

TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S METING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Eaton at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Chris Eaton, Selectmen Lester Closson, Hugh Gilley, and Jim LaPrade, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander and Wayne Patton – Tremont Volunteer Fire Department.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2011

Motion made by Selectman Hugh Gilley, with second by Selectman Jim LaPrade, to approve the minutes of June 20th. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. Selectman Lester Closson abstained; he was not at the meeting.

B. MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of July 11th. Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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| Warrant 151 | 3,548.02 |
| Warrant 152 | 300.00 |
| Warrant 153 | 1,547.83 |
| Warrant 6 | 8,495.65 |
| Warrant 7 | 1,461.21 |
| Warrant 8 | 65,200.47 |
| Warrant 9 | 6,415.78 |
| Warrant 10 | 8,328.61 |
| Warrant 11 | 80,254.46 |
| Warrant 12 | 74,070.65 |
| Warrant 13 | 8,198.06 |
| Warrant 14 | 11,427.25 |
| Warrant 15 | 163,508.50 |

Motion made by Selectman Hugh Gilley, with second by Selectman Lester Closson to approve Warrants 151 – 153 and Warrants 6 – 15. Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS TRUCK PURCHASE

Tremont Volunteer Fire Department Chief Wayne Patton discussed the trucks the Fire Department will be buying. Both trucks will cost \$473,673. The Fire Department will use the rest of the \$500,000 to buy the necessary equipment. **Motion** made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the contracts for the purchase of two vehicles as presented and that the Selectmen also produce a Warrant for the next Selectmen's Meeting in the amount of \$500,000 to issue the check [for the vehicles]. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. APPOINTMENTS

The Library has asked that Debbie Helmkie, Linda Robinson and Spencer Ervin be appointed to the Bass Harbor Library Board of Trustees (see attached). **Motion** made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to reappoint Linda Robinson and Debbie Helmkie and appoint Spencer Ervin to the Board of Trustees. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Leah Bamberger has submitted an application to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Internet Exploratory Committee, and the Planning Board (see attached). The Selectmen asked to have her come to the next Selectmen's Meeting, on August 22nd, so the Board of Selectmen can meet her.

C. PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT REFUND

An abatement was issued by the Tax Assessor and at that time Donna Gann asked to have the \$1,200.42 applied to her next years taxes. Now she is requesting a check be sent (see attached). **Motion** made by Selectman Hugh Gilley, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to grant the rebate of \$1,200.42. Motion passed 4 – 0.

D. DISCUSS PACE ORDINANCE

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to not pursue a PACE Ordinance in the Town of Tremont. Motion passed 4 – 0.

E. TITLE INSURANCE \$900.00 COST FOR \$300,000.00 VALUE

Title Insurance costs are \$30 per \$10,000 of coverage. Town Manager Millard Billings feels that the Town should only pay for enough coverage to insure the investment of \$279,000. The Selectmen agreed. **Motion** made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Hugh Gilley, to get the suggest insurance for the amount invested in the property purchased from Acadia Wildlife Foundation. Motion passed 4 – 0.

F. WIRELESS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WENS)

Rick Mussey sent an e-mail and pamphlet to Town Manager Millard Billings about his Wireless Emergency Notification System (see attached). The Selectmen

agreed the League of Towns may be interested in an Island wide notification system.

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to table discussion of the Wireless Emergency Notification System and ask Town Manager Millard Billings to bring it to the next League of Towns Meeting. Motion passed 4 – 0.

G. RECYCLING REPORT

ADD met July 21st. Attached are the agenda for the meeting and an invoice for Tremont's share of the recycling fee and a report on the amount of recyclables taken to Ellsworth.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. DREDGE PROJECT: Nothing new to report

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE: Nothing new to report

2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Town Manager Millard Billings explained he didn't feel an Internet Exploratory Committee is what is needed at this time, but a Committee to negotiate a new contract with Time Warner would be helpful. The Selectmen agreed.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. CEO Assessor report for June 2011 (see attached).

B. There will be an Elected Officials Workshop on October 18, 2011 in Ellsworth from 4:00 to 8:30 pm. Town Manager Millard Billings encouraged all the Selectmen to attend. Chairman Chris Eaton and Selectman Jim LaPrade asked to be signed up.

C. MMA Annual Election – Vice President and Executive Committee (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings does not know any of the candidates.

D. An e-mail and brochure from MDIRSS Service Learning Team (see attached) asking for information for their data base. Town Manager Millard Billings will respond.

E. The State has passed a new law legalizing the sale of fireworks. Each Municipality can create an ordinance prohibiting or restricting the sale or use of consumer fire works (see attached).

F. Library request that \$4,067.25 be carried forward into 2011 - 2012 fiscal year for a lawn sign to improve the Children's Area. The Library also requests that \$3,433.45 be transferred to the Library Reserves and that \$2,000.00 be transferred from reserves to the Library Account (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Chris Eaton

Robert Lee III

Lester Closson

Jim LaPrade

Hugh Gilley