

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charlie Dillon called the February 7, 2011 Regular Selectmen's Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Sandy Johnson – Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce, Marty Williams – Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce, and Tony Smith – ADD.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OA MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011

Minutes are not available yet

B. MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2011

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2011. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. Chairman Charlie Dillon was not at the meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 88	684.53
Warrant 89	9,134.85
Warrant 90	8,379.00
Warrant 91	19,613.38
Warrant 92	32,772.22
Warrant 93	9,731.90
Warrant 94	3,749.76

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 88 – 94. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOUTHWEST HARBOR/TREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Marty Williams asked the Board of Selectmen to consider joining the Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce (see attached). She feels that if the

Town were a member cooperation and communication between the Town and the Chamber would be improved. The Selectmen agreed that having the Town as a member would achieve the best environment for businesses operating in Tremont. **Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to join the Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce for the \$500 fee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

B. RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

ADD Chairman Tony Smith talked about some of the recycling issues the Town has experienced. Ellsworth's Management and the Attendants have had a meeting to discuss what they can do to make the recycling work. Town Manager Millard Billings gave Mr. Smith two complaint forms the Town has received (see attached). Mr. Smith will address with Ellsworth the fact that the vendor the Town has hired to truck the recyclables to Ellsworth has encountered problems with Ellsworth only willing to accept items on certain days. Chairman Charlie Dillon asked Town Manager Millard Billings to pass the complaints on to the Tremont Solid Waste Committee. The labels for the dumpsters have been ordered. It was suggested that a prop be attached to the chain that will be placed around the lid of the dumpsters to hold the lid open to enable residents to drop in their recyclables. ADD is working on a brochure to help people recycle. ADD will also come up with signs to be placed near the dumpsters to assist with the Town's recycling effort. Town Manager Millard Billings is considering a recycling structure similar to the one in Northeast Harbor.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Cristal LaPrade has requested to be appointed to the Rec Board (see attached). **Motion** made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Cristal LaPrade to the Rec Board for 3 years. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Greg Dow has asked to be reappointed to the Warrant Committee.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Greg Dow to the Warrant Committee for 3 years. Motion passed 5 – 0.

D. HIKING TRAIL

The hiking trail around the old dump site is on Town land. The spur that leaves this trail by the pine tree and goes to the edge of the marsh then follows the marsh northerly is on property of Maurice Rich heirs, where it comes back onto Town land and continues along the marsh (see attached). Maurice Rich did not object to the use of the trail. One of his heirs has offered to trade the land under the trail and any adjacent land needed to meet any setback requirements for a lifetime mooring site in Bass Harbor for his son.

After discussing the implications of the trade the Selectmen authorized Town Manager Millard Billings to offer the heir \$2,000 for the one half acre.

Town Manager Millard Billings had a meeting today with the Rec Board and the Tremont Consolidated School about the Alfred Butler Memorial Trail. The School has set aside a day in May for the kids to clean up the trail. They will also make directional signs and identify plants.

7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS
 1. DREDGE PROJECT: Prock started drilling on February 1st. The Coast Guard has approved the blasting (see attached).
 - B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS
 1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE
 - A. HINTON ESTATE: Town Manager Millard Billings received a letter from Ann Rivers (see attached). The Board of Selectmen chose to do an executive session after agenda item 12.
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to move 7.B. to after 12. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 - B. FUDGE PROPERTY: Nothing new to report
 2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report
8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. An employee's parent passed away last week. We wish to express condolences to the family.
 - B. The Assessor returned to work today.
 - C. Harbor and Wharf Revenue and Expenses (see attached).
9. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET REQUESTS
 - A. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS
 1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE
See attached request. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked about the State reimbursement. Town Manager Millard Billings said the Town has not received the reimbursement and he has not gotten an explanation.
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$6,000 for General Assistance. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 2. CONTINGENCY
See attached request.
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$12,500 for Contingency. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 - B. BOARDS & COMMITTEES REQUESTS
 1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
The Comprehensive Plan Committee will have an article at the Annual Town Meeting to approve the plan and the Public Hearing will be scheduled soon (see attached).
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$4,000 for the Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 2. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
See attached request.
Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$2,500 for the Historical Society. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 3. LIBRARY
See attached request.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$38,000 for the Library. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. THIRD PARTY REQUESTS (see attached)

1. DOWNEAST TRANSPORTATION (ISLAND EXPLORER)

Downeast Transportation sent in their application previously. The Board of Selectmen reviewed it at their last meeting, but the second page had errors. The Selectmen chose to table Downeast Transportation until the page could be corrected.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$3,000 for Island Explorer. Motion passed 5 – 0.

2. ISLAND CONNECTIONS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$1,500 for Island Connections. Motion passed 5 – 0.

3. DOWNEAST HORIZONS

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$1,600 for Downeast Horizons. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. DOWNEAST HEALTH SERVICES

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$990 for Downeast Health Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. BAR HARBOR FOOD PANTRY

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$1,500 for Bar Harbor Food Pantry. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. HARBOR HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$17,275 for Harbor House Community Center. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston abstained; she works for Harbor House.

7. HARBOR HOUSE CAMPFIRE COALITION

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$2,500 for Campfire Coalition through Harbor House. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. SOUTHWEST HARBOR/TREMONT NURSING SERVICES

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve \$38,201 for Southwest Harbor/Tremont Nursing Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. OTHER

The Town has only one spot left in the surveillance system for a camera. The high cost on the estimate is to fish the wire to the garage to monitor the fuel tanks. Town Manager Millard Billings will contact Dunlap Cabling to get a price for a camera in the garage. The Selectmen discussed moving the camera that is recording the meetings to behind them to record the audience.

11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

More Budget

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

February 28, 2011

13. AGENDA ITEM 7.B.1.A. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS HINTON ESTATE

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (C) to discuss acquisition of real property or economic development because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectpersons. Motion passed 4 – 1. Chairman Charlie Dillon voted against. The Selectmen went into executive session at 6:42 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 7:00 pm.

14. AGENDA ITEM 13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III