

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007
6 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Monday, November 5, 2007 Selectmen's meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander, Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times, Harbormaster Stewart Murphy and son Parker.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of October 1, 2007

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve minutes of October 1, 2007 as written, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Minutes of October 15, 2007

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve minutes of October 15, 2007 as written, seconded by Selectman Lester Closson. Motion passed 3-0-1. Selectman Chris Eaton abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 6:03 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#52	\$2,054.50
#53	5,762.24
#54	1,255.05
#55	5,582.82
#56	858.05
#57	2,837.55
#58	24,825.00
#59	187,772.83
#60	5,582.82

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve warrants, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Town Office
Sign is complete.
2. Salt/Sand building
Doug Gott & Sons Inc. poured the footings on Friday, October 26, work will continue on the foundation
3. Seal Cove Ramp
Joe Keeney has nearly completed the Seal Cove Ramp. Work is continuing on level section and cap stones on sides.
Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen if they would approve using some of the ten percent hold back money to pay for the Town Crew wages and benefits totaling \$6,670.40 at this point(see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings also said that the Seal Cove Ramp is what it is because of the work and time that Stewart Murphy has put in to it.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to deduct from the ten percent holdback, the expenses the Town has incurred for the Seal Cove Ramp Project, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Flat Iron Road
Doug Gott and Sons, Inc, has installed inch minus and graded the 720 feet of Flat Iron Road as quoted. Lane's will pave this week.

B. 2006 DONATIONS

On March 27, 2006 the Select Board in the presence of Kellie Bowden, Town Auditor, voted to carry forward the balances and money raised and donations for the Rec Board, the Library and Fire Department.

When Kellie did the audit for the year ending June 30, 2006 she forgot to carry forward the donations for the Rec Board and Library. Those donations accidentally lapsed to surplus.

As Kellie and Wanese were doing the audit of year ending June 30, 2007, they discovered the error. They recommend that the Select Board authorize Debbi to do a journal entry to correct the error.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to authorize Debbi to do a journal entry to correct the error, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Mike Ryan is going south on his boat and will not return until June. He has submitted his resignation to both the Harbor Committee and the Planning Board.

The Harbor Committee met on October 25 and after discussion voted to indefinitely postpone any action on Mr. Ryan's resignation. They felt he had been an asset to the Committee and because there were no major projects or issues coming before the Committee this winter they would be able to function until he returned in the Spring.

No action taken by Selectmen.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Chairman Scott Grierson reported that he heard that Ann Rivers at Acadia Wildlife had talked to the Library Board about the Hinton property. The Library directed her to talk with the Town.

B. ACCESS ROAD

Town Manager Millard Billings informed the Selectmen that a final proposal would need Town meeting approval to trade, swap or sell Town owned property, or to acquire new property for the Town. The Public

Works has started cutting trees on site. Excess riprap that was not used at Seal Cove has been moved to this site to clear area for salt/sand shed. Local Real Estate agent was in office getting information on the Fudge property saying it was going on the market.

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Chairman Scott Grierson would like to see if the Town could get some kind of Grant or a Philanthropist to fund this project. He doesn't want to spend much money out of taxation. Selectman Heath Higgins said that we need to find out the cost of this project.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Ditching and shoulder work continues on Dix Point Road. All that remains is from 102 to second driveway on right.
2. Culvert has been replaced across Bernard Road.
3. Granite curbing has arrived for the Veterans Memorial at the School. As soon as Public Works is done at Seal Cove they will start setting the curbing.
4. Once Seal Cove is complete the harbormaster will start the winter schedule of taking floats out.
5. Cost of landscaping so far has been \$5,046.70. There is an additional invoice for \$122.77 which has not yet come in.
6. James MacLeod wired Southwest harbor for cable and will give us a recommendation and an estimate.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

See Attached

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if Town Manager Millard Billings would invite Southwest Harbor to the next Selectman's meeting to hear what they are offering in the way of Police protection.

11. OTHER

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to appoint the following people as election and ballot clerks: Ben Harper, Linda Lord, Susan Clarke, Priscilla Keene, James Keene, Linda Graham, Lori Goodwin, Dawna Spence, Heidi Farley, John Buckwalter, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Lester Closson reported that there is a dodge pickup parked in the grass at the wharf house.

Selectman Chris Eaton asked how long it takes to put the sander on the truck. Town Manager Millard Billings said that the boom truck is coming tomorrow to put the sander on the 650.

- 12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 19
- 13. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to adjourn meeting at 6:59 pm, seconded by Chairman Scott Grierson. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Farley

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Kathi Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson