

**PUBLIC HEARING
TREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007
6:00 PM**

The Tremont Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing to hear public comment on General Assistance maximums and appendixes.

The Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Scott Grierson at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Frank Gray Sr.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed 3 – 0. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Selectmen Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and Frank Gray Sr.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Scott Grierson asked to table the minutes until next meeting; he had not read them. All the Selectmen agreed.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 45 5,582.80

Warrant 46	5,582.82
Warrant 47	70,824.00
Warrant 48	79,652.90
Warrant 49	28,198.98
Warrant 50	1,424.21
Warrant 51	5,617.25

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 45 – 51.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 6:05 pm.

The Selectmen had a lengthy discussion with Joe Keeney, of J Keeney Construction, Inc., about his work on vertical seams and the Seal Cove Ramp. In the end, Mr. Keeney agreed to try to limit the number of vertical seams in the future and agreed to reset two stones.

Motion passed 4 – 0. All the Warrants were approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. TOWN OFFICE

Sign Service has installed the new sign. It needs to be electrified by H G Reed now.

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. has started work moving excess rocks from the building site to the new float storage site. They have removed stumps and brush from the storage site as they go. Work on the foundation has started. David Trask has suggested an over head door that rolls up inside of itself, not out into the work area. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to the change.

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Joe Keeney started work at Seal Cove on Monday, October 1. Most of the riprap has been laid at a rough grade. He is currently working on the granite embankment on the west side of the ramp. Granite stones and curbing are stock piled at the site.

B. ADOPT GENERAL ASSISTANCE MAXIMUMS AND APPENDIXES

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to adopt the General Assistance Maximums and Appendixes (see attached), replacing the ones in effect 10/01/2006 – 09/30/2007. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. REVIEW FLAT IRON ROAD FILL PROJECT

Lane Construction will start reclaiming the Flat Iron Rd this week. They will be back at the end of the month to pave. Town Manager Millard Billings would like

to add 6 inches of fill from, Mike Higgins's first driveway 720 feet to Paula Farrell's driveway, in order to build the road up before paving. Mr. Billings asked for quotes from local contractors and received \$8,450.00 from Doug Gott and Sons, Inc. and \$19,144.00 from John W Goodwin, Jr. Constriction (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to award the contract to Doug Gott and Sons for \$8,450.00 for the fill project on the Flat Iron Rd. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. Selectman Lester Closson abstained; he is employed by Doug Gott and Sons.

Town Manager Millard Billings explained the contract with Lane Construction was for a 21 feet wide paving job. Lane Construction will add 18" per side, for bike lanes, of asphalt for an additional \$4,000.00

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the addition of 3 feet to increase the cost by \$4,000.00 for the Flat Iron Rd. project. Motion passed 4 – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Chairman Scott Grierson noticed Anne Rivers, with Acadia Wildlife Foundation, is on the agenda for the Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustee Meeting which is being held 10/15/07. He suggested contacting the Library and seeing what is being discussed about the Hinton Estate.

B. ACCESS ROAD

No news.

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

No news.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. At the MMA Convention Town Manager Millard Billings attended a seminar on the School Reorganization Process. Enclosed is the packet of material he received.

B. Hancock County Planning Commission has submitted an Agreement for Planning Services that needs to be signed (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize Millard, the Town Manager, to sign the contract. Motion passed 4 – 0.

C. There was a Snowplow Driver's meeting on October 10th. The drivers that could attend met with Town Manager Millard Billings and Selectman Chris Eaton, who is the coordinator again this year. There are three drivers per shift and additional back up drivers (see attached).

- D. CES agent John Pond has submitted an agreement for the services and costs to comply with the DEP Remediation Residential Well Sampling Program (see attached).
Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the contract with CES to monitor the wells within 1500 feet of the old dump. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- E. It's time to nominate a member to MRC Board of Directors.
Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to nominate Lee Yeaton. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- F. Southwest Harbor wants to know if there is any interest in Tremont banding with them for police coverage. The Selectmen agreed they were satisfied with the coverage the Sheriff Department is providing, but Chairman Scott Grierson would like to see talks.
- G. There will be a MDOT meeting on October 23, 2007 with the island towns about the planned road changes at the head of the island.
- H. According to the lease between Kerry Quigley and the Town of Tremont, Kerry Quigley can not sub-let the Wharf House without Selectmen approval (see attached lease). On June 4, 2007, when asked if the tenant could sub-let the house, the Selectmen said no. This month a listing of the Wharf House for weekly rental was located (see attached). Also, October's rent has not yet been paid. After much discussion the Selectmen decided to send a 7 day eviction notice for non-payment, then 8 days later send an eviction notice for breach of lease.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Selectmen will do them next meeting

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

11. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked how much money has been spent to date on landscaping the new town office. The answer will be provided next meeting.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

November 5, 2007

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson