inc. for \$5,586.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.
3. HG Reed will connect the generator on June 30, 2007. The pad is in for the propane.

G. AGENDA ITEM 6. F. LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE REPORT

Connie Howe, Chairman of the Landscaping Committee, gave the Selectmen a proposal from the committee (see attached). The Selectmen had a lengthy discussion with Ms. Howe about the committee.

Motion by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to disband the Landscaping Committee. Motion failed 2 – 3. Chairman Scott Grierson and Selectmen Lester Closson voted for; Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, and Chris Eaton voted against.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to have the Selectmen, Town Manager and Public Works take it upon themselves to finish this [the town office] themselves and redirect the Landscaping Committee to the Reed's Store Lot. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the resignation for Scott Grierson from the Landscaping Committee (see attached). Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. Chairman Scott Grierson abstained; he could not vote on his own resignation.

H. DISBURSEMENT WARRANT POLICY

The Selectmen agreed with the Disbursement Policy Town Manager Billings wrote (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept this policy submitted by the Town Manager for check disbursement/expenditure warrant. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Town Manager Millard Billings stated that he would like to present an annual award at the Back Side Blast called the Harvey Kelley Good Citizenship Award to a Tremont resident who has a long history of community service. The Selectmen agreed with the award and the recipient recommended by Town Manager Billings.
2. Trio has developed a new sketching program for Real Estate to draw buildings into the computer and print out on property record cards. The Selectmen agreed.
3. The Bank Loan of \$180,000.00 for the Salt/Sand Shed at an interest rate of 4.29% for 5 years, totaling \$204,181.47, with total interest of \$24,181.47. The Bank will require a Note and Bond Counsel at the Town's expense. The Bond Council will require a special town meeting, the same as last time.
4. Tax Assessor Gary Geaghan requests any unexpended balance in the Tax Assessor's account be carried forward to next year.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that any unexpended balances in the Tax Assessor's account be carried forward to next year. Motion passed 4 – 1. Chairman Scott Grierson opposed this motion.

5. The Selectmen signed a letter Town Manager Billings wrote in response to a property line agreement brought before the Board June 16, 2007 (see attached).
6. The Downeast League of Women Voters are sponsoring a public forum on "Migration the Hancock County Economy" Tuesday July 10, 2007, from noon to 2:00 pm.
7. MDI Regional Household Hazardous Waste & Universal Waste will be held Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 9 am - 1 pm (see attached), also an e-mail from Elliot Spiker on Tremont recycling.

8. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
Town Manager Billings and Bill Carroll never connected on the telephone last week. Mr. Billings will continue to try.

9. AGENDA ITEM 10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING
Insure CES is at the next meeting.

10. AGENDA ITEM 11 OTHER
The Park has posted fee signs on all park property. The Selectmen asked Mr. Billings to investigate and get a representative to a Selectmen Meeting.

Town Manager Billings and Harbormaster Stewart Murphy explained a situation that happened at the Wharf and that the Harbor Ordinance does not cover this situation. **Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, the Selectmen give the Harbormaster authority to charge the \$437.50 or \$25.00 a day per dealer bringing product onto the Wharf to sell. Motion passed 5 – 0.

The Selectmen asked to have Stop signs installed at Steamboat Wharf Rd. and Bernard Rd. and leave the Yield sign on Rice Rd.

Town Manager Millard Billings asked about striping the parking lot. The Selectmen suggested he investigate.

11. AGENDA ITEM 12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING
July 16, 2007

12. AGENDA ITEM 13. ADJOURN
Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson