

TOWN OF TREMONT  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004  
6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Selectmen's meeting of Monday, March 29, 2004 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Alden Gray.
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 15, 2004, Dean seconded, unanimous.  
Steve motioned to accept minutes of March 22, 2004, Dean seconded, unanimous.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Substance Abuse Treatment Programs For Drug Offenders**  
Dick Diamond in to summarize for the Selectmen a new pilot program for drug offenders that will help them with their substance abuse problems. This program is at no extra cost to the Town, they are hoping for a multi-year Federal Grant to help pay for it. Selectmen very pleased with the task force so far.
  - B. **Wharf Issues**  
Stewart Murphy, Chairman of the Harbor Committee, requesting from the Selectmen a printout of boat excise tax paid to the Town last year. Stewart would also like to express the Harbor Committees satisfaction with Al Price as Harbormaster. Stewart reported that the Harbor Committee would like to remain at seven members and would like resignations from Steve Harper and Haywood May for lack of attendance.  
The Town Manager noted that the Harbor Committee could get photocopies of all the excise tax and mooring fees. That information is available at the Town Office. The Town Manager also noted that the Auditors would be in on Tuesday March 30, 2004 and all of that information would be forwarded to the Harbor Committee for their meeting on Wednesday night.  
Stewart asked if the Selectmen received a letter from Alison Price withdrawing his resignation and requesting that his disciplinary hearing be continued for one month and to be placed on Administrative leave with pay? Alden responded that it is too late to withdraw his resignation because the Selectmen have already acted on it and he has had three weeks to find council. Mel Atherton would like to object as a matter of principle that there was not enough notice given about the Special Selectmen's meeting that discussed and voted on Al's resignation. Alden

said that his objection was dually noted and they would work to make sure more notice is given in the future. Everett Beers asked the Selectmen if they were looking for a full or part-time Harbormaster. Selectmen and Harbor Committee agreed that a workshop is in order to discuss what the Towns needs are at the wharf.

Selectmen asked Chairman Stewart Murphy to be the contact person for now at the wharf and he agreed.

C. Does the Board wish to continue with the personnel hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 6:00 PM?

Dean motioned to continue with personnel hearing, Scott Grierson seconded. Scott Grierson asked the Town Manager if he had spoken with the Town Attorney and if so did he have any recommendations? Millard had spoken with the Town Attorney who said that the decision as to continue or not was entirely up to the Board. Chairman Alden Gray called for a vote, there were no yes votes, Dean, Scott Grierson, Steve and Alden voted no, Scott Harper abstained. Chairman stated that there would be no personnel hearing.

D. Victor Mercer Wharf House Report

Steve motioned to table this matter until the Harbor Committee has a chance to review it, Dean seconded, unanimous.

E. Town Manager Report

1. Town Manager reported that on May 21, 2004 there will be a Basic Animal Control Officer training class that Steve Carter should go to. Selectmen agreed.
2. Town Manager reminded Selectmen that they are meeting with the Warrant Committee and the School Committee to discuss the budget at 5:00 PM in the Assessors office on Thursday, April 1, 2004.
3. After the meeting with the Warrant Committee there is a public hearing in the Community Building on proposed Planning Board, Board of Appeals and Harbor Committee Ordinance changes.
4. The secret ballot for Harbor House funding requires a Public Hearing to be held at least ten days before Town Meeting. The notice for this Public Hearing only needs to be posted in one place in Town, with a certificate of return, seven days before the Public Hearing. It is not required by law that this type of Public Hearing be advertised in the newspapers twice like a Public Hearing for an Ordinance amendment or enactment. Selectmen would like Millard to come up with a yes or no ballot for Harbor House and present it at their next meeting.  
Millard also brought up that the Tremont Representative to the Park needs to be reappointed. Harvey Kelley would like to be reappointed and the Selectmen agree that Millard should write a letter to the Park recommending Harvey Kelley.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gary Geaghan proposal for Tax assessor

Mr. Geaghan discussed with the Selectmen his proposal for Tax Assessor. He offered three proposals, one for \$9000.00 per year, one for an additional \$4500.00 per year and another for an additional \$2500.00 per year. No action taken at this time.

B. Annual Warrant 2004/2005 Municipal Budget

Selectmen decided to postpone discussing the School Budget until after Thursdays meeting with the School Board and Warrant Committee. Millard reported that the Fire Department has applied for a FEMA grant for another Fire truck. If they get the Grant, they need to come up with ten percent of the \$185000.00. They are asking to be put on the Warrant for \$18,500.00, the ten percent they may need. If they do not get the grant, that money will revert to surplus. Selectmen want to review the Warrant Article before acting on it at this time.

Alden left meeting at 7:30 PM.

Scott Harper motioned to recommend \$6000.00 for General Assistance, Dean seconded, unanimous.

Steve motioned to recommend \$12,500.00 for Contingency; Scott Harper seconded, unanimous.

6. OTHER

Diane Miller from the Seal Cove Ramp Committee requested that they be able to take some money out of their budget to remove the rough rock at the picnic area in Seal Cove and move it. They will put it out to bid. The Selectmen think this is a good idea.

Diane also asked if the E-911 project is complete yet. Millard reported that the E-911 Committee is working very hard and should be done in about a month, then the maps have to be sent back to the State, then back to us and then to the Post Offices.

Selectmen asked Millard if he would look into getting a plaque done for Bubba Butler.

Scott Grierson reported that the County wants to push regionalization and that he is vehemently opposed to that. He does not like the idea of the County taking over small Town control.

Selectmen agree to have Millard draft a letter from the Town of Tremont saying that The Town does not agree with regionalization, and then bring the letter back to the Selectmen.

7. ADJOURN

Dean motioned to adjourn at 8:05 PM; Scott G. seconded, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Heidi Farley  
Recording Secretary

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Alden Gray

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Scott Grierson

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Steve Harper

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Scott Harper

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Dean Tozier