

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006  
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Selectmen's Workshop to order at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Charlie Dillon and Town Manager Millard Billings. Members of the public present were CES employees and Mark Good – Islander.

3. MEETING WITH CES TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

Greg Johnston, with CES, explained that the cost estimates are high right now, but he felt they could be brought down by some choices the Selectmen need to make. Mr. Johnston was hesitant about giving the Selectmen his estimates in public – some unscrupulous contractors could use that information to their advantage. He also had some questions on the electrical/mechanical.

Selectman Kathi Thurston arrived at 5:05 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to go into Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 6 C Actuation of Real Property for Economic Development. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen went into Executive Session at 5:17 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to come out of Executive Session at 6:00 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 6:00 pm.

Mark Good with the Islander said he didn't think the Selectmen could go into Executive Session during a workshop. The Selectmen will investigate.

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006  
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson. Members of the public present were Mark Good – Islander, Lee Closson, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor, Greg Johnston – CES.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2005

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept the minutes of December 19, 2005 as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 80       \$ 6,000.00

Warrant 81       4,062.09

Warrant 82       100,387.42

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 80, 81 and 82. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

Greg Johnston, with CES, informed the Selectmen they have finalized the utilities enough to get rough costs. CES is filing the disturbance of vegetation permits with the DEP. CES is preparing more detailed architectural plans and site plans for the next meeting on January 23, 2006. As well as the foundation plan and a revised HHE 200 form so the leach field can be put out to bid. Mark Good with the Islander asked what the estimated costs were for the New Town Office. Chairman Grierson said the costs were within the anticipated budget.

B. PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to go into Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 – 6 – C under acquisition of real property for economic development. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen went into Executive Session at 6:18 pm.

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, come out of Executive Session at 6:45. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

Town Manager Millard Billings read into the record, “An option to purchase land has been signed between the Town of Tremont and William and Korel Roberge concerning a parcel of land in Bass harbor known as the ‘Old Reed’s Store Lot’, Tax Map 12 Lot 45, at the intersection of Harbor Drive and McMullen Avenue.

This option is in effect until May 30, 2006, pending approval at the Tremont Annual Town Meeting.” The property is almost half an acre. Liens and Title Searches need to be completed before the Town Meeting. A “Land Disclosure” should also be received from the sellers.

C. APPROVAL OF 2005 AUDIT

The Selectmen suggested next year the Auditor present a draft of the Audit to the Board of Selectmen to finalize the Audit.

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept the Audit for June 30, 2005. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-1. Selectman Kathi Thurston voted against.

**Motion** made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to authorize Town Manager Millard Billings to sign the Auditor’s Management Representation Letter. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

D. SECOND QUARTER REPORTS

Town Manager Millard Billings included in the Selectmen’s Packets a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report (available at the Town Office). Selectman Kathi Thurston noticed a posting error and asked to have it corrected.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL BUDGET

Included with the Selectmen’s Packets was a copy of the Proposed School’s Budget Report. Former Principal Campbell was unable to present the School Budget at the last Selectmen’s Meeting because the power was out.

Superintendent Rob Lielow will be the morning Principal and Mr. Sawyer will be the afternoon Principal. The School is interviewing candidates for the interim Principal, who will be the acting Principal until the end of the year. Mr. Lielow is planning to be the one presenting the School Budget to the Warrant Committee and the Selectmen.

Also in the Selectmen’s Packets were a set of draft minutes from the January 11, 2006 Warrant Committee Meeting and a set of minutes from December 21, 2005, both of which included 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Requests. Town Manager Millard Billings asked if the Selectmen wanted to act on the articles that the Warrant Committee had already acted on. The Selectmen decided to have Town Manager Millard Billings present all 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Requests at one or two future meetings.

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Town Manager Millard Billings gave the Selectmen an e-mail from Northwood Kenway RE: Overnight Parking in the Bernard Lot (see attached).

On January 12, 2006 Jessica Daman – DEP and Hannah – DMR went and looked at Sawyer’s Island and the Seal Cove site. The representative from the Department of Marine Resources thought Sawyer’s Island was the best site for the remediation.

Bob Bert of Department of Reclamation and Remediation (the agency that closed the Town Dump) said he thought the well site for the New Town Office was an adequate

distance from the Land Fill. He will send a letter to the Town. He also suggested checking the tests of other wells in the area.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Emergency Lights in the Town Office will be fixed by Simplex.

10. OTHER

Town Manager Millard Billings has not had time to contact the School about volunteers/community service participation by the students.

The School has formed a committee to work on the lease for the Community Building and would like some Selectmen participation. The Selectmen felt they should be the ones to draft the lease. The Selectmen will write up the lease at the next meeting.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

January 23, 2006

12. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to adjourn. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.