

TOWN OF TREMONT
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Selectmen's meeting of Monday, April 7, 2008 to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, 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 and Resident Douglas Monteith.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to accept minutes of March 31, 2008, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to accept minutes of March 24, 2008 with a change of Selectman Kathi Thurston arriving at 5:22 pm, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#123 \$6,311.61

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve warrant, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that the new plow truck was brought home on Friday after a new fan belt was put on.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Selectman Scott Grierson stated that he would like to have the whole record of the Hinton Estate at the Town Office including the deed.

B. ACCESS ROAD

Nothing new to report

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen that the committee met on March 13th, 2008 but he has not heard anything about the meeting.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Town Manager Millard Billings reported to the Selectmen that he has contacted CES Inc. concerning property line survey and met with Mike Avery. After review of available information he will be presenting a proposal to the Select Board.

2. Town Manager Millard Billings reported to the Selectmen that the Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing on April 22, 2008 to hear public comment on proposed Zoning and Floodplain Ordinance amendments to maintain State compliance.

3. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen a proposal he received from E,M.R. Inc. (see attached).

Chairman Scott Grierson commented that there seemed to be a lot of nice improvements but it doesn't say when these improvements are going to get done.

Selectman Lester Closson asked who pays once the waste is at the transfer station and if the Town gets any money from recycling.

Town Manager Millard Billings replied that E.M.R. pays once the waste is there and the Town does not receive any money from recycling but saves money from the recycling not being put into the solid waste.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve administration budget in the amount of \$577,552.58, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins.

Motion passed 4-1. Selectman Kathi Thurston opposed.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve budget of \$178,900.00 for Solid Waste, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

B. SCHOOL REQUEST

Moved to School articles within the warrant

C. WARRANT

Warrant Committee made no recommendations on School articles because they were not provided with a current budget by the School at meeting time.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to recommend passage of School articles, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning commitment date and interest rate, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning authority to sell tax acquired property, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning to accept and expend State and Federal monies, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning authority to carry forward unexpended balances, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning authority to establish a scale of wages for all Town employees, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning "2008 Model Alewife Ordinance", seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning lease of Alewife fishway, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning five year contract for solid waste, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to recommend passage of article concerning General Administration, \$284,950.58 from taxation, \$170,000.00 from surplus, \$100,000.00 from revenue and \$22,602.00 from reserve, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Insurance, \$20,000.00 from surplus, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

7:15 pm five minute break
Back at 7:24 pm

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Protection for \$137,940.00 with \$67,940.00 from taxation and \$70,000.00 from surplus, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Debt Service for \$170,815.00 with \$115,866.00 from taxation, \$43,851.00 from surplus and \$11,098.00 from reserve, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Recreation for \$45,998.00 with \$5,998.00 from taxation \$20,000.00 from revenue and \$20,000.00 from surplus, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Public Works for \$320,800.00 all from revenue, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article Solid Waste for \$187,787.00 all from taxation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Boards, Committees and Services for \$55,467.00 with \$7,467.00 from taxation, \$37,000.00 from surplus and \$11,000.00 from revenue, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning the Comprehensive Plan for \$23,750.00 from taxation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-1. Chairman Scott Grierson opposed because he said the Town's money would be better spent somewhere else.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Reserves for \$103,000.00 with \$95,000.00 from taxation and \$8,000.00 from surplus, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of articles concerning Island Explorer for \$3,000.00, Bar Harbor Food Pantry for \$1,500.00, Hospice of Hancock County for \$250.00, Downeast Horizons for \$1,600.00, Downeast Transportation \$297.00, Island Connections for \$1,250.00, Downeast Health Services for \$750.00 and Washington Hancock Community Agency for \$886.00 all from taxation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning General Assistance for \$6,000.00 from taxation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning Contingency for \$12,500.00 from taxation, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning applying all Harbor Management revenue to the Harbor Management Reserve Account and pay expenses from the Harbor Management Reserve Account, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning applying all Wharf Revenue to the Wharf Reserve Account and pay expenses from the Wharf Reserve Account, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of article concerning property tax levy limit, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Selectman Chris Eaton to recommend passage of all articles concerning Zoning and Floodplain Ordinance changes, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Town Manager Millard Billings handed out quarterly reports to be discussed at the next meeting. Town Manager Millard Billings also asked if the Town Manager's evaluation could be at the next meeting. Appointments will also be on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that Stewart and Peppy took the floats to Gott's Island.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

April 28, 2008

13. ADJOURN

MOTION by Selectman Heath Higgins to adjourn at 7:56 pm, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Farley
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Kathi Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson