

Town of Isle La Motte
Selectboard Meeting
August 7, 2019
Town Hall @ 5:00PM

Members present: Selby Turner & Stephen Stata

Others present: Mary Labrecque, Teresa Pearson, Mitchell Pearson, Peter Brzozowy, Joyce Tuck, John Yarat, Taylor Newton & Sarah Noble.

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

1. Additions to agenda
 - Noble to add Minutes of July 8, 2019 special meeting for approval.
 - #11 & #14 removed.
2. Executive session- No need
3. Minutes of July 3, 2019
 - **Motion by Turner to approve July 3, 2019 minutes, 2nd by Stata-- All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Turner to approve July 8, 2019 minutes, 2nd by Stata-- All in favor.**
4. Warrants for payroll & payables
 - **Motion by Turner to ratify 7/9/19 payroll, signed by Stata in the amount of \$1,887.29, 2nd by Stata All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to ratify 7/23/19 payroll, signed by Turner in the amount of \$1,812.66, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to ratify 8/6/19 payroll, signed by Turner in the amount of \$1,901.05, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to ratify 7/17/19 payable, signed by Turner in the amount of \$27,280.23, 2nd by Turner All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to approve 8/7/19 payable, in the amount of \$7,515.92, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to ratify 7/17/19 EFT payable, signed by Turner in the amount of \$446.58, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
 - **Motion by Stata to approve 8/7/19 EFT payable, in the amount of \$939.74 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
5. Monthly budget & balance sheet
6. Development of hazard mitigation plan- NRPC
 - Taylor Newton made presentation, see attachment.
7. Emerald Ash Borer Tree Ordinance
 - Turner discussed the Town replacing removed Ash trees with another species of tree. No other public comment.
8. Errors and Omissions
 - Mary LaBrecque had discussion; Sunset Rock RV Park- Joslin, Deb Dewey, Robin & Mark Labelle, Helen Wilder, Linda Gingras, David & Cheryl Slayton, Penny Pratt & Jenny Tabor (Campers removed off campground previously)
 - **Motion by Stata to approve aforementioned list of errors and omissions; 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
9. Affirmation of errors and omission
 - Mary LaBrecque had discussion; William Cain- missed PTTR, Tom Brennan- missed PTTR, William Lamott- missed VA Exemption.
 - **Motion by Stata to affirm aforementioned list of errors and omissions, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
10. Late homestead discussion/decision
 - Mary LaBrecque had discussion; Shirley LaBombard received late filed homestead penalty because she did not have a value of property to file for homestead, this was missed during reappraisal because the home was not placed on property when reval was done. Lister error.
 - **Motion by Turner to remove late filed homestead penalty for LaBombard, 2nd by Stata--All in favor.**
11. Tax sale discussion/ decision- Removed
12. Road commissioner's report

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- Turner had discussion; John Yaratz has been spreading rockfines on the road & has filled potholes on Church St. Turner is still planning culvert and paving work. New road, parts of West Shore & North Point road added to list. Selectboard will be constructing a bid proposal for West Shore work (near Joe Cain property.)
- Turner presented a draft policy of limited release. Selectboard to review and add to September agenda to adopt policy. See attachment.
- 13. Road Erosion West Shore
 - Stata had discussion; Carol Goodwin (not in attendance) asked Stata about the road erosion in front of 93 West Shore Rd. Stata to contact her.
- 14. Church Rd. potholes- Removed
- 15. Quarry road snow plowing discussion
 - Mitchell Pearson had discussion; expressed concern about where the road plowing ends for Quarry Rd. John used to plow up to the end of the pavement, in the last few years he started turning around in the Quarry entrance per discussion with Tom LaBombard.
 - John Yaratz had discussion; He spoke with Mark Grimes and Mark has agreed to plow the area for John to turn around at the end of the pavement again.
 - Mitchell Pearson & selectboard had discussion; cars seem to park alongside Quarry road for the campground, sometimes blocking the road completely. Selectboard suggested calling the Sheriff's dept. if cars are completely blocking their way through.
- 16. Town hall update discussion
 - Peter Brzozowy had discussion; the grant is in place to move forward with evaluation of Town Hall. Appointment to meet at Town Hall with company doing assessment to be set at later date.
- 17. Other business
 - **Motion by Turner to adjourn meeting at 6:10PM, 2nd by Stata-- All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Noble/ Selectboard Clerk

Selectboard approved on: _____

Stephen Stata: _____

Rustam Spaulding: _____

Selby Turner: _____



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Jeb Spaulding, Secretary

January 29, 2014

Dear Vermont Municipal Official,

I am writing you to let you know of an important change regarding State promised assistance after a major flood or other natural disaster. This change is intended to encourage communities across Vermont to take action to improve their community's resilience to future flood impacts, which will save taxpayer money over time.

Following the recovery from Tropical Storm Irene, the State of Vermont modified its standard for managing the State's Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF). The new standard, which will be effective for any disaster after October 23, 2014, is structured to encourage municipalities to take four basic steps to prepare their communities *before the next disaster*:

1. Have proactive flood hazard regulations;
2. Adopt up-to-date (2014-2016) local Transportation Codes and Standards;
3. Establish an up-to-date Local Emergency Operations Plan; and,
4. Develop and adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

After a federally-declared disaster, federal public assistance funds from FEMA can reimburse 75% of eligible community losses associated with damage to public infrastructure. Typical community losses eligible for public assistance funds include costs to repair or replace transportation infrastructure, debris removal, and emergency protective measures. **Communities that have taken the four basic steps will receive an additional 12.5% state contribution to cover the damage.**


Communities that have not taken these steps will still receive state aid, but at a reduced amount. Those communities will receive a state contribution rate of 7.5%.

In addition, communities can secure state contribution of 17.5% by completing the four basic steps and by taking an additional step to protect themselves from flood damages. Please refer to the *ERAF Frequently Asked Questions Enclosure* for more information.

Please contact your regional planning commission or development agency, the Vermont Agency of Transportation District staff, or the Vermont League of Cities and Towns if you need additional assistance.

Thank you for attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,


Jeb Spaulding
Secretary of Administration

Enclosure: hand-out (with links) about the new ERAF criteria which will take effect on Oct. 23, 2014



Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF)

For more information and live links direct your browser to:

tinyurl.com/eraf2014

ERAF provides State funding to match Federal Public Assistance after federally-declared disasters. Eligible public costs are reimbursed by federal taxpayers at 75%. For disasters after October 23, 2014, the State of Vermont will contribute an additional 7.5% toward the costs. For communities that take specific steps to reduce flood damage the State will contribute 12.5% or 17.5% of the total cost.

What is needed?

12.5% - eligible communities have adopted four mitigation measures:

1. National Flood Insurance Program (participate or have applied);
2. Town Road and Bridge Standards (annually certify adopted standards that meet or exceed the standards in the current: 2014-2016 *VTrans Orange Book: Handbook for Local Officials*);
3. Local Emergency Operations Plan
(Adopt annually after town meeting and submit before May 1);
4. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
(The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan requirement can be satisfied if the draft plan has been submitted to FEMA Region 1 for review).

17.5% - eligible communities also:

5. Protect River Corridors from new encroachment; or, protect their flood hazard areas from new encroachments and participate in the FEMA Community Rating System.

After a declared disaster the damage to public infrastructure including roads and culverts may approach a million dollars. Here is how the cost of damage will be carried by federal, state, and municipal taxpayers:

	7.5% ERAF Rate	12.5% ERAF Rate	17.5% ERAF Rate
Federal Share	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
State Share	\$75,000	\$125,000	\$175,000
Municipal Share	\$175,000	\$125,000	\$75,000
100% of \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

What does my community need to do?

Visit tinyurl.com/eraf2014 to find out what your community has already done.

How do we update our bylaws to protect River Corridors and participate in the National Flood Insurance Program?

Contact the [VT DEC Floodplain Manager for your region](#) and your planner at the [Regional Commission](#).

How do we update and certify our Town Road and Bridge standards?

The current [2014 - 2016 VTrans Orange Book](#) is online. The Select Board adopts and certifies the standards. Contact [VTrans District Staff](#) or your planner at the [Regional Commission](#) for help and more information.

How do we adopt an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Support for your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is available through the [Regional Commission](#) and other consulting planners.

How do we update our Local Emergency Operations Plan?

The Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) needs to be updated after Town Meeting and submitted before May 1. Contact your [Regional Commission](#) for help and more information.

Who administers ERAF?

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) manages Public Assistance funds and tracks the eligibility of individual municipalities for State matching funds.

Who can I call or e-mail directly for help and more information?

Milly Archer, VLCT Municipal Assistance Center, (802) 229-9111, marcher@vlct.org

For more information read:

[Flood Damage Mitigation Incentives for Municipalities under the New ERAF Rule](#), A summary of ERAF from the November, 2012, *VLCT News*. www.vlct.org

Hazard Mitigation

Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. It is most effective when implemented under a comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan. State, tribal, and local governments engage in hazard mitigation planning to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters, and develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Developing hazard mitigation plans enables state, tribal, and local governments to:

- Increase education and awareness around threats, hazards, and vulnerabilities;
- Build partnerships for risk reduction involving government, organizations, businesses, and the public;
- Identify long-term, broadly-supported strategies for risk reduction;
- Align risk reduction with other state, tribal, or community objectives;
- Identify implementation approaches that focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities; and
- Communicate priorities to potential sources of funding.

Moreover, a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Ultimately, hazard mitigation planning enables action to reduce loss of life and property, lessening the impact of disasters.

Source: FEMA.gov

TOWN OF _____

AGREEMENT FOR ENTRY; LIMITED RELEASE

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2010

by and between the Town of _____, in the state of Vermont, (herein after "Town"), and _____ (Name), of _____ (address), in the

Town of _____ Vermont (herein after "Owner").

Whereas, the Owner owns certain land and premises in the Town of _____, which adjoin Town highway No. _____ maintained by the Town; and

Whereas, the Town desires, at its own expense, to perform certain work on or for the benefit of the highway (described more particularly below) (hereinafter "the Work"), which Work also will be of benefit to the Owner's property; and

Whereas, performance of the Work may require the Town, with its own forces or those of contractors, to enter upon the Owner's property, in areas outside the existing highway right-of-way;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **Description of the Work.** The Work will consist of the following:

2. **Right of Entry; Limited Release.** The owner hereby grants the Town, with its own forces or those of contractors, the right to enter upon the Owner's property, with workers and equipment, for the purpose of undertaking the Work, and hereby waives, releases and discharges any claims, whether styled as trespass or otherwise, that may arise from such entry.

3. **Retention of Certain Other Rights.** Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Agreement, the Owner retains the right to assert against the Town, its contractors or other parties any claims that may arise from negligent acts or omissions during performance of the Work.

4. **Waiver:** The Owner having been informed of its right to an appraisal to estimate the value of the right-of-entry herein granted and to receive just compensation based on that appraisal, hereby waives these rights.
5. **This Agreement for Entry; Limited Release** is not binding unless one of the parties signing below receives a Better Backroads grant to perform the Work set forth above in Paragraph 1.

For The Town:

Signature

Printed Name

Title (must be authorized agent)

Owner:

Signature

Printed Name (must be Owner)

In Presence of:

Signature

Name of Witness (as to both)

