

TOWN OF TREMONT
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2004
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Alden Gray called Selectmen's meeting of Monday, March 15, 2004 to order at 6:00 PM.
2. ROLL CALL
Steve Harper, Alden Gray, Dean Tozier, Scott Grierson, Scott Harper, Millard Billings, and recording secretary Heidi Farley.
3. ACCEPT MINUTES
Steve motioned to accept minutes of March 1, 2004, Dean seconded, unanimous.
4. APPROVE WARRANTS
#109 \$671.00
#110 \$3888.44
#111 \$1440.75
#112 \$3885.89
#113 \$45182.78
#114 \$2122.69
Steve motioned to accept warrants, Dean seconded, unanimous.
5. APPOINTMENTS
A. Animal Control Officer
The Town received five applications for this position. Elisa Friel-Mosenteen and Steve Carter each explained to Selectmen why they wished to be Animal Control Officer.
Steve motioned to appoint Steve Carter as ACO for a one-year term, Scott Grierson seconded, unanimous.
6. RESIGNATIONS
Steve motioned to accept resignation of Stewart Murphy from the Planning Board upon receiving his written resignation, Dean seconded, unanimous.
Steve motioned to accept resignation from Alison Price from plowing the Town Wharf, Dean seconded, unanimous.
7. NEW BUSINESS
A. Meeting with Warrant Committee
Selectmen discussed with the Warrant Committee concerns that everyone be treated the same and that personal issues with a third party request not enter into

decisions. Warrant Committee frustrated with too much information from third party requests. It was suggested that next year the form is clarified and questions on the form will all need to be answered on the form with very little or no attachments.

School Committee, Warrant Committee and Selectmen are going to meet on April 1 at 5:00 PM to discuss the School Budget.

B. Seafood Ketch Restaurant Liquor License Renewal

Steve motioned to grant the Seafood Ketch Restaurant liquor license, Dean seconded, unanimous.

C. Town Manager's Report

1. Town Manager reported that no information has been found for the \$53.00 difference in mooring fees for resident and non-resident. A Tremont resident pays boat excise fees to the Town of Tremont. A Maine resident who is not a resident of Tremont pays boat excise fees to the Town where he resides. A non-resident of the State of Maine pays boat excise fees to the Town where the boat is primarily located. Many non-residents who store their boats and moor their boats here pay boat excise fees to the Town of Tremont.

Scott Grierson motioned to recommend to Harbor Committee to change mooring fees to \$40.00 resident and \$40.00 non-resident contingent upon proof that this is legal to do, Dean seconded, unanimous.

2. Dean motioned to send Steve Carter to an ACO Annual Training conference with Elwood Kelley, Steve seconded, unanimous.
3. Harbor House attendance for January and February was sent to the Town. A total actual attendance of 243 over 32 days equals 7.59 children per day.
4. Selectmen requested information on the total cost to the town for an employee working 40 hours per week 52 weeks per year at \$12.25 per hour. Total wages would equal \$25480.00 plus benefits would add \$9136.00 for a total of \$34616.80.
5. The Planning Board and the Harbor Committee held a Public Hearing on March 11, 2004. Some changes were recommended to the Tremont Zoning Ordinance. No changes were made to the Wharf Ordinance. The committees involved will hold meetings to address proposed changes to proposed amendments and reschedule a Public Hearing on revised amendments possibly on April 1, 2004.

Town Manager reported that the Harbormaster has requested to go to Harbormaster Association Training. This is an annual event every year.

Dean motioned to send Harbormaster to Harbormaster training at Maine Maritime Academy, Scott Grierson seconded, Alden and Scott Grierson

voted in favor, Dean and Steve voted against, Scott Harper abstained.
Motion fails.

Town Manager told Selectmen that Acadia National Park is in the process of cutting boundaries and the surveyors are disagreeing about Town Lines. We should try to get together with people who remember the original lines.

D. Budget Review

Selectmen reviewed Annual Warrant.

Alden motioned to put Harbor House request on a secret written ballot, Steve seconded, unanimous. There will be a Public Hearing on this on April 1, 2004.

Steve motioned and Scott G. seconded to recommend passage of the Article to set the date of commitment, unanimous.

Steve motioned and Dean seconded to recommend passage of the Article to sell or convey any real estate acquired by the Town also the Article to apply for and/or accept money from Federal, State and other Governmental units, and the Article to have unexpended balances and overdrafts lapse to surplus, 4 yes, Scott G. abstained.

Steve motioned and Dean seconded to recommend passage of the Article to establish a scale of wages for all Town employees and the Article to Lease the Alewife fishery, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$3000.00 from taxation for the Island Explorer, unanimous

Steve motioned, Scott G. seconded to recommend \$0.00 for the American Red Cross, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$1400.00 from taxation for Downeast Horizons, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$297.00 from taxation for Downeast Transportation, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$500.00 from taxation for Island Connections, 4 yes, and Scott Grierson abstained.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$1500.00 from taxation for the Bar Harbor food pantry, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$500.00 for Downeast Health Services. Steve withdrew his motion, Dean withdrew his second.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$11100.00 from taxation for Downeast Health Services. Steve withdrew his motion, Dean withdrew his second.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$1110.00 from taxation for Downeast Health services, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to recommend \$10000.00 be taken from revenue for Harbor Management. Steve withdrew his motion, Dean withdrew his second.

Scott Grierson motioned, Steve seconded to table the two Articles pertaining to Harbor Management and Wharf Management until their next meeting, unanimous.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Personnel Issues

Dean motioned to go into executive session at 8:08 PM, Steve seconded, unanimous.

Out of executive session at 8:15 PM

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to set date for Personnel hearing for March 30, 2004, unanimous.

Selectmen would like to see Harbormaster paperwork done in the Town Office so that people can have better access to information.

9. TOWN MANAGER SEARCH

Dean motioned, Steve seconded to go into executive session at 8:22 PM, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to come out of executive session at 8:31 PM, unanimous.

Steve motioned, Dean seconded to accept employment contract for Millard Billings as Town Manager, as written, unanimous.

10. OTHER

Selectmen Steve Harper concerned that he may not be able to stay on as Selectman. He will make a final decision after Town Meeting.
Selectmen would like to see the hill on the Rice Road swept. Could Millard check on insurance for pumping sinking boat and check prices for leasing a backhoe for the summer?

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Heidi Farley
Recording Secretary

Alden Gray

Scott Grierson

Scott Harper

Steve Harper

Dean Tozier