

TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008  
6 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Selectman's meeting of Monday, February 11, 2008 was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Scott Grierson.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley. Selectman Lester Closson called in sick.

Members of the public present were: Mark Good from the Mount Desert Islander and Laurie Schrieber from the Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#97	\$41,998.70
#98	39,876.34
#99	17,986.52

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve warrants 97-99, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0.

#96	\$5,502.10
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**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve warrant 96, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

1. TOWN OFFICE

Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with a representative from JMAX about wiring the new Town Office for video and microphones and was assured that it will get done sometime this spring. Town Manager Millard Billings asked if the Selectmen would like the money for this project to come out of the new Town Office account. The Selectmen agreed that the money should come out of the new Town Office account.

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that since we are low on sand right now he was going to have public works make an attempt to move the sand around in the salt/sand shed to make room for Steven Stanley Electrical to finish with the electrical work in there.

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to purchase 1000 yards from the low bidder John Goodwin, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 4-0.

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Town Manager Millard Billings showed the Selectmen correspondence from J. Keeney's lawyer to Tremont's lawyer (see attached)

Selectmen agreed to pay J. Keeney after deeds come through to make sure there are no mechanics liens.

4. FLAT IRON ROAD

Town Manager Millard Billings received a request from an abutter concerning the location of the center line of the Flat Iron road. Town Manager Millard Billings said that the public works should be able to find the pins.

Selectman Heath Higgins suggested that if we think we might need a surveyor then we should get on the list now.

5. PLOWING AND SANDING

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the 450 had the sander spinner bent, replacement bearings for the sander drive chain on the top kick has been installed and is in working order and the pressure washer/steamer trailer is now completely operable.

6. SEAL COVE FISHWAY

Nothing new to report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Nothing new to report.

B. ACCESS ROAD

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that someone complained to Bob Birk at DEP landfill remediation about equipment and work being done on the old landfill. Photos, drawings of plans showing the hiking trail and the float storage area and a letter explaining that no work was being done on the landfill has been forwarded to Mr. Birk.

C. CABLE /INTERNET ACCESS

No new information to report.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Town Manager Millard Billings said that he has attended a two day class in Ellsworth for incident command system (ICS), public information officer (PIO) as part of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) & National Incident Management System (NIMS).

2. Town Manager Millard Billings showed the Selectmen correspondence from Bruce Mattson of MDOT concerning the new sign at the junction of 102 and 102A stating that route 102 ends (see attached).

**MOTION** by Chairman Scott Grierson to authorize the Road Commissioner Millard Billings to write back to Mr. Mattson that the Town strongly disagrees with DOT abandoning 102, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Manager Millard Billings discussed with the Selectmen the wharf house rental. Town Manager Millard Billings has received two calls about renting the wharf house and bookkeeper Debbi Nickerson has been in contact with two rental agencies about summer rentals. Selectman Kathi Thurston does not agree with the Town being in the rental business and would like to see a year round rental. Chairman Scott Grierson said that he really likes the idea of summer rentals. Selectmen also discussed the idea of raising the rent and letting whoever rents it sublease if they want to. Town Manager Millard Billings will check on the two references and get back to the Board.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. THIRD PARTY REQUESTS

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen copies of the third party requests from Downeast Horizons inc, Island Connections, Downeast Health Services WIC Program and Harbor House Community Service Center.

B. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen copies of the requests from the Animal Control Officer and Acadia Disposal District.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

11. OTHER

None

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

February 25, 2008

13. ADJOURN

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted  
Heidi Farley  
Recording Secretary

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Scott Grierson

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Heath Higgins

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Kathi Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson