

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007  
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, October 1, 2007 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Grierson at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Laurie Schrieber – Bar Harbor Times, Sheriff Deputy Jeffrey Turcotte.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 10, 2007

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have an "s" added to "Member of the public present". Chairman Scott Grierson noticed "apposed" needed to be changed to "opposed".

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Easton, to accept the minutes of September 10, 2007 as corrected. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 33	\$5,582.81
Warrant 34	70,824.00
Warrant 35	1,433.50
Warrant 36	5,617.24
Warrant 37	void
Warrant 38	842.25
Warrant 39	72.00
Warrant 40	5,786.46
Warrant 41	5,279.50
Warrant 42	134,502.52
Warrant 43	1,678.00
Warrant 44	13,023.76

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 33 – 44. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF FALL PAVING PROPOSALS

Bids closed on October 1, 2007 at 4:00 pm. The bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Lane Construction submitted a bid for (see attached):

Reclamation of Flat Iron Rd.	\$8,970.00
Paving of Flat Iron Rd.	31,020.00
Paving of Salt/Sand Storage Building Floor and Loading Pad	15,750.00
Paving Access Driveway to Building	9,262.50
Approximately 75 ton @ \$123.50 per ton	
Paving of Seal Cove Ramp	6,531.00
Approximately 42 ton @ \$155.50 per ton	
 Bid Total	 71,533.50

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to award to Lane Construction reclamation of Flat Iron Rd., Paving of Flat Iron Rd. and Paving of the Salt/Sand Storage Building floor and loading pad for \$55,740.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to award to Lane Construction the paving of the access driveway to the Salt/Sand building, not to exceed \$9,262.50, and paving the Seal Cove Ramp, for an amount not to exceed \$6,531.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

B. UPDATED ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Town Office
  - a. Sign Service has installed the new sign. We are waiting for electrical hook-up.
  - b. The generator is in full operation.
2. Salt/Sand Building  
David Trask has turned in submittals for roof trusses, siding and roofing materials.
3. Seal Cove Ramp  
Joe Keeney reported that they were working in Sullivan to get all materials there ready for shipping before he moved his equipment to Seal Cove.

C. END OF YEAR BALANCES & CARRY FORWARDS

Town Manager Millard Billings requested the Selectman carry forward money from FY 2007 (see attached). The Selectman discussed the pros and cons of carrying amounts forward.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, for carry forward \$60,920.97 in General Administration. Motion passed 3 – 2. Selectmen Kathi Thurston and Lester Closson opposed.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to carry forward \$9,653.09 from Office Operations. Motion passed 3 – 2. Selectmen Kathi Thurston and Lester Closson opposed.

D. APPOINTMENTS

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint George Urbanneck to the Exploratory Internet Access Committee (see attached) for a one year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Mark Picurro to the Exploratory Internet Access Committee (see attached) for a one year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. This months Maine Townsman has an article on a new law (1 MRSA §412) requires mandatory training of elected officials, including municipal officers who exercise executive or legislative powers in Maine's Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) the "Right to Know Law" (see attached).
- B. There is an Elected Officials Workshop sponsored by MMA in Orono on December 5, 2007, if any Board Members wish to attend please let Town Manager Billings know for enrollment.
- C. Hancock County Planning Office is applying for USDA funds for solid waste technical assistance. Town Manager Billings has forwarded a letter of support (see attached).
- D. The amendments to the conditions of Cap'n Nemo's Special Amusement Permit have been signed by Judy Cousin and Town Manager Millard Billings (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings sent a letter to Steve Carter explaining the appeal process (see attached).
- E. Town Manager Billings gave a list of Cablevision's completed extensions for 1991 thru 1994 to the Selectman (see attached).
- F. Town Manager Billings spoke to Phil Finley, with Hancock Oil, who has agreed to extend the existing oil purchase benefit to Volunteer Firemen.
- G. Tremont Tax Assessor Gary Geaghan submitted a report for the Selectmen (see attached).
- H. Roland Dupree of Natural Resources Conservation Services is in the process of scheduling a Public Hearing in late November or early December for the Seal Cove Fishway Project. The Public Hearing is organized and conducted by NRCS not the Town.
- I. There will be a Public Hearing on October 15 to review the GA maximums and appendix A – C and F (see attached).
- J. The ACO has issued four violations involving two dogs that attacked a dog on private property. The dog owner has paid the fines (see attached).

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Nothing new to report

B. ACCESS ROAD

Public Works has started cutting trees.

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Nothing new to report

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

The “new” truck has had the controls installed for the spreader.

Steve Wilson is going to contact Town Manager Billings with the number to get a hold of the person that wired Southwest Harbor for video.

The Selectmen discussed the Town’s preparedness for snow.

Town Manager Billings received a letter from EMR explaining the change in wood classification and price. The Selectmen wondered about Gott’s wood facilities and if the town could take the green wood there cheaper.

School Consolidation Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

October 15, 2007

12. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson  
Recording Secretary

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Scott Grierson

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Heath Higgins

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Katharine Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson