

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The August 22nd meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Eaton at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Chris Eaton, Selectmen Bobby Lee, Jim LaPrade, Lester Closson, and Hugh Gilley, James Collier – Town Attorney, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Wayne Patton – Tremont Volunteer Fire Department, Mark Good – Islander, and Jim Keene – Tremont Volunteer Fire Department.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. AGENDA ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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| Warrant 17 | 8,154.35 |
| Warrant 18 | 7,860.08 |
| Warrant 19 | Void |
| Warrant 20 | 220.00 |
| Warrant 21 | 326,946.82 |
| Warrant 22 | 150.00 |
| Warrant 23 | 500,000.00 |
| Warrant 24 | 1,818.81 |
| Warrant 25 | 8,469.72 |
| Warrant 26 | 2,105.63 |
| Warrant 27 | 225.00 |

Motion made by Selectman Bobby Lee, with second by Selectman Hugh Gilley, to approve Warrants 17 – 27. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. AGENDA ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2011

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Hugh Gilley, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2011. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS TRUCK PURCHASE

The Purchase Contract for the Fire Trucks was signed on August 4, 2011. We have 21 days from that date to submit payment. The 21 days will be up on August 25, 2011.

Wayne Patton informed the Selectmen that the New Truck will be lime green. The Department is now going through the catalogs to pick the necessary equipment. The Fire Department would like permission to donate Truck #3 to one of the off-shore islands. The frame on Truck #3 is weak and could not withstand the rigors of constant use. Chief Wayne Patton would like to see Truck #3 go to Frenchboro. The Selectmen agreed.

Motion made by Chairman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to donate Truck #3 to the Frenchboro Fire Department. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Truck will go to Frenchboro as soon as the Frenchboro Fire Department accepts it. The Rescue Truck will be put out to bid when the Fire Department is ready.

B. APPOINTMENTS

Jen Shaw needs to be reappointed to the Rec Board for a 3 year term.

Motion made by Selectman Bobby Lee, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to appoint Jen Shaw to the Rec Board for a 3 year term. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Leah Bamberger has submitted an application to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Internet Exploratory Committee, and the Planning Board at the August 1st Selectmen's Meeting. The Selectmen asked to have her come to the August 22nd Meeting so the Board of Selectmen could meet her, but she was unable to attend. Leah Bamberger will be at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

C. RECYCLING REPORT

ADD's meeting was scheduled for August 18th (see attached). Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste collection day is scheduled for 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday, September 24th at MDI High School. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office (see attached).

D. REVIEW 2011 MITCHELL ROAD PAVING PROJECT BIDS

Bids closed on August 17th at 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm bids were opened and where publicly read aloud. The bids were as follows (see attached):

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| Lane Construction | \$11,975.50 |
| Rings Paving | 12,360.00 |

Town Manager Millard Billings suggested awarding the bid to Rings Paving. Rings did the Lighthouse Road paving, McMullen Avenue paving, Ann's Point shimming and paving at a reasonable rate which enabled the Town to consider this project. The Selectmen agreed.

Motion made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to award the bid to Rings Paving for \$12,360. Motion passed 4 – 1. Selectman Jim LaPrade voted against.

E. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF NEW OFFICE HOURS

Town Manager Millard Billings has drafted a new schedule that will enable the Town Office to be open from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The Office Staff will work four 10 hour days, with 2 staff members off on Monday and 2 off on Friday (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings will continue

to work 5 days a week. The staff will take a half hour lunch on the days they are scheduled to work.

Motion made by Selectman Hugh Gilley, with second by Selectman Jim LaPrade, to accept [the new schedule]. Motion passed 4 – 1. Selectman Lester Closson voted against.

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:

FUDGE PROPERTY: Nothing new to report

2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Town Manager Millard Billings spoke with George Urbanneck concerning the Internet Exploratory Committee negotiating the new contract with Time Warner. Mr. Urbanneck felt the Select Board should do the negotiating directly, not a sub-committee because the negotiations would need to go to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

8. TOWN MANGER'S REPORT

A. CEO/Assessor report for July 2011 (see attached).

B. 2012 State Valuation has come back from Maine State Revenue Services. Tremont has an average ratio of 98% and a quality rating of 13 (see attached). These are excellent numbers and reflect well on the Assessor. State Law requires an average ratio of at least 70% and a quality rating below 20.

C. A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm to hear public input on amendments to the Wharf and Facilities, Harbor and Zoning Ordinances. All three items were reviewed at the Public Hearing. There was no public comment against any of the proposed changes. Both the Harbor Committee and the Planning Board voted to send the proposed changes to the Selectmen (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings suggested scheduling the Special Town Meeting for September 21, 2011. Chairman Chris Eaton said he was at the Public Hearing and is comfortable with all the changes. Town Attorney Jim Collier explained the changes to the Selectmen.

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Hugh Gilley, to place the three Ordinances on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on the 21st of September. Motion passed 5 – 0.

9. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Selectmen chose to table this until next meeting.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, that the board go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine revised Statutes Annotated, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph E, "Consultations between a body or

agency and its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the body or agency, in regards to pending or contemplated litigation.” Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen went into Executive Session at 6:46 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Jim LaPrade, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 5 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:10 pm.

There was no action concerning contemplated litigation.

11. SUGGESTION/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Leah Bamberger will be at the next meeting to meet the Board of Selectmen, and the Quarterly Reports.

12. OTHER

Selectman Lester Closson asked about striping the parking lot at the Wharf. The Board decided that too many spaces would be lost. The parking lot will not be striped.

Selectman Bobby Lee asked about the float on the east side of the wharf that interferes with the traffic trying to use the dock. Town Manager Millard Billings explained that the Harbor Committee was asked about the float and they approved its placement. Chairman Chris Eaton recalled being present at the Harbor Committee Meeting the float was discussed. He concurred with Town Manager Millard Billings.

13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

September 12, 2011

14. ADJOURN

The Selectmen Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Chris Eaton

Robert Lee III

Lester Closson

Jim LaPrade

Hugh Gilley