

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 19, 2007 Regular Selectmen Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Grierson at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Rita McMullan, Robin Bennett, Gerald Walls, Susan Clarke, David Robertson, Christopher Thornton, and Karel Weissberg, Julie Meltzer, Susan Drier, Chief Dave Chaplis of Southwest Harbor Police Department, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Chairman Scott Grierson asked to have page 2 item 6. 3. changed from “Seal Cove Wharf” to “Seal Cove Ramp”. Also, page 4 item 7. C. changed from “want to spend any money” to “want to spend much money” and remove the word “first”.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the minutes of November 19, 2007 as amended. Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 61	5,506.39
Warrant 62	252.00
Warrant 63	43,524.68
Warrant 64	1,424.21
Warrant 65	7,183.54
Warrant 66	5,883.35

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 61 – 66. Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOUTHWEST HARBOR POLICE OPTIONS

Southwest Harbor Town Manager Robin Bennett explained to the Selectman the police options Southwest Harbor are willing to offer Tremont. The Selectmen agreed that the

coverage Tremont gets from the Sheriff's Office is adequate for now, but they would like a meeting with Sheriff Clark to discuss additional hours.

B. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. TOWN OFFICE

Bruiser, with John Goodwin, Jr. Construction, has apologized for not getting the lawn and drainage ditching done. He assured Town Manager Billings he has not forgotten.

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. has poured the footings and poured the foundation today. David Trask said he would have the building up in 10 days once erection begins.

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Work is completed on the level section and the cap stones. Lane Construction has paved the transition area between the old pavement and the concrete planks. There is still some adjusting to do with the curbs as well as filling stone between the concrete planks.

4. FLAT IRON RD

Lane Construction has paved the Flat Iron Road with the first layer. Town Manager Millard Billings recommended not painting the lines until the second layer is completed some time next year. The Selectmen suggested using those yellow tabs the Highway Department uses until the road is complete. The Selectmen also asked Town Manager Billings to locate the center of the road.

5. PLOWING AND SANDING

Top Kick is ready to plow and sand. The sander has been put on the F650. The 450's sander will only take a few hours to install.

C. DRAFT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

The League of Towns has drafted a Governmental Mutual Aid Agreement between the member towns (see attached). The purpose is to ensure the continuity of the essential local government services in the event of a declared disaster. This agreement does not include Police or Fire protection because there are already Mutual Aid Agreements in place for these.

The Selectmen chose to take no action yet. They will wait for the other Towns involved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

The Selectmen would like to talk to Ann Rivers of Acadia Wildlife. Acadia Wildlife has received Southwest Harbor Animal Shelter's share of the Paul Hinton Estate and is interested in selling. The Selectmen requested this be put on the agenda for Monday, November 26, 2007, so they can discuss their position.

B. ACCESS ROAD

A local Real Estate Agent was in the office getting information on the Fudges property saying it was going to be placed on the market. As of yet, no for sale sign has been posted and there has not been any communication from Mr. or Mrs. Fudge.

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Nothing to report

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

A. Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors Ballot (see attached)

There are five candidates available. Mr. Yeaton, Tremont's choice for reappointment, is unable to serve. The Selectmen chose not to take any action.

B. Town Manager Millard Billings is in receipt of a letter from the United States Department of the Interior stating they will be conducting a survey to reacquire their boundary south of the junction of Seal Cove Pond Road and Route 102 to the Marsh Road area (see attached).

C. The League of Towns would like to know if the town is interested in a Feasibility Study for island wide property tax assessing. There are Grant Funds available for this type of regional project.

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, that the Town is interested in a Feasibility Study for this. Motion passed 3 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston opposed.

D. The Monument Committee has purchased the curbing necessary to go around the entire island in the School Parking lot. When Frank Gray asked if curbing could be installed he explained the plan was to put curbing around the memorial only. Town Manager Billings and The Monument Committee have made some concessions and the island will be slightly reconfigured to accommodate curbing and drainage concerns.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

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10. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked if the Boats and Trailers in the Bernard Parking Lot should be there. Town Manager Billings will take care of the problem.

Selectman Kathi Thurston is concerned the Wharf House will be left by the tenant to freeze. Selectman Chris Eaton suggested installing a "temperature light" to alert us if there is a problem. Town Manager Millard Billings agreed to contact the tenant to request permission to install such a light. If the tenant refuses to allow this and the house freezes, it would be the tenant's responsibility.

Selectman Kathi Thurston wanted the other Selectmen to be aware the Compressive Plan Committee will be meeting the second Thursday of every month.

Chairman Scott Grierson asked if the Planning Board has taken any action on resignations. Town Manager Billings informed him the Planning Board has not met.

Chairman Scott Grierson wondered if the shoulder work on the Flat Iron Rd. was done. Town Manager Billings assured him this was on the list to do before the ground freezes.

Town Manager Billings informed the Selectmen Harbormaster Stewart Murphy has removed the Gott's Island Floats, the finger float from Bass Harbor, and removing the Seal Cove Floats on November 20, 2007. He is trying to work out a schedule with the trucks to get the big floats out of Bass Harbor. Then he will just be removing the floats in Bernard as time allows.

Town Manager Billings said Public Works still needs to put down hot top on the Fernandez driveway in Bernard, finish those shoulders and put some stone around the mouth of the culverts.

11. NOVEMBER 26TH AT 6:00 PM, JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This will be a joint meeting with the School Department about consolidation/regionalization of schools.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 3, 2007, 6:00 pm

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson