

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 4, 2007 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Scott Grierson.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, and Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mark Good-Islander, Korey Goodwin, Constance Howe, Gary Geaghan-Town Assessor, Spencer Ervin, and Mel Atherton.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of May 21, 2007

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have a sentence on the first page corrected.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to accept the minutes of Monday, May 21, 2007. Motion passed 5-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 139	\$248.25
Warrant 140	5,249.90
Warrant 141	5,249.90
Warrant 142	9,025.60
Warrant 143	128,463.98

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to approve Warrants 139-143. Motion passed 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Scott Grierson was elected Chairman and Selectman Heath Higgins was elected Vice Chairman.

B. AWARD BIDS FOR SEAL COVE RAMP RECONSTRUCTION

Bids closed on June 4th at 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm the bids were opened and were publicly read aloud. The only bid received was John Goodwin, Jr. for \$155,140.00 (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins to reject all bids for the Seal Cove Ramp Project. Motion passed 5-0.

C. AWARD BIDS FOR PORT-A-POTTIES

Bids closed on June 4th at 4:00 pm. At 4:01 pm the bids were opened and were publicly read aloud. The bids received were Michael Gott, for \$85.00 per month and \$50.00 each additional cleaning, and Korey Goodwin, for \$45.00 per month and \$20.00 each additional cleaning (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton to award the bid to Korey Goodwin. Motion passed 5-0.

D. DISCUSSION OF CEMETERY MOWING BIDS OR PUBLIC WORKS, ACTION ON MOWING BIDS

Two applications for Public Works have been received. They were both over qualified. Two bid packets have been returned, Fred West for \$11.75 hr. and Jon Crossman for \$24.00 hr (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to award the Cemetery Mowing and Trimming bid to Fred West, Fred's Lawn Service, at \$11.75 per hour. Motion passed 5-0.

E. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

1. The flagpole has been illuminated. The Town Manager would like to lay paving stone around the base and create a walkway from the pavement to the flagpole out of concrete paving blocks.

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to let [Town Manager] Millard make the decision [on the paving around the flagpole and if it will be sent to the Landscaping Committee]. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Still waiting for shop drawings for the sign from Sign Service.
3. Still waiting for HG Reed to install the generator.
4. Landscaping is progressing.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to move G. Resignations up to F. and F. to G. under New Business. Motion passed 5-0.

F. AGENDA ITEM 6. G. RESIGNATIONS

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Vice Chairman handle this particular matter and be acting Chairman through 6. G. Resignations. Motion passed 5-0.

At the Selectmen Meeting of May 21, 2007 the Selectman asked Town Manager Millard Billings to invite the Landscaping Committee Members to the next meeting (see attached). Members Connie Howell, Bill Helprin and Scott Grierson made it to this meeting. Selectman Kathi Thurston asked why so many people have submitted their resignations. Member Connie Howell explained what she feels has happened and that she thinks a recording secretary should be hired by the town for any committee a Selectman is on. Selectman Thurston asked if the committee had approved of using volunteers to do the planting. Connie Howell was not at that meeting, but that as she understands it there were four people there; McKenzie, Heidi, Bill and Scott. Scott Grierson said he had missed a

meeting and as he understands it there was a decision to hire someone to do the landscaping. At the Selectmen Meeting that the proposals were submitted he, Scott Grierson, presented one of his own that he and Bill Helprin had devised. Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested gathering the Landscaping Committee together to elect officers, etc. Scott Grierson explained he feels he has been acting as a volunteer coordinator for landscaping the new town office and not a representative of the Landscaping Committee. Connie Howell feels that, as a committee member, she has been misrepresented and her input ignored. Selectman Chris Eaton asked Scott Grierson to make a map of where and what he has planted. Then send that diagram to the Landscaping Committee for review. Bill Helprin volunteered to take minutes for the committee.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, that the Landscaping Committee meet as soon as possible-all members that are willing to serve-and the first order of business would be to determine if you would like to have minutes recorded and if necessary someone at that meeting record those minutes and come up with a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and any decisions that are made and come before the Board of Selectmen be made as a committee as a whole. Motion passed 5-0. Town Manager Millard Billings is to notify all members as to when the next meeting will be.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to table the three resignations that we [the Selectmen] received until after the next meeting [of the Landscaping Committee] takes place. Motion passed 5-0.

G. AGENDA ITEM 6. F. APPOINTMENTS

Registrar of Voters Janet Patton asked for a raise. She explained that the position has evolved to require more of her time and she has to do parts of the job during working hours.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to change the Registrar of Voters pay from \$7.50 to \$12.00 an hour. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 sub section 6 paragraph A to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 5-0. The Selectman went into executive session at 7:15 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Chris Eaton, to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0. The Selectman came out of executive session at 7:38 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to appoint Gary Geaghan for a 1 year term as the tax assessor. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Greg Dow to the Warrant Committee for 3 year term. Motion passed 5-0.

The Selectman asked to have Elliot Spiker invited to the next meeting to talk about ADD (Acadia Disposal District) and their negotiations with EMR (Eastern Maine Recycling).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Beth Lawson to the Rec Board. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Jenny Gray to the Rec Board. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Alice Tracy to the Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustees for the standard terms. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Art Paine to the Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustees. Motion passed 4-0-1. Chairman Scott Grierson abstained; he had no legal abstention so his vote counts in the affirmative. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to appoint Carey Donovan to the Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustees. Motion passed 5-0.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. 2007 Flamingo Festival will be held July 13-15 (see attached).
2. Morris Yachts is planning an Anniversary Party August 17th – 19th. There will be a fireworks display and they are getting their permit from the Coast Guard. They will have a live band, but they are not selling liquor so they do not need a Special Amusement Permit.
3. Tuesday, June 5, 2007 there is an Elected Officials Workshop in Orono. All the Selectmen declined. Selectman Kathi Thurston suggested speaking to the neighboring towns to see if there is a need for the class here, and then set it up with MMA.
4. The Town Manager requested authority to sign the contract with James Wadman CPA to audit the Town's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2007 (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Chris Eaton, to give Millard, the Town Manager, the authority to enter the agreement with Wadman, the Accountant. Motion passed 5-0.

5. There is one culvert on the Cape Rd. that is caved-in. A back-hoe with a longer reach is needed to replace it. Doug Gott and Sons has submitted an estimate to do the work for less than Goodwin's estimate. The Selectmen agreed.
6. The Wharf House Tenant asked to be allowed to sub-let the house. All the Selectmen said no.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Nothing new to report.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

10. OTHER

Selectman Kathi Thurston asked to have the pot holes in Flat Iron Rd. filed with cold patch. Selectman Chris Eaton agreed.

Selectman Thurston asked about the flagpole at the Wharf. Town Manager Millard Billings said the Harbor Committee agreed on May 31, 2007 to have Public Works install it. The floats at the Ferry Terminal will be installed as soon as the contractor for DOT comes and moves the rocks.

Chairman Scott Grierson requested a locking well cap for the new town office.

11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

June 18, 2007

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Chris Eaton to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson
Recording Secretary

Scott Grierson

Heath Higgins

Katharine Thurston

Chris Eaton

Lester Closson