

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010  
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the May 24, 2010 meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Lester Closson, Chris Eaton, Bobby Lee and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Frank Gray, Sr. – Tremont Cemetery Committee.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen voted by secrete ballot for Chairman. Town Manager Millard Billings tallied the votes, three for Kathi Thurston and two for Charlie Dillon. Selectman Kathi Thurston declined. Chairman Charlie Dillon accepted the appointment.

B. VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen voted by secrete ballot for Vice Chairman. Town Manager Millard Billings tallied the votes, four for Kathi Thurston and one for Bobby Lee. Selectman Kathi Thurston accepted the appointment.

5. ADOPTION OF POLICIES

General Policies of the Board of Selectmen (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adopt the General Policies of the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the Policy Regarding Check Disbursement Prior to Expenditure Warrant Approval. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Policy for Tax Collector to Apply Tax Payments to Oldest Outstanding Bills (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the Tax Collector applies any collected taxes to the oldest outstanding taxes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2010

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 132	7,565.23
Warrant 133	7,585.94
Warrant 134	125,787.99
Warrant 135	7,804.29
Warrant 136	10,009.06

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 132 – 136. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to move 10. Other to before 8.A. Motion passed 5 - 0.

8. OTHER

Frank Gray Sr., Tremont Cemetery Committee, spoke on the rehabilitation of the Benji - Gott Cemetery, off Tremont Road in Seal Cove, where trees and stumps have been removed, gravestones repaired and the Town's Public Works crew is filling in sunken graves. He also encouraged the Select Board to begin the process to take possession of the Kelley Cemetery, on the Seal Cove Road. It is surrounded by Acadia National Park and Mr. Gray is not sure who the owner is. The Selectmen agreed and asked Town Manager Millard Billings to begin the proceedings for the Kelley Cemetery and the Fry Cemetery.

9. AGENDA ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW BIDS FOR PORTABLE TOILETS

Bids closed on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm bids were opened and were publicly read aloud, the bids were as follows (see attached):

Korey Goodwin (MDI Concrete)	\$19.50 weekly
Additional bi-weekly if needed	35.00
Chad Terry (G T Outhouses)	18.25 weekly
Additional bi-weekly if needed	25.00

The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to include the donation of a portable toilet for the Backside Blast in next year's contract.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to award the portable toilet bid to G T Outhouses. Motion passed 4 – 1, Selectman Bobby Lee voted against.

#### B. ACTION ON OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAX LIENS

Per Town Meeting vote prior owners could have the opportunity to redeem the property if all taxes, interest, penalties and costs then due, plus all costs of the sale are paid in full prior to such sale.

There are currently four parcels of property that have outstanding 2008 tax liens. Two of the four have made prior payment arrangements that the Board agreed to honor. Neither of the Individuals has lived up to their payment arrangements.

- One owes a balance of \$105.60 on the 2008 taxes. The last payment received was December 4, 2009.
- The other owes a balance of \$1,905.42 on the 2008 taxes. The last payment received was February 12, 2010. This person is trying to get the bank to refinance and pay property taxes and establish an escrow account for future taxes. The bank is supposed to send a letter of acknowledgement.

Of the remaining two:

- One has paid \$200.00 of April 28, 2010 and \$200.00 on May 5, 2010 and currently owes \$724.86 on the 2008 taxes, \$1,067.65 on the 2009 taxes and \$932.26 on the 2010 taxes. The 2011 taxes will be due at the end of July.
- The other one has not responded. Town Manager Millard Billings has mailed letters to four different addresses that we could find from prior deeds and on the internet.

The Selectmen asked if the trailer was included for the property owner that has not responded. Town Manager Millard Billings assured them it is. The Selectmen agreed to set the auction date for July 12, 2010 at their regularly scheduled meeting.

#### C. ACTION CONCERNING 2001 LIEN AND 2007 TAX

The Auditors have discovered a 2001 Tax Lien, and a Real Estate Tax from 2007 that are still on the books.

- The 2001 Tax Lien is for a Tree Growth Penalty Supplemental from 2001. McKenzie remembers Diane finishing work on this during the week when they worked together when McKenzie was first hired. She seems certain it was paid, but it is showing in the computer as unpaid. Town Manager

- The 2007 Real Estate Tax happened on August 10, 2006. The Real Estate Tax of \$3,720, 258.52 was committed. Then the Personnel Property Tax of \$7,161.35 was committed. These two numbers account for the total tax of \$3,727,419.87 that was the Commitment of 2007. On that same day \$3,384.36 was committed to the computer, no one knows why. Town Manager Millard Billings recommends following the auditor's advice and writing off the \$3,384.36 as uncollectible.

Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen to table the 2001 Tax Lien to give the staff more time for research. The Selectmen agreed.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to write off the \$3,384.36 error in commitment to overlay. Motion passed 5 - 0.

#### D. APPOINTMENTS

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Millard Billings as the Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator, Alternate E9-11 Coordinator, Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, and Alternate Local Plumbing Inspector for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Carl Young as the Tax Assessor, E9-11 Coordinator, Code Enforcement Officer, and Local Plumbing Inspector for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint McKenzie Jewett as the Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, and Deputy General Assistance Administrator for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Heidi Kelley as Deputy Town Clerk, and Deputy Registrar of Voters for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Deborah Nickerson as Deputy Town Clerk for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Keith Higgins as Emergency Management Director for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Teri Lanpher as Health Officer for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint David Schlaefer as Harbormaster for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Smith and Collier as Town Attorney for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Elliott Spiker to Acadia Disposal District for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Jen Shaw as Animal Control Officer for the term of one year. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Ann Geary to the Tremont Housing Authority for another term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Joe Wright to the Tremont Housing Authority for another term. Motion passed 5 - 0.

#### E. BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Local Church Groups would like permission to use the Wharf for the Blessing of the Fleet on June 26, 2010 at 3:00 pm. The Selectmen did not have any objections but asked Town Manager Millard Billings to check with the Harbor Committee.

### 10. AGENDA ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. FLAT IRON ROAD: Nothing new to report
2. SEAL COVE FISHWAY: Town Manager Millard Billings has been to the fishway many times and has not seen any Alewives, but the rain has helped the water level tremendously.
3. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY – BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report
4. DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report

#### B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Committee Member Mark Piccurro said he had not heard anything new from Red Zone.

### 11. AGENDA ITEM 10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. A time and date needs to be set to award the Boston Post Cane to the oldest citizen. Ellwood Banfill has been selected as the oldest citizen. The Selectmen decided to present the cane to Mr. Banfill on June 7, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

- B. The loam pile on DOT lot has been screened and some is being used to level sunken grave sites at the Benji - Gott Cemetery.
- C. Vandalism on the Town Office Building have been resided. Still no report of leads.
- D. Memo and Request to Chairs of All Town Committees from the Comprehensive Plan Committee (see attached).
- E. The Town Meeting Warrant was missing three Articles that had been approved by the Board for action. Town Manager Millard Billings reviewed the Warrant many times and still missed the fact they were not included. The missing Articles were the funding for the Comp Plan Committee and the two Articles to transfer funds from reserves to the Dredge Project and the Piggy-back Project. A Special Town Meeting may be necessary at a later date to act on the omitted items.
- F. CEO/Assessor Carl Young's report for the month of April 2010 (see attached).
- G. The Planning Board voted to send a \$50 donation to Hospice in Regina Urbanneck's name and the Town Office did also.

## 12. AGENDA ITEM 11. OTHER

Selectman Chris Eaton would like to see surveillance cameras on the Town Office property. He is concerned about more vandalism.

Selectman Bobby Lee asked about warnings being issued or not issued at the dock to boats being tied up for more then two hours. Town Manager Millard Billings said that if your boat is broken down and your boat will be tied up for more then the allowed two hours you can inform Harbormaster David Schlaefer.

Selectman Bobby Lee has received complaints about the Harbormaster boat being tied up at the dock. Town Manager Millard Billings explained he feels that the Harbormaster is our Town's harbor enforcement and is allowed to be tied up at the dock readily available. Chairman Charlie Dillon said a Harbor Committee Member complained to him about the Harbormaster boat, but Mr. Dillon told him the Select Board does not want to micro manage the harbor and besides, it's the Harbor Committees purview. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Town Manager Millard Billings to bring up the Harbormaster's boat and the chain on the Town's mooring to the Harbor Committee.

Selectman Bobby Lee asked if the Town would be selling any floats this year. Town Manager Millard Billings said he felt only finger floats might be available for sale after the dredge project.

## 13. AGENDA ITEM 12. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Banfill's house to present the Boston Post Cane

14. AGENDA ITEM 13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2010 5:00 pm

15. AGENDA ITEM 14. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson  
Recording Secretary

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Charlie Dillon

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Katharine Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson

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Robert Lee III