

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
April 5, 2017
Town Hall/5:00 PM

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Members present: Steve Stata, Rustam Spaulding & Selby Turner

Others present: Michele Murray-Select Board Clerk-Town Clerk/Treasurer, Terrance Tuck, Joyce Tuck, Marjorie Bertram, Paul Hinman, Allen Hall, Brenda Delude, Dale Patnode, John Yarat, Mike Donoghue-Islander Newspaper, Art Larvey, Barbara Larvey, Keri Johnson, Bill Johnson Carol Michaels, Debbie Spaulding-Lister Chair, Mary LaBrecque-Delinquent Tax Collector, Cathy Tudhope-Auditor & Justice of the Peace, Bill Howland

The meeting was called to order on April 5, 2017, at 5:04 PM by Chair Stata.

1. Additions to Agenda:

Spaulding added Town Meeting Room to Other Business

2. Warrants for Payroll and Payables:

Payroll dated 3/8/2017-3/10/2017 in the amount of \$2,201.17 signed by Turner
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payroll dated 3/23/2017-3/24/2017 in the amount of \$2,003.17 signed by Turner
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payroll dated 4/5/2017-4/7/2017 in the amount of \$1,910.34
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 3/2/2017-3/16/2017 in the amount of \$13,781.38 signed by Turner.
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Note: \$6,500.00 payment to Alburgh Volunteer Fire Company

Payable dated 3/23/2017-3/24/2017 in the amount of \$561.06
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 4/5/2017 in the amount of \$6,950.30
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

3. Recreation Department Tent Rental Agreement-Possible approve agreement document Paul Hinman had discussion; looking to get pricing on cleaning the tent this spring. The price for the tent rental will stay at \$75.00 per day. The tent can be rented by anyone in Isle La Motte. The tent remains on the island.

Spaulding made a motion to approve the tent rental agreement, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

4. Minutes of March 1, 2017 & Minutes of Special Meeting March 15, 2017

Spaulding made a motion to approve the regular Select Board Meeting of March 1, 2017, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Spaulding made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting-Reorganization of Board on March 15, 2017, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Spaulding made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting-Joint Meeting with Isle La Motte School District on March 15, 2017, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

5. Petition

John Yartz submitted two (2) petitions to the Select Board.

Stata read the first petition; we the undersigned citizens of Isle La Motte do hereby request the immediate resignation of Catherine Tudhope as member of the Board of Auditors reasons for request:

1. Failure to submit required documents relating to the School Board in the 2016 Town Report.
 - a. Additional cost of Town for this omission.
2. Failure to submit corrected Town Treasurer information.
3. Failure to warn and document Board of Auditor meetings.
4. Substantial over run of Board of Auditor Budget.
 - a. Billing the Town for work performed outside of the authority of the elected position.
5. We acknowledge there are two other auditors on the Board of Auditors.

All of the reasons are the responsibility of the Board of Auditors.

End petition wording.

This petition had 46 signatures.

Stata stated there was one more petition with the same wording except the name on that petition is Sylvia Jensen with 53 signatures

Stata had discussion; the Select Board has no authority over the Board of Auditors, the board can't force the Auditors to resign. Nor does the board have authority to accept a petition that they can't do anything with it. Board agreed to contact the town attorney to inquire as to what to do with the petitions. The petitions will be left with the Town Clerk until the Town attorney is contacted.

John Yartz had discussion: the town is having issues with the Board of Auditors not following the rules. This was the first place to start. There is another petition that will be held onto until prior to next town meeting, others are not here to sign this petition.

Other discussion;

Allen Hall had discussion; the petitions are not given to the Select Board to ask the board to fire the Auditors.

6. Green Up-Alburgh Transfer Station Charges:

Stata had discussion; the town received an email from the Town Clerk in Alburgh stating that, Isle La Motte will be charged for Green Up bags at .30 per pound non-resident rate. The tires will be accepted at the Town of Alburgh cost with no profit to Alburgh.

7. NEMRC Software License Agreement & Annual Support Agreement-Signature
Michele had discussion; during the audit process the Auditors inquired about, asking NEMRC for financial account help. I telephoned NEMRC and spoke to Ernie Saunders on the matter. Ernie said that if it was a short question and answer of approx. 5-10 minutes then there would be no charge. If the question/answer went over this time then an additional fee would be charged to the town. NEMRC has Town Treasurers as employees.
During the conversation with Ernie he requested that the Select Board sign the Disaster Recovery Agreement, the End User Software License Agreement and the Software Support Agreement due to the fact that these contacts/agreements are dated back to 04/2007.

Stata had discussion; does not feel comfortable signing an agreement that is already signed regardless of how old it is.

8. 2017 Local Emergency Operations Plan-Approve:

Spaulding made a motion to approve the 2017 Local Emergency Operations Plan, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

9. Northwest Regional Planning Commission-Update form-Chair Signature:
Will sign the document after 2017 Appointed Officers

10. CAI 2018 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal-Signatures:
Spaulding made a motion to sign the CAI Tax Map Maintenance Proposal, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

11. 2017 Appointed Town Officers:
Board reviewed the list. Some people will be contacted. The appointed officers will be tabled until next board meeting.
Stata signed the NWRPC update form.
Spaulding made a motion to sign the NWRPC update sheet, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

12. March 7, 2017 Certificate of Votes:
Stata signed the certificate.
Spaulding made a motion to approve, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

13. Assessment of County Tax:
Board reviewed the county tax. \$33,271.11 due on July 5, 2017.

14. Bonding Evaluation:
Michele had discussion; an email was received from Carl Andeer from VLCT stating that Town Officers are bonded under the Town's insurance with VLCT (Passive Coverage). Mr. Andeer mentioned that VLCT

knows of only one town that is covered with VLCT that has a bonded individual covered outside of the Passive Coverage.

15. Speed/Traffic-update/possible decision:

Cathy Tudhope had discussion; the box is up and tracking speed limits on School Street. After six days the box will be placed in the opposite direction.

Other conversation; Allen Hall; the State Police have removed the radar box on Main Street.

16. Road Commissioner Report:

Turner had discussion; hot mix will be used on some of the pot holes as soon as the asphalt plant opens approx., April 17th. A grant for paving will be submitted for approx., \$120,000.00. A grant for repairs to a seawall on West Shore Road will be submitted for approx., \$50,000.00.

17. Vent Wells at Old Dump-update: Spaulding had discussion; looked at the vent wells before meeting, cannot find one hole. The area needs to dry out before any work is considered.

18. Monthly Budget & Balance Sheet-discussion;

Board reviewed the budget and balance sheet.

Spaulding had discussion; someone telephone the State Tax Dept. claiming that, Deb Spaulding was going to assess her own (home) property, this is not true. The Town Listers will be assessing the trailers in the two campgrounds.

19. Treasurer Report: no report

20. Generator-Update:

Terrance Tuck had discussion; the town should try to sell the motor. Not much is left for controls.

21. Act 64-Update:

Spaulding provided a packet from the last meeting (Vermont Subsurface Agricultural Tile Drainage Report) This report can be read at the Town Hall.

22. Cannon-Update:

Turner had discussion; Lyle Andrews is looking for a special drill to use. Lyle is ready for an update when the town is ready.

23. Other Business;

Town Meeting Room; Spaulding had discussion; a key will be provided to the Auditors for use of the meeting area of the building. For now the Auditors will use the Listers passcode to the door alarm.

Debbie Spaulding had discussion;
Appraisal-people have the right to refuse entry of their properties. Things are moving along nicely.

Spaulding made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Michele Murray-Select Board Clerk

Steve Stata _____

Rustam Spaulding _____

Selby Turner _____

Approved on _____