

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
6:00 PM**

The Tremont Board of Selectmen have scheduled a Public Hearing to hear public comment on General Assistance Maximums and Appendixes.

Chairman Charlie Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm. There was no comment from the public. Chairman Charlie Dillon closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the November 1, 2010 Regular Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander and Frank Gray – Tremont Solid Waste Committee.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2010

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 54           28,357.22

Warrant 55           7,804.61

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 54 & 55. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADOPT GENERAL ASSISTANCE MAXIMUMS AND APPENDIXES

Annual adoption of MMA's General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendixes A, B, C & F (see attached).

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked if the maximums had changed from last year. Town Manager Millard Billings explained he did not see a big change in anything.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendixes. Motion passed 5 – 0.

B. LEAGUE OF TOWNS & MMA COLLABORATIVE MEETING

The League of Towns invites all elected officials and managers to join them on November 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Somesville Fire Station Meeting Room for a light meal and collaborative discussion of ways in which the League of Towns may expand their cooperative efforts and shared services. MMA's Mr. Eric Conrad will facilitate the meeting.

Only two of the Selectmen might be attending the meeting with Town Manager Millard Billings.

C. APPOINTMENTS

MDI School Trustees have requested the Board of Selectmen appoint Story King as a School Trustee representing Tremont (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to appoint Story King to the School Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. BERNARD WHARF PIGGY – BACK DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report
2. DREDGE PROJECT: The blasting is complete, the dredging has started. The Selectmen asked if Prock would be setting a buoy at the dump site. A fisherman told Chairman Charlie Dillon that he had to move his traps because Prock said they would be dumping somewhere other than the selected dump site. Town Manager Millard Billings will check with Prock on Tuesday to find out where they would be dumping and if they will be marking it.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE:
  - a. HINTON ESTATE: Town Manager Millard Billings called Ann Rivers as instructed. Ms. Rivers will submit a written response. Discuss offer under Item 12 of the agenda.
  - b. FUDGE PROPERTY: Nathan Martell of Eaton Peabody who has been representing the Town in this matter has submitted a letter. Discuss options under Item 13 of the agenda.
2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report

## 8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. GOTT'S ISLAND ROAD: Town Manager Millard Billings went to Gott's Island and met with John Goodwin. He is currently working out there and is willing to do some road work for the Town. He will submit a price for adding and grading gravel in the wet holes on the road to the Head. The other roads appear in better than average condition. Mr. Billings was pleased with the condition of the right of way. The Head Road needs brush cutting near the end. An easement needs to be obtained to build the suggested ramp.
- B. Assessor/CEO Carl Young's September report (see attached).
- C. Communication from MMA regarding the use of Overlay leaves the option of appropriating \$1,560.00 from Contingency.  
**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to take \$1,560 from Contingency and put it in the Salaries Account.  
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- D. On October 26<sup>th</sup> Town Manager Millard Billings attended a meeting of Penobscot Downeast Cable Television Consortium. They have scheduled for Scully, an Attorney from Bernstein & Shaw, to attend the next meeting to discuss negotiation options. Mr. Billings is unsure how many Towns belong to the Consortium, but if Tremont joins for the negotiations the cost would be an equal share of the Attorney cost plus 2% for overhead. The invited Attorney will help them determine an estimate of the costs, which would help the Board of Selectmen determine if they would like to join for the negotiations.
- E. Prock has complained to the Harbormaster about a bait truck's juice dripping and running down the road in front of their trailer. Prock employees can not enter the trailer without walking through it. The Board of Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to speak to the truck owner to catch the drips and have Public Works or the Fire Department to hose it off. The Selectmen suggested the Harbor Committee, during bait truck negotiations, make sure the trucks don't leak.
- F. The State Vehicle Auction is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Millard Billings to go and buy a ¾ ton 4 wheel drive truck, which would not require much work, for up to \$5,000 for the Harbormaster's use and plowing. The Board of Selectmen authorized Town Manager Millard Billings to use money from the Town Truck Reserve.

## 9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen First Quarter Reports (available at the Town Office).

## 10. OTHER

The culvert is being done in front of the Fire Station. Town Manager Millard Billings feels the Town should supply the culvert. The Selectmen agreed.

Frank Gray – Tremont Solid Waste Committee, asked about the discussions concerning Tremont's recycling. Chairman Charlie Dillon filled him in. When Mr. Gray asked where the recycling would be, Chairman Charlie Dillon told him they had

not worked all that out. Frank Gray suggested the Town buy a truck to deliver the recyclables. Chairman Charlie Dillon agreed that that would eventually happen, but for now the Town will use Gott's to deliver the recyclables to Ellsworth. Frank Gray asked for a blue tarp to cover the newspaper dumpster by the School. Chairman Charlie Dillon agreed with Town Manager Millard Billings to have something similar to what Mount Desert has as a recycling center on the Town Office site somewhere. The changes begin January 1, 2011.

#### 11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will more than likely be November 22, the day of the truck auction.

#### 12. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURPOSED LAND PURCHASE

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 Subsection 6 Paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectpersons. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:14 pm.

**Motion** made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:19 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 Subsection 6 Paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectpersons. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:20 pm.

**Motion** made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:30 pm.

#### 13. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION ACQUISITION OF LAND

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 Subsection 6 Paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectpersons. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into executive session at 7:33 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:46 pm.

14. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

November 22, 2010

15. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, 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