

TOWN OF TREMONT  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008  
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Selectman's meeting of Monday, March 31, 2008 to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Kathi Thurston, Chris Eaton, Lester Closson, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

Members of the public present were: ADD member Elliott Spiker, EMR director Lee Worcester, Mount Desert Islander reporter Mark Good and Bar Harbor Times reporter Laurie Schrieber.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

#119	\$6,388.22
#120	3,573.05
#121	72,972.93
#122	1,529.25

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to approve warrants 119-122, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION** by Selectman Chris Eaton to table agenda item A. Acadia Disposal District until Chairman of ADD, Tony Smith arrives, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

A. UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS (FORMERLY AGENDA ITEM 6B)

1. NEW TOWN OFFICE

Nothing new

2. SALT/SAND BUILDING

Nothing new

3. SEAL COVE RAMP

Nothing new

4. FLAT IRON ROAD

Nothing new

5. PLOWING AND SANDING

State surplus equipment auction was held Thursday, March 27, 2008. There were four plow trucks for sale, one was a top kick with headgear for the plow that did not fit the truck for \$6,800.00 and one was a Ford ten wheeler with a 10 yard dump body that had a cracked frame for \$9000.00. Town Manager Millard Billings did not buy either of these vehicles. Town Manager Millard Billings did purchase a 1995 Top Kick identical to the one we got last year for \$7,500.00 it has 129,000 miles. We plowed and sanded with this truck on Friday. Town Manager Millard Billings also purchased a 1995 Top Kick similar to the above with a stainless steel sander within the dump body for \$8,255.00 it has 128,000 miles on it and was missing a fan belt so we could not drive it home Thursday. The controls came with the trucks. The fan belt needs to be put on and the truck gone by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Town Manager Millard Billings has talked to David Kelley who can get a fan belt on it. Town Manager Millard Billings will investigate whether a wrecker might be cheaper.

ADD Chairman Tony Smith arrived.

B. ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT (FORMERLY AGENDA ITEM 6A)

ADD Chairman Tony Smith explained that he gave the Town the draft warrant article to use if we need to for Town Meeting in case negotiations weren't done yet. He further explained that the worst case scenario would be a 30% increase on the EMR portion. Lee Worcester from EMR said

that there would be no more than an 11.2% increase. ADD Chairman Tony Smith and member Elliott Spiker stated that they liked the revised article for Town Meeting and would like to share it with other Towns.

Chairman Scott Grierson asked about having recycling in Tremont. ADD Chairman Tony Smith said that was something they would need to address with EMR.

Selectman Heath Higgins asked about a time frame for a contract. ADD Chairman Tony Smith said that they have been in negotiations for a year and a half now and cannot predict a time frame. ADD Chairman Tony Smith also said that we are currently operating out of the last contract.

Selectmen would like to see some closure on this.

**MOTION** by Selectman Chris Eaton to approve revised article for the warrant as written, seconded by Selectman Kathi Thurston. Motion passed 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Nothing new

B. ACCESS ROAD

Nothing new

C. CABLE/INTERNET ACCESS

Nothing new

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. League of Towns is not going to pursue the issue of Island wide Tax Assessing due to lack of interest.
2. MDOT has scheduled a Public Hearing on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Mount Desert Elementary School in Northeast Harbor to discuss the head of the island reconstruction project.
3. The Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing on April 22, 2008 to hear public comment on proposed Zoning and Floodplain Ordinance amendments, to maintain State compliance.

4. On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Sheriff's Deputy was unable to attend the meeting because he was making an arrest.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Warrant Committee has acted on everything except solid waste. Selectmen agree that Town Manager can develop a recommendation for solid waste to present to the Warrant Committee before it is reviewed by the Select Board.

Selectmen would also like Town Manager Millard Billings to look again at the numbers for a new full time employee and discuss it again at the next meeting.

B. BOARDS & COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Chairman Scott Grierson stated that he had a big problem with the Comprehensive Plan Committee budget. He said "it is a huge amount of money and I don't see the merit in it."

Selectman Kathi Thurston said that the Planning Commission is doing a lot of work for them by thoroughly updating maps.

Selectman Heath Higgins said "spending money on properly planning the future of our Town shouldn't be cut we can find other things to cut."

Selectman Chris Eaton agreed with Selectmen Thurston and Higgins.

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of \$23,750.00 budget request for the Comprehensive Plan Committee, second by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 4-1. Chairman Scott Grierson voted against.

**MOTION** by Selectman Heath Higgins to recommend passage of Animal Control Officer for \$3940.00, Dispatch \$8,000.00, Fire Department \$44,000.00, Recreation Board \$4,000.00, Library \$26,043.00, Planning Board \$6,350.00, Seal Cove Reserve \$2,500.00, Historical Society \$2,500.00, Cemeteries \$12,000.00, Memorial Day flags \$375.00, Board of Appeals \$1,500.00, Solid Waste Committee \$2,500.00, Acadia Disposal District Dues \$5,087.00, Acadia Disposal District HHW & UW \$1,300.00, Harbor Master's boat, Harbor Management & floats from Harbor Reserves, Wharf operations from Wharf reserves, seconded by Selectman Chris Eaton. Motion passed 5-0.

10. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Selectman Heath Higgins would like to the Town pursue access to Seal Cove Pond.

11. OTHER

Selectmen agree to dedicate the Town Report to all of the Veterans. The Selectmen also agree that the Town Report be in memory of Lyford Stanley and Miles McIntire for their years of service to the Town.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

April 7, 2008

13. ADJOURN

**MOTION** by Selectman Chris Eaton to adjourn at 7:41 pm, seconded by Selectman Heath Higgins. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted  
Heidi Farley

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Scott Grierson

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Heath Higgins

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Kathi Thurston

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