

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005  
6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 11, 2005 Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray at 6:00PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Dean Tozier, Charlie Dillon, Steve Harper, Alden Gray, Recording Secretary McKenzie Clough and Town Manager Millard Billings.

Members of the public in attendance were Frank and Judy Hodgdon, Doug Gott, Mel Atherton, George Urbanneck, Kathi Thurston, Krista Graham, Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander, Laurie Schreiber-Bar Harbor Times.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Charlie Dillon to approve minutes of March 28, 2005 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Dean Tozier seconded motion. 3 in favor by show of hands, Dean Tozier abstained because he was absent from the meeting on March 28, 2005.

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Warrant 127	\$10,281.30
Warrant 128	\$ 4,375.15
Warrant 129	\$20,549.58
Warrant 130	\$ 122.92
Warrant 131	\$ 375.00

**MOTION** made by Steve Harper to approve warrants 127-131, Dean Tozier seconded the motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**6. POLICE PROTECTION**

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that a Deputy was in the office today and according to the Deputy, the Sheriff's department is at full staff. Sheriff Clark is back from vacation. Town Manager Billings tried to contact him Monday. Town Manager Billings reported he would be attending the County Commissioners meeting in Ellsworth Tuesday to discuss police protection.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RENTAL OF WHARF HOUSE**

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that three people had approached him about renting the wharf house and two others came in after agendas were posted. Frank and Judy Hodgdon stated they would like to rent the house for the summer months, move out on August-September. Krista Graham stated she was looking for a year round rental for a short time while she is building a new house. After discussion, the Selectmen set the rental price at \$750.00 plus utilities. The Town will supply lights and oil, but renters will pay back amounts to the Town.

**MOTION** made by Charlie Dillon to rent the Wharf House to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgdon with the understanding that when they vacate the building that Ms. Graham could move to the top of the list. Steve Harper seconded motion, all in favor by show of hands.

### **B. REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR INCH MINUS ARE AVAILABLE**

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that requests for bids have been advertised in the newspapers and bid packets are available at the Town office. The request is for 1000 cubic yards of bank run and 1500 cubic yards of one-inch minus. Bids will close on April 18, 2005 at 4:00pm.

### **C. CEMETERY BILL RECEIVES OUGHT TO PASS RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE.**

April 6, 2005 Town Manager Billings, Frank Gray and Wayne Libhart traveled to Augusta to speak before State and local government in support of the passage of the cemetery bill that was introduced by Representative Pingree. There was no opposition to the bill and it was put on the fast track and the committee voted, that day, that the bill should have passage.

### **D. REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR BLASTING**

Requests for bids for blasting have been advertised in the newspapers and bid packets need to be created for blasting the new office site. Town Manager Millard Billings stated that there are two other places in town that need to be blasted. The hill on the Turner Road had washed out and as well as a section of the cape Road. Town Manager Billings stated he would like to bid these out together. Specification need to be completed by April 15, 2005, bids will close April 25, 2005 at 4:00pm. There was discussion about the Tremont Volunteer Fire Department power washing some of the dirt off the ledge. Dean Tozier agreed to look into setting this training up with the Fire Department.

**MOTION** by Steve Harper to abandon agenda and move to 11, OTHER. Charlie Dillon seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

## **8. OTHER (agenda item 11)**

Doug Gott was present to discuss the town lines between Southwest Harbor and Tremont. Mr. Gott stated he has had the lines surveyed twice himself. Mr. Gott also

stated that he would be willing to pay the costs to have the Town survey the lines. The boundary has been in dispute for some time now, and Mr. Gott said he would like to settle the matter with the Acadia National Park. Town Manager Billings offered to draw up bid specifications, stating that the project costs would be over \$3000.00.

A liquor license application was presented to the Board from Sea Food Ketch. According to Town Manager Billings there have been no complaints concerning this establishment in the past five years therefore the Board can waive the public hearings and grant the license.

**MOTION** made by Steve Harper and seconded by Charlie Dillon to give the Sea Food Catch their liquor license for 2005. All in favor by a show of hands.

Town Manager Billings undated the Board on the dredging project.

Stuart Murphy presented the Board of Selectmen with a letter from the Harbor Committee. The Members of the Harbor Committee requested approval to dedicate the wharf to Al Price by purchasing a plaque and placing it at the wharf in his memory. Selectmen requested the Harbor Committee get estimates, come up with wording for the plaque and come back to the Board with their plan.

**MOTION** made by Steve Harper to return to agenda, Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**9. OLD BUSINESS (agenda item 8)**

**10.**

**A. ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

**1. SEAL COVE RAMP COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** made by Charlie Dillon and seconded by Steve Harper to recommend passage of the Seal Cove Ramp Committee's request for \$2200.00; with \$1000.00 for ramp reserve and \$1200.00 for operating budget. All in favor by a show of hands.

**2. RECREATION BOARD**

Town Manager explained that the Recreation Board's request was increased to cover the cost of the surveillance cameras.

**MOTION** by Charlie Dillon to grant the Recreation Board's request for \$4000.00, with \$1500.00 coming from taxation and \$2500.00 coming from surplus. Seconded by Steve Harper. All in favor by show of hands.

**3. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department requested \$75000.00 for addition to Seal Cove Fire Station. After much discussion the Board of Selectmen deleted this article from the warrant and referred it back to the CIP Committee.

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Fire Department requests \$3240.00 local share of a purposed FEMA grant of \$64,800.00 for emergency rescue equipment.

**MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend passage of article 31. Charlie Dillon seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

## **B. MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 3.** Selectmen wish to delete additions to Bass Harbor and Seal Cove Fire Stations, and delete \$400,000.00 for new town office.

**MOTION** by Charlie Dillon to have article 3 read “to borrow the sum of \$300,000.00 for dredging of Bass Harbor.” Dean Tozier seconded the motion All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 12. MOTION** by Steve Harper to amend article 12 from \$19,000.00 to \$16,000.00. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 21. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend passage of article 21 as follows, \$190,000.00 from taxation, \$180,000.00 from revenue and \$48,080.00 form surplus. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 22. MOTION** by Steve Harper to raise and/or appropriate \$19,200.00 from taxation for article 22. Seconded by Dean Tozier. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 23. MOTION** by Steve Harper to appropriate \$88,000.00 from surplus, \$59,000.00 from taxation for article 23. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 24. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend \$45,625.00 from taxation and \$32,990.00 from wharf reserve for article 24. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 25. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend taking \$15,876.00 from revenue, \$20,000.00 from surplus and \$24,564.00 from taxation for article 25. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 26. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend \$232,300.00 from revenue for article 26. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 27. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend \$150,000.00 from taxation and \$5500.00 from surplus for article 27. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 30. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend \$36,159.00 from taxation, \$2200.00 from surplus and \$4000.00 from revenue (total 42,609.00) for article 30. Seconded by Dean Tozier. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 31. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend 3240.00 from taxation for article 31. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 32 AND 33** deleted form Annual Warrant

**ARTICLE 46. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend \$130,000.00 from taxation, 2000.00 from surplus for article 46. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands

**ARTICLE 47. MOTION** by Steve Harper to recommend paying 1/3 of Harbor Master's salary from wharf reserve. Dean Tozier seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**ARTICLE 48. MOTION** by Charlie Dillon to recommend passage of article 48 as written. Steve Harper seconded motion. All in favor by show of hands.

**10. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT (agenda item 9)**

Town Manager Billings reported that the Turner Rd has had heavy washouts due to rain. Gott's has been restoring the ditches and the road surface. He also reported that the Cape Rd has sustained damage also due to heavy rain storms.

Town Manager presented quarterly reports to the Selectmen for review.

The Board of Selectmen signed the 2005 unlicensed dog warrant.

Town Manager reported that the warrant would be going to the printers on Thursday.

**11. SUGGESTIONS COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING (agenda item 10)**

Steve Harper stated he would like to have school lights left on later at night.

Discussed looking into a street light on McKinley Lane

The Board agreed to purchase another sweeper head for the tractor.

Selectmen agreed to dedicate the annual report to Al Price and Paul Hinton.

**12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next regularly Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 25, 2005 at 6:00PM.

**13. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Steve Harper to adjourn April 11, 2005 Selectmen's meeting at 8:30PM, seconded Dean Tozier. All in favor by show of hands.

Respectfully submitted,  
McKenzie Clough

Approved by Board of Selectmen:

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Charles Dillon

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Heath Higgins

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Steve Harper

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Katharine Thurston

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Scott Grierson