

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2005
6:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 10, 2005 Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Alden Gray at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Alden Gray, Board Members Dean Tozier, Steve Harper and Charlie Dillon. Town Manager Millard Billings, Town Assessor Gary Geaghan, and Recording Secretary McKenzie Clough.

Mark Good, from the Mount Desert Islander and Laurie Schreiber, from the Bar Harbor Times. Please see attached list for other interested parties.

3. ADJUSTMENTS /ADOPTIONS TO AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dean to approve minutes of December 20, 2004 Selectmen's meeting, Charlie seconded motion. 3 in favor, Steve abstained.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant #86 \$ 6,988.53	Warrant #91 \$ 156.98
Warrant #87 \$ 1,532.25	Warrant #92 \$ 5,701.25
Warrant #88 \$ 50.22	Warrant #93 \$ 86,504.74
Warrant #89 \$ 4,324.39	Warrant #94 \$ 4,383.84
Warrant #90 \$ 289.40	Warrant #95 \$ 49,379.09
	Warrant #96 \$ 5,919.47

Motion made by Steve to approve warrants 86-96, Dean seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A POLICE PROTECTION

1. STATE POLICE

Town Manager Billings spoke with Lt. Col. Dyer. According to Lt. Col Dyer the State Police have two officers interested in the Tremont Resident Trooper Program, and they are still going through the screening process. Both applicants are active officers now and have expressed interest in becoming resident Troopers in Tremont. The best estimate given by the State Police is November 2005.

2. LETTER FROM GEORGE URBANNECK

Letter from Mr. Urbanneck was read into minutes by Chairman Gray (see attached) many town residents were present in support of Mr. Urbanneck. Mr. Urbanneck would like the Selectmen to assure residents that they will be protected against acts of vandalism/terrorism. Many of the residents in attendance voiced similar concerns. The Board assured the residents and Mr. Urbanneck that they were doing everything possible to assure public safety. The residents in attendance would like the Board of Selectmen to research other options, such as contracting with the Southwest Harbor Police Department, the Sheriff Department, or starting a Town Police Force. Several residents are unhappy with the services provided by the Hancock County Sheriff Department. The residents in attendance would like the Board of Selectmen to make a formal statement concerning these acts of vandalism.

Motion was made by Charlie, with a second by Steve, stating that the Board of Selectmen condemns these acts as despicable and contemptible. All in favor by show of hands. The Board encourages all residents to report any acts of vandalism or terrorism to the proper authorities and to also contact the County Commissioners.

3. PROPOSAL FROM JASON LOVEJOY

Jason Lovejoy was present to make a proposal to the Board concerning Tremont's own Police force. Mr. Lovejoy has 15-16 years of police experience; he grew up in Tremont and is familiar with the residents. Mr. Lovejoy proposed a cost of \$56,247.00 to the town (see attached copy of proposal). This cost covers leasing a police car, uniforms, equipment, salary etc. It was also noted that the total cost as presented by Mr. Lovejoy did not include insurances, benefits and liabilities. There was much discussion about Police Protection. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Lovejoy for his proposal.

6B. TAX ASSESSOR GARY GEAGHAN TO DISCUSS QUARTERLY REVALUATION.

Mr. Geaghan was present and discussed the advantages to doing quarterly revaluations. Letter of proposal is attached.

Motion was made by Charlie to grant Mr. Geaghan the \$15,600.00 as described in his letter for the 2006 budget year, Dean seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

6C. RESIGNATIONS

Matthew Dunbar has submitted his resignation from the Tremont Land Use Ordinance Committee.

Motion was made by Dean to accept Matthew Dunbar's resignation from the Land Use Ordinance Committee., Steve seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

6D. TOWN GARAGE SITE PROJECT

CIP committee request to bid removal of remaining loose grout and topsoil.

Board of Selectmen reviewed bid specifications; the only change made was completion date. The new completion date will be April 15, 2005. Bids will close at 4:00 pm and be opened by the Town Clerk at 4:01pm on January 31, 2005.

6E. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Motion was made by Dean to adopt the Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated January 4, 2005, Steve seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

6F. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Selectmen reviewed expense, revenue, general ledger and uncollected taxes.

6G. 2003 AUDIT REPORT

Selectmen reviewed 2003 Audit, and Management letter and signed the Management Letter

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Billings reported to the Board that a letter was sent to the ACO concerning stickers and registration cards that were still in his possession before the end of the year. The ACO did return these items. There are still several unregistered dogs in Tremont. Town Manager Billings requested authorization to mail letters to all unregistered dog owners stating if they did not register dogs in 30 days then they would be turned over to the Town's Attorney.

Motion made by Dean to authorize Town Manager Billings to send 30-day notices for all uncollected dog fees, Steve seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

Space Designs (who installed the gym floor) was unable to attend tonight's meeting. A meeting has been schedule for January 12 at 1:00 to look at the floor. Clean-O-Rama (who applied the finish coating on the gym floor) is not interested in meeting jointly with the board and Space Designs. They would like to come back and redue the gym floor one last time the weekend of January 15.

Town Manger Billings asked the Board of Selectmen what they wanted to charge for cemetery plots now that the Town will be in charge of selling plots.

The office needs to upgrade the computer systems. TRIO software is in the process of changing there system from a DOS system to a Windows based system. Tremont is one of the last towns in the state to change over. Town Manager Billings has looked into pricing computers but the amount exceeds the \$3000.00 bid amount the Selectmen have approved. Town Manager Billings will put bid specification together and bid out computers.

An employee who has been out on leave will be returning to the office with a temporary reduction in work hours starting January 17, 2005.

The Bureau of Elections contacted the office about three reports that were supposed to be filed on November. The Bureau of Elections still hadn't received these figures from the Registrar, this was the second request submitted from the State Election Division.

9. SUGGESTION/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Board of Selectmen would like to get recommendations from Wayne Foote concerning other Attorneys that may be available to represent the Town.

10. OTHER

None

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Selectmen meeting will be held February 7, 2005 at 6:00pm.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Steve to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm, Dean seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

Respectfully submitted,
McKenzie Clough

Alden Gray

Steve Harper

Charlie Dillon

Dean Tozier

Scott Grierson

