

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 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 and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Heidi Farley – Rec Board, Arnold Weisenberg, Danny Jacobs, Steven Carter, Kellie Carter, George Urbanneck, Greg Johnston – CES, Jim Lacadie – CES.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JUNE 18, 2007

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have the warrant number changed from 153 to the actual number of 152, and a resident's name corrected.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept the minutes of [June 18th] as amended. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 159	\$23,205.66
Warrant 3	5,012.56
Warrant 4	5,582.81
Warrant 5	75,000.00
Warrant 6	4,915.00
Warrant 7	3,000.00
Warrant 8	88,336.35

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 5 & 6. Motion failed 0 – 4 – 1. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained; he is a fire fighter and a family member of the contractor.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve 159, 3, 4, 7, & 8 as written. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. The Selectmen asked to have one check held until Town Manager Millard Billing had researched it.

Warrants 5 and 6 were voided and a new Warrant, number 9 was written.

Warrant 9 \$75,000.00

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrant 9 and send the check to the Tremont Fire Department. Motion passed 3 – 1 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston opposed. Selectman Heath Higgins abstained; he is a fire fighter and a family member of the contractor.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF SALT/SAND SHED

The bid for the design of the Town's Salt/Sand Shed was awarded to CES, Inc. The Selectmen asked Greg Johnston and Jim Lacadie, both with CES, questions about the progress of the building design. Jim Lacadie showed the Selectmen draft drawings of the Salt/Sand Shed. Jim Lacadie asked questions about the electrical portion of the building. Town Manager Billings stressed the door is sliding not overhead as Jim Lacadie referred to. Selectman Chris Eaton asked why the drawings have been held up. They were due by July 1, 2007. Jim Lacadie assured the Selectmen they could advertise the bid packet in this week's paper. The Selectmen asked to have clear panels, not sky lights, along the south wall to allow in sunlight. They asked to have the siding look similar to the Garage and Mr. Lacadie suggested 28 or 29 gauge and treated to withstand the salt.

B. UPDATE ON SEAL COVE RAMP

The Harbor Committee met with Greg Johnston, with CES, on July 10, 2007. The Harbor Committee eliminated the 89' bulkhead as well as the retaining wall in the middle. They also changed the completion date to November 16, 2007. The Harbor Committee voted to ask the Select Board to authorize an additional \$2,000.00 for CES to redraw the plans.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize \$2,000.00 for CES to modify the Seal Cove Ramp plans for the changes for the Harbor Committee from Harbor Management Funds. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Greg Johnston requested a meeting with the Harbor Committee to review the plan changes.

C. ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

The park was unable to attend this meeting. Town Manager Billings is to continue to attempt to schedule a meeting.

D. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

Town Manager Millard Billings reported:

1. Flag Pole is in progress. The cobble stone has been used around a flower bed on the front right of the building. Town Manager Billings plans to fill in the cobble stone outline around the flag pole.
2. Waiting to hear from Sign Service about the sign.
3. HG Reed has installed the generator and Tremont Public Works has poured the cement, still need the propane.
4. The parking lot needs to be striped.

E. RESIGNATIONS

Connie Howe has submitted her resignation from the Landscaping Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept the resignation of Connie Howe from the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

David Campbell has submitting his resignation from the Landscaping Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chris Eaton, to accept the resignation of David Campbell from the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Town Manager Millard Billings recommended the Landscaping Committee be discontinued.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chris Eaton, to disband the Landscaping Committee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

F. APPOINTMENTS

Geoffrey Young has applied for a position on the Planning Board (see attached). The Planning Board has a full complement.

Arnold Weisenberg has applied for the Comprehensive Plan Committee (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Arnold Weisenberg to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Arnold Weisenberg is a resident of Tremont, but he is not a citizen of the United States. The Selectman asked Mr. Billings to get an MMA opinion about a non-citizen serving on a committee. Motion passed 3 – 2. Chairman Scott Grierson and Selectman Heath Higgins opposed. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked Mr. Billings to get an MMA opinion on husband/wife on the same committee also.

G. REC BOARD FUNDING REQUEST

The Recreation Board is requesting for approval of \$1,000.00 of their money to use for funding the Backside Blast, one Summer Camp Scholarship and the Hunter Safety Class.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, \$1,000.00 to the Rec Board. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Farley assured Selectman Chris Eaton there was no charge for the Hunter

Safety course.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Millard Billings reported:

- A. The gravel portion of Dodge Point Rd. has been graded by Doug Gott & Sons.
- B. The Turner Rd. project has been completed.
- C. On the Cape Rd. project, ditching has been completed. The gravel is being spread and graded.
- D. Mr. Billings has authorized Goodwin's to grade the Carter Rd. while they are in the area.
- E. Mr. Billings has purchased a used trailer for the culvert steamer. The trailer cost \$3,000.00.
- F. N G Bragg has submitted a price of \$8,600.00 to outfit the culvert steamer and the trailer.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to authorize \$8,600.00 for the culvert steamer. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Fudge have expressed concern to Town Manager Billings and Chairman Grierson about a road going in across the street from them. Mr. Fudge will pay to put in a road in a different site if the town would release the hold it has on the land across from the Mr. and Mrs. Fudge's house. The Selectman asked to have the Mr. and Mrs. Fudge at the next meeting.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Invite the Park. Other uses of the Meeting Room.

10. OTHER

Town Manager Billings has received an e-mail from Steve and Kellie Carter (see attached). Chairman Scott Grierson suggested putting the complaint in the file for the next issuance of the Special Entertainment License. The Carter's are very insistent the Selectmen investigate their complaint. The Selectman will have more information at their next meeting.

Selectman Kathi Thurston thanked the Harbor Committee for the flag at the wharf. Selectman Chris Eaton asked about the Stop Signs in Bernard.

The Backside Blast will be held on August 4 on the wharf starting at 4:00 pm.

Selectmen Chris Eaton and Heath Higgins will be there.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

August 6, 2007

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson