

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011  
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 28, 2011 Regular Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Dillon at 5:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Charlie Dillon, Selectmen Bobby Lee, Lester Closson, and Kathi Thurston, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Keith Higgins, and Mark Good – Islander.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2011. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Chairman Charlie Dillon asked to have pg. 5, 10. Other changed from "The Selectmen suggested moving the camera" to "The Selectmen discussed moving the camera". All the Selectmen agreed.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011 as amended. Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 95           6,632.50

Warrant 96           8,808.02

Warrant 97           8,273.12

Warrant 98       108,492.34

Warrant 99           8,304.09

Warrant 100       4,388.00

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve Warrants 95 – 100. Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

The Selectmen received several e-mails between Tony Smith and Town Manager Millard Billings (see attached) and a complaint about the recycling changes (see

attached). The Selectmen discussed how to make the recycling easier for the Town's residents and decided to move both locations to the Town Office back parking lot. The dumpsters will be recorded on the security cameras as well as the Town staff can keep an eye on them. That should alleviate at least some of the trash problems and the Public Works crew will be better able to keep the dumpsters plowed, so access will be improved. The Board of Selectmen chose to make this move by April 1, 2011.

B. MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE GUARANTEED ANNUAL TONNAGE  
MRC has sent out a memo about pending penalties resulting from 2010 MSW deliveries below GAT (see attached). The Board of Selectmen agreed, the GAT must be lowered for next year.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Alden Gray has submitted a letter of resignation stating he will no longer be available to serve on the Tremont Planning Board (see attached).

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to accept Alden Gray's resignation from the Tremont Planning Board. Motion passed 4 – 0.

There will be an ad in the paper this week for the Planning Board and ZOAC. The Selectmen asked to have a Thank You letter sent to Alden Gray.

D. APPOINTMENTS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. DREDGE PROJECT: The drilling is done; the Coast Guard was in the harbor last week. Everything is on schedule for completion by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

B. REPORT OF PENDING PROJECTS

1. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

a. HINTON ESTATE: Town Manager Millard Billings sent Anne Rivers a letter on February 8<sup>th</sup> (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings has received a letter from Anne Rivers (see attached). The Board of Selectmen decided to go into executive session later in the meeting.

b. FUDGE PROPERTY: Town Manager Millard Billings has received documents from Eaton Peabody regarding the Florida Bankruptcy Trustee Release (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings requested the Board of Selectmen go into executive session so he could relay what he was told by the Attorneys.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to move 7. B. to Agenda Items 13 & 14. Motion passed 4 – 0.

2. INTERNET EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:

Nothing new to report

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Monthly Assessor/CEO Report for January (see attached).
- B. Zoning Map amendments as required by DEP (see attached). The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2011.
- C. Copies of a letter that was sent to people that wrote complaints concerning recycling (see attached). Town Manager Millard Billings will write a similar letter to the person that complained this week.

9. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET REQUESTS

A. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS

- 1. OFFICE OPERATIONS (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$72,200 for Office Operations. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 2. ABATEMENTS (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$10,000 for Abatements. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 3. OFFICE BUILDING (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$16,500 for Office Building. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 4. DEBT SERVICE (see attached)  
The Selectmen tabled this until their next meeting for clarification.
- 5. PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$10,000 for Public Works Buildings. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 6. SUMMER ROADS (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Lester Closson, to approve the budget request of \$150,000 for Public Works Summer Roads. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 7. WINTER ROADS (see attached)  
**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to approve the budget request of \$134,000 for Winter Roads. Motion failed 2 – 2. Selectmen Bobby Lee and Kathi Thurston voted against.  
**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to reconsider the previous motion (for Winter Roads). Motion passed 4 – 0.  
**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Chairman Charlie Dillon, to approve the budget request of \$134,000 for Winter Roads. Motion passed 3 – 1. Selectman Kathi Thurston voted against.
- 8. TOWN EQUIPMENT (see attached)

**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve the budget request of \$14,000 for Town Equipment. Motion passed 4 – 0.

9. STREET LIGHTS (see attached)

**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve the budget request of \$12,800. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. BOARDS & COMMITTEES REQUESTS

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT (see attached)

**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve the budget request of \$55,100 for the Fire Department. Motion passed 4 – 0.

2. BOARD OF APPEALS (see attached)

**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to approve the budget request of \$1,500 for the Board of Appeals. Motion passed 4 – 0.

10. OTHER

On March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Somesville Fire Station at 5:30 pm the League of Towns will be sponsoring a Collaboration Meeting between the member Towns. This is a continuation of the previous meeting. All Selectmen and Town Managers are invited.

Keith Higgins, Tremont Volunteer Fire Department, explained that some of the money the Department is asking for is to make improvements to the Seal Cove parking lot. He also invited the Selectmen to attend their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. According to Mr. Higgins the Fire Department's By-laws state that there need to be 3 Selectmen on their Board. The Selectmen said they did not like the idea of 3 sitting Selectmen attending their meetings because that would have to be treated as a Selectmen's Meeting which would involve posting as a Selectmen's Meeting. It was suggested the Fire Department should update their By-laws.

11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

The School will be at the next meeting at 6:30 pm.

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

3/7/2011 at 5:00 pm

13. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURPOSED LAND PURCHASE

**Motion** made by Selectman Bobby Lee, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes annotated Section 405 Subsection 6 Paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectperson. Motion failed 2 – 2. Chairman Charlie Dillon and Selectman Lester Closson voted against.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to reconsider the previous motion. Motion passed 4 – 0.

**Motion** made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes annotated Section 405 Subsection 6 Paragraph C to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property or interest therein because premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the bargaining position of the Selectperson. Motion passed 4 – 0. At 7:45 pm the Selectmen went into executive session.

**Motion** made by Selectman Lester Closson, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to come out of executive session. Motion passed 4 – 0. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

The Selectmen have decided to make a final offer for the Hinton estate to Acadia Wildlife Foundation of \$275,000. Town Manager Millard Billings is authorized to write Anne Rivers a letter stating the Board of Selectmen's final offer of \$275,000 and have her answer by March 15, 2011 or the Selectmen will withdraw their offer.

14. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION ACQUISITION OF LAND

Town Manager Millard Billings received a letter from the Attorney representing the Fudges (see previously attached letter). The Trustee is trying to sell the property through an agent before putting it out to auction. It has been listed at \$65,000. The Town has received first refusal. The Select Board authorized Town Manager Millard Billings to offer \$20,000 for the .69 of an acre lot.

15. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by Chairman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Bobby Lee, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi Nickerson  
Recording Secretary

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Charlie Dillon

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Katharine Thurston

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Chris Eaton

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Lester Closson

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Robert Lee III