Town of Isle La Motte

Selectboard Meeting

Aril 10, 2019

Town Hall @ 5:00PM

Member present: Selby Turner, Stephen Stata, Rustam Spaulding.

Others present: Paul Zera, Deborah Spaulding, John Yaratz, Anthony Fowler, Peter Brzozowy & Sarah Noble.

Meeting called to order at 5:06PM by Stephen Stata.

1. Additions to agenda

* Noble had discussion; water education grant can be taken out of agenda.

1. Executive session- No need.
2. Minutes of March 6, 2019 & March 2, 2019

* **Motion by Spaulding to approve minutes of March 6, 2019, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to approve Town Meeting minutes of March 2, 2019, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**

1. Warrants for payroll & payables

* **Motion by Spaulding to ratify 3/19/19 payroll, signed by Turner in the amount of $2644.77, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to ratify 4/4/19 payroll, signed by Turner in the amount of $1738.55, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to ratify 3/20/19 payable, signed by Stata in the amount of $18,855.57, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to approve 4/10/19 payable, in the amount of $5,580.50, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to ratify 3/20/19 EFT payable, signed by Turner in the amount of $1,111.44, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
* **Motion by Spaulding to approve 4/10/19 EFT payable, in the amount of $371.14, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**

1. Monthly budget & balance sheet
2. Road commissioner’s report

* **Motion by Spaulding to approve town’s annual highway financial plan, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor. (approval to be ratified at May select board meeting)**
* John Yaratz had discussion; North Point Rd. is the worst right now & should be fixed sooner than later.
* Turner had discussion; John Yaratz filled potholes with hot mix, there are still more to do. If we need more hot mix for North Point Rd., order it. The cones set up near Kennedy’s to caution drivers were stolen.
* Peter Brzozowy had discussion; showed the selectboard cell phone pictures of his culvert. There used to be (50 years+) a culvert on the West side of property, it is now non-existent. It floods and ices across the driveway. Is this the Town’s responsibility or the home owners?
* Stata had discussion; it has always been that the first culvert is the homeowner’s responsibility and then it subsequently falls to the town. The state is now beginning to change the standards, making Towns responsible, to avoid subpar culvert installations.
* Turner had discussion; we should have John Yaratz take a look at it before continuing.

1. Discussion/decision on School St. signage

* Turner had discussion; asking John Yaratz if he was still willing to do the work when the weather agrees.
* John Yaratz had discussion; yes.

1. Open Town Mowing Bids

* No bids were submitted.
* Stata had discussion; re-run the ad with the Islander and set the special meeting for April 24, 2019.

1. Green-up day discussion

* Anthony Fowler had discussion; will be organizing Green up Day this year, with approval to meet at the School in the morning. Would like clarification from insurance company VLCT on liability of organizations spearheading Green up Day.

1. Consultant fee for Woodmen site remediation discussion/decision

* Stata had discussion; per Woodmen’s request the Town presented them with two quotes for demolition and removal of buildings. Any further costs will be the Woodmen’s.

1. Emergency Management Plan

* **Motion by Spaulding to approve 2019 emergency management plan, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**

1. Census discussion

* No discussion; Representative did not attend.

1. Tree policy

* Turner had discussion; the select board has gone over a draft of a Town Tree Policy. Noble will type up the final version for approval at next month’s meeting.

1. Town hall update discussion

* Turner had discussion; presented a heat loss analysis done by Lyle Andrews that shows the enormity of heat loss in the Town Hall.
* Peter Brzozowy had discussion; offered to be on committee. It is clear by these photos that repair of the building will be costly, the discussion should be what avenue of restoration is best for the Towns keeping of vital records right now and in the future.
* Stata had discussion; Sylvia Jensen sent an email asking for the approval to have the Vermont Preservation Trust do an assessment of the Town Hall. The cost of this assessment is $500.00 ($250.00 of which to be paid for by ILMCO & $250.00 to be matched by VPT.) The select board can’t answer question as an action item without proper discussion with the committee. This committee includes Sylvia Jensen, Barbara Callahan, Linda Fitch, Sam Gibson & Doug Rondeau as a consultant; adding Peter Brzozowy. Stata to draft response to email.

1. ~~Water education Grant~~
2. Other business

* Stata had discussion; update on Anderson property value appeal.
* **Motion by Spaulding to adjourn meeting at 7:00PM, 2nd by Stata-- All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Noble / Select Board Clerk

Selectboard approved on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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