

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, March 7, 2011 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:07 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, Kate McMullin – Tremont School Board Trustee, Nancy Thurlow – AOS 91 Superintendent's Office, Amy Murphy – Tremont School Board Trustee, Susie Higgins – Warrant Committee, Rob Liebow – Superintendent AOS 91, David Campbell – Warrant Committee, Mike Ryan – Planning Board, Frank Gray – Warrant Committee, and Linda Graham – Warrant Committee.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to move 10. Other to after 5. Approval of Warrants. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011
Not available

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 101	93,559.96
Warrant 102	9,284.35
Warrant 103	1,008.85
Warrant 104	115.00

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 101 – 104. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. AGENDA ITEM 10. OTHER

Mike Ryan asked the Selectmen to create a new committee to compare the Comp Plan to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to verify the Zoning Ordinance complies with the Comprehensive Plan. The Board of Selectmen agreed and asked Mr. Ryan to write the goals and objectives of the new committee.

CEO/Assessor Report (see attached).

E-mail from Stephenie MacLagan, Maine DEP, regarding questions asked by Carl Young (see attached).

Maine DOT will be working on Tremont Rd. from Cousins Creek to Ledges Rd. (see attached).

A list of residents that have died this year (see attached). The Board of Selectmen agreed with Town Manager Millard Billings' suggestion of dedicating the Town Report to James Rich.

The Board of Selectmen also agreed with Town Manager Millard Billings' suggestion for the Citizen of the Year award which is given out at the Annual Town Meeting. Town Manager Millard Billings has received an e-mail from Tom Martin explaining that there is a proposal before Congress to reduce the Community Block Grant by 62%. Town Manager Millard Billings will draft a letter against the reduction.

7. AGENDA ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

E-mail from Tony Smith (see attached). Tremont Public Works is working on a sign to go with the recycling dumpsters at the new site to educate the residents on what can be recycled.

B. APPOINTMENTS

No appointments, but a copy of the letter sent to Alden Gray is attached.

C. REVIEW 2010 AUDIT/APPROVE MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

The Auditors have sent letters to the Board of Selectmen (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the Management Representation Letter with James Wadman Jr. (see attached). Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. AGENDA ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Prock plans to begin dredging on the 10th of March and the week of 3/21 they will be south of the Town Wharf. In order to place moorings the Army Corp of Engineers has to approve the work that has already been done, which they have not done. Without that approval, boats that will be going into the water April 1st have no where to tie up. The Board would like to have Army Corp of Engineers here at their next meeting.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

a. HINTON ESTATE: See attached letter. Acadia Wildlife has accepted the Selectmen's offer (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings will write a Warrant Article.

b. FUDGE PROPERTY: See attached letter.

2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report

9. AGENDA ITEM 8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. Tuesday, March 8, the Public Works employees and Town Manager Millard Billings will attend MDOT training in Ellsworth concerning cutting trees, mowing, spraying etc. along the edge of the road within the Town's right of ways.
 - B. Reminder: At 5:30 pm March 30, 2011 League of Towns is sponsoring a meeting at the Somesville Fire Station to discuss collaboration efforts (see attached).
 - C. A copy of the letter sent to a person who wrote a complaint concerning recycling.
10. AGENDA ITEM 9. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET REQUESTS
 - A. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS
 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$88,140 for Law Enforcement. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 2. INSURANCES (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$25,300 for Insurances. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 3. DEBT SERVICE (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to approve the budget request of \$166,256.01 for Debt Service. Motion passed 3 – 2. Selectmen Kathi Thurston and Bobby Lee voted against.
 4. SOLID WASTE (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$185,000 for Solid Waste. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 5. RESERVES (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$30,000 for Reserves. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 6. SEAL COVE FISHWAY (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve the budget request of \$500 for Seal Cove Fishway. Motion passed 5 – 0.
 - B. BOARD AND COMMITTEES REQUESTS
 1. RECREATION COMMITTEE (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$5,000 plus carryover. Motion passed 5 – 0.

2. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (see attached)

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$4,050 for the Animal Control Officer. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

Rob Liebow discussed highlights of the Tremont School Department's Budget (see attached). The High School Referendum is scheduled for June 8, 2011, but there will not be a Referendum for Tremont Consolidated School.

12. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 21, 2011

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Charlie Dillon

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson

Robert Lee III