

Town of Isle La Motte

Special Select Board Meeting

January 26, 2021

1:00PM @ ILM School

Members present: Paul Zera, Selby Turner & Rustam Spaulding

Others present: Sarah Noble, Lyle Andrews, Cathy Tudhope, Sylvia Jensen & Alex Arvaniti.

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by Chair, Selby Turner.

1. Budget working session
 2. Adopt the Australian ballot system of voting for 2021 Town Meeting
 - **Motion by Spaulding to approve using the Australian ballot, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
 3. Approve budget
 4. Approve warning
 - Sylvia Jensen & Cathy Tudhope had discussion; Can we ask questions?
 - Spaulding had discussion; those should wait until our informational meeting.
 - Spaulding had discussion; read Act 162 and read warning (see attached)
 - **Motion by Zera to approve budget and warning, 2nd by Turner-- All in favor.**
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- **Motion by Spaulding to adjourn meeting at 1:10, 2nd by Zera-- all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Noble/ Clerk

Select board approved on: _____

Selby Turner

Rustam Spaulding

Paul Zera

Agenda for Act 162

How do we switch to Australian ballot?

The select board must vote, by approval of a majority of its total membership, at a duly warned meeting to adopt the Australian ballot system of voting. Under current law, only the municipality's voters may vote to allow to Australian ballot system. However, Act 162 (7) temporarily allows a municipality to apply the Australian ballot system to any or all of its meetings (e.g. special and annual) held in the year 2021 by vote of its select board.

Is there a date by which the select board must vote to adopt the Australian ballot system for town meeting 2021?

Ideally, this decision should be made as soon as possible. In terms of an absolute deadline, this decision would need to be made prior to the select board approving the warning for town meeting which is not less than 30 days before Town meeting day. Additionally, Town meeting day must be noticed not less than 30 days before the meeting.

New 12/9 When do ballots have to be ready?

Ballots must be available not later than 20 days before the local election. 17 V.S.A sec.2681a(a) (9). Please consult VLCT's Municipal Calendar 2020-2021 (10) for relevant deadlines.

New 12/9 Does the informational hearing have to be warned?

Yes. The informational hearing must be warned at least 10 days in advance of the hearing by posting notice of the hearing in at least two physical public places in town and in the town clerk's office. Please consult VLCT's online Municipal Calendar 2020-2021 (10) for relevant deadlines. For more information and resources related to remote meetings, please consult Remote Public Meetings Toolkit. (16)

Town of Isle La Motte General ledger
Previous Yr pd: 12- Budget Status Report

Account	Budget	Actual	% of Budget	2021 Budget
General fund non-tax revenue				
01-010.01 Recording Fees	6000	12334	206	8000
01-010.02 Copy\Fax Fees	1400	1399	100	1400
01-010.03 Title Search	150	281	187	200
01-010.04 Del. Tax Coll. Commission	6000	4263	71	5000
01-010.08 Delinquent Tax Interest	7000	4442	63	5000
01-010.12 Interest Income	500	638	128	500
01-010.14 Licenses	1000	1053	105	1000
01-010.16 Rent of Town Lands	2500	0	0	0
01-010.17 Town Land Sale	0	0	0	0
01-010.18 St Edmund Society Donatio	1000	1000	100	1000
01-010.22 State Hold Harmless Pymt.	10534	10420	99	10420
01-010.24 Grants	0	0	0	0
01-010.27 PILOT	3000	2492	83	2500
01-010.28 Items for sale	0	0	0	0
01-010.29 Permits	250	230	92	250
01-010.30 Civil Fines	100	0	0	100
01-010.32 Payment from Escrow	0	0	0	0
01-010.33 Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
01-010.98 Non-tax Gen. Rev. Surplus	0	0	0	0
01-010.99 Misc Revenues	0	0	0	0
Total gen fund non-tax revenue	39434	38552		35370
01-1 ADMINISTRATION				
01-101.00 Insurance	878	0	0	878
01-102.00 County Taxes	40750	40060	98	40060
01-104.00 Legal Fees	8000	400	5	4000
01-105.00 Voting Supplies	200	157	79	200
01-105.05 Dues	1600	1684	105	1600
01-106.00 BCA/Election workers	1200	420	35	500
01-107.00 Del Tax Commissions	2900	2112	73	2000
01-107.01 Tax abatement- principal	0	345	100	300
01-107.02 Tax abatement- interest	0	9	100	10
01-107.03 Tax abatement- penalty	0	28	100	25
01-107.04 Tax abatement- other	0	0	0	0
01-108.00 Land Records	175	617	353	500
01-109.00 Telephone\Fax\Internet	1800	2048	114	2000
01-110.00 Salary Clerk	17640	16962	96	17640
01-110.05 Office Assistant	14144	13890	98	14144
01-111.00 Other Wages & Salaries	0	0	0	0
01-111.01 Town Auditor Salaries	0	0	0	0
01-111.03 Selectboard Salaries	3000	3000	100	3000

01-111.04 Cemetery Commissioner Pay	990	990	100	990
01-111.05 FICA/MEDI Employer	4900	4920	100	4900
01-111.06 Town Handyman Wages	600	0	0	0
01-111.07 Clerk of the Board wages	3100	2700	87	3100
01-112.00 Salary Treasurer	15640	15039	96	15640
01-113.00 Officers Expenses/Mileage	900	675	75	900
01-114.00 Supplies\Postage	4000	2973	74	4000
01-115.00 Equip. Rental\Purchase	2700	3054	113	2900
01-116.00 Computer\Maintenance	6000	7186	120	6000
01-117.00 Town Report	460	619	135	600
01-118.00 Animal Control/Constable	500	0	0	500
01-120.00 Bank Service Charges	150	1816	1211	150
01-120.01 Interest Expenditure	898	898	100	898
01-121.00 Health\Dental	3800	3654	96	3800
01-122.00 Retirement Account	1625	1657	102	1625
01-123.00 Website	495	0	0	495
01-124.00 Advertising	750	152	20	750
01-125.00 Training	450	30	7	200
01-125.01 Training Wages	0	0	0	0
01-126.00 Unemployment	200	0	0	200
01-127.00 DEFICIT LIQUIDATIO	0	0	0	0
01-128.00 Supplies for resale	0	0	0	0
01-129.00 Unreal. loss land investm	0	0	0	0
Total Administration	140445	128095		134505
01-2 SOLID WASTE				
01-201.00 Monitoring\Lab Charges	0	0	0	0
01-203.00 Northwest Solid Waste Dis	483	483	100	483
01-204.00 Meeting Mileage Reimb.	400	0	0	400
01-205.00 Special Trash Collection	0	0	0	0
Total solid waste	883	483		883
01-3 TOWN HALL				
01-301.00 Custodial\Trash Removal	900	484	54	900
01-302.00 Fuel	2050	1001	49	1050
01-303.00 Electricity	3200	3062	96	900
01-304.00 Renovations	0	0	0	0
01-305.00 Repairs\Maintenance	0	675	100	1000
01-306.00 Supplies	650	452	70	650
Total Town Hall	6800	5674		4500
01-4 APPROPRIATIONS				
01-401.00 Cemeteries	6000	6000	100	0
01-403.00 Fire\Rescue	42800	42800	100	40000
01-404.00 Visiting Nurse Associatio	2100	2100	100	2100
01-407.00 Vt. Independent Living	295	295	100	295
01-410.00 LCI Economic Dev. Corp.	500	500	100	500

01-411.00 American Red Cross	350	350	100	350
01-412.00 Northwest Regional Planni	537	537	100	537
01-414.00 Grand Isle Court Diversio	250	0	0	250
01-415.00 Vt. Green-Up	50	50	100	50
01-418.00 N W Counseling & Support	700	0	0	0
01-419.00 Voices Against Violence	1000	0	0	990
01-421.00 NW Unit Special Investiga	0	0	0	1500
01-425.00 Town Use of School	0	0	0	14500
01-426.00 Vermont Adult Learning	100	0	0	0
01-429.00 Friends N Lk Champlain	1000	1000	100	1000
01-430.00 VACD	100	0	0	100
01-431.00 Island Arts	1000	1000	100	1000
01-434.00 AGE WELL	700	0	0	700
01-435.00 Vt family Network	0	0	0	250
Total appropriations	57482	54632		64122
01-7 OTHER				
01-702.00 Land Purchase	0	0	0	0
01-703.00 Rec Site/Mowing	4800	3950	82	4000
01-704.00 G.I. Sheriff Contract	33247	35087	106	34320
01-706.00 Town Use of Facility	0	0	0	0
01-707.00 Loan Anticipation Note	0	0	0	0
01-709.00 2020 School Taxes Paid	0	0	0	0
01-715.00 Tax Reimbursement Legal	0	0	0	0
01-716.00 Special Events	750	217	29	350
01-718.00 Town lots	600	600	100	600
Total other	39397	39854		39270
01-8 SERVICES				
01-801.00 Cemeteries	4000	4000	100	4000
01-802.00 Library	0	0	0	0
01-803.00 Alburgh/Fire Rescue	6500	0	0	6500
01-804.00 VT State Police	50	50	100	50
01-999.99 Transfer to other funds	0	0	0	0
Total Services	10550	4050		10550
Total general fund expense	198075			253830
02-0 RECREATION REVENUE				
02-010.01 Rec Dept Events Revenue	500	254	51	500
02-010.02 Rec Dept Grants & Donatio	3600	1500	42	2100
Total Recreation revenue	4100	1754		2600
02-1 RECREATION EXPENSE				
02-101.00 Recreation Events Expense	500	0	0	500
02-101.03 Rec Park Upgrades & Maint	3600	3223	90	2100

02-101.05 Recreation Handy Man	0	0	0	0
02-102.00 Rec Administrative Supply	0	0	0	0
Total Recreation expense	4100	3223		2600
03-0 HIGHWAY REVENUE				
03-010.00 State Aid to Highways	48000	48000	131	48000
03-010.01 VT Highway Grants	0	15015	0	0
03-010.02 FEMA	0	0	0	0
03-010.03 VT Structures Grant	0	0	0	0
03-010.04 Bank loan revenue	0	0	0	0
03-010.98 Highway Budget Surplus	0	0	0	0
03-011.00 Federal Highway Grant	0	0	0	0
03-999.99 Transfer from General Fun	0	0	0	0
Total Highway revenue	48000	63015		48000
03-5 WINTER ROADS				
03-501.00 Snow removal	130200	91867	71	135000
03-502.00 Salt and sand	25000	40578	162	38000
03-503.00 Drainage	500	0	0	500
03-504.00 Salt Shed	0	0	0	0
03-505.00 Interest on Loan	1891	1313	69	1891
03-506.00 Loan Re-payment	9000	8720	97	9000
03-6 SUMMER ROADS				
03-601.00 Paving/Blacktop	40000	52929	132	10000
03-602.00 Gravel and Stone	13000	10062	77	12000
03-603.00 Pot Hole Repair	3200	961	30	1500
03-604.00 Ditching & Culverts	10000	1819	18	7000
03-605.00 Erosion Control	0	235	100	200
03-606.00 Mowing Roadsides	7500	7250	97	8000
03-607.00 Grading/Chloride	5000	6943	139	8000
03-608.00 Equipment Rental	200	0	0	0
03-609.00 Highways Markers	6500	5533	85	7000
03-610.00 Storm Damage Repairs	500	0	0	500
03-611.00 Grant Projects	7000	500	7	17000
03-612.00 Tree/Brush Removal	3000	3082	103	3000
03-613.00 Engineering	1000	0	0	500
03-614.00 Road Commissioner wages	4000	4000	100	4000
03-615.00 Misc Road Exp/Street lights	0	0	0	2300
03-616.00 Misc Road Labor	1500	0	0	1000
Total Highway Expense	268991	235792		266391
04-0 Lister Revenue				
04-010.25 Parcel Maintenance Revenu	8417	8630	103	8630
04-010.26 Lister Education Revenue	0	0	0	0
Total Lister revenue	8417	8630		8630

04-1 Lister expense				
04-101.00 Lister Postage & Supplies	200	17	8	200
04-102.00 Computer/ Software/IT	2000	2528	126	1000
04-103.00 Tax Mapping	1600	1475	92	2000
04-104.00 Lister Mileage	200	0	0	200
04-105.00 Lister Media Warnings	200	160	80	200
04-106.00 Lister Training	400	60	15	400
04-111.02 Board of Lister Wages	4000	2539	63	4000
Total Lister expense	8600	6779		8000
05-01 AUDIT FUND REVENUE				
05-010.00 Audit Fund revenue	0	0	0	0
05-999.99 Transfer from General Fun	0	0	0	0
Total Audit Revenue	0	0		0
05-1 AUDIT FUND USE				
05-101.00 Audit Fund Use	7000	7750	111	7750
Total Audit use	7000	7750		7750
10-0 MINISTERIAL REVENUE				
10-010.00 Ministerial Interest Inco	100	90	90	100
10-010.02 Principal repayment	0	0	0	0
Total Ministerial Revenue	100	90		100
10-1 MINISTERIAL EXPENSE				
10-101.00 Interest disbursement	0	0	0	0
10-101.01 Postage/Supplies/other	0	0	0	0
Total Ministerial Expense	0	0		0

**OFFICAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE**

The legal voters of the Town of Isle La Motte are hereby notified and warned that there will be an informational meeting on zoom February 27th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. To answer questions about the articles and budget.

Join Zoom meeting @

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81272812325?pwd=ZEU1MjQxL042eVZKcnlGNEJCbjQ1UT09>

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Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers as published in the town report?

Article 2. Will the legal voters of the Town vote to apply any general fund surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

Article 3. Will the legal voters of the Town authorize the Select board to borrow in anticipation of taxes?

All money articles are included in the Select board budget which is voted by Australian ballot on March 2, 2021.

Article 4. Fire/Rescue	\$40,000.00
Article 5. Visiting Nurse Association	\$2,100.00
Article 6. Vt. Independent Living	\$295.00
Article 7. LCI Economic Dev. Corp.	\$500.00
Article 8. American Red Cross	\$350.00
Article 9. Northwest Regional Planning	\$537.00
Article 10. Grand Isle Court Diversion	\$250.00
Article 11. Green Up	\$50.00
Article 12. Voices Against Violence	\$900.00
Article 13. NW Unit Special Investigations	\$1,500.00
Article 14. Town Use of School	\$14,500.00
Article 15. Friends of N Lk Champlain	\$1,000.00
Article 16. VACD	\$100.00
Article 17. Island Arts	\$1,000.00
Article 18. AGE WELL	\$700.00
Article 19. Vt. Family Network	\$250.00

Total appropriations

\$64,122.00

Article 20. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting and to discuss any article to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2021.

The legal voters of the Town of Isle La Motte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Isle La Motte School on Tuesday March 2, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers:

Town Moderator (1yr.)

Constable (1yr.)

Select Board (3yr.)

Delinquent Tax Collect (1yr.)

Cemetery Commissioner (3yr.)

Lister (3yr.)

Trustee of Public Funds (1,2 & 3 yr.)

Article 2. Will the legal voters of the Town of Isle La Motte authorize the Select board to move Town offices to the School at no additional cost?

Article 3. Shall the legal voters of the Town approve a budget of \$535,971.00 this includes all Articles as approved by the Select board to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for 2021: \$443,871.00 to be raised by taxes, and \$92,100.00 by Non-tax revenue?

The Articles for 2021 total \$64,122.00 (Already included in budget amount).

FOR COMPARSION:

2018: Articles: \$72,616.00

2019: Articles: \$57,482.00

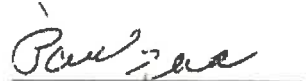
Budget: \$471,467.00
TOTAL: \$544,083.00

Budget: \$474,249.00
TOTAL: \$531,731.00

Select Board


Selby Turner, Chair


Rustam Spaulding


Paul Zera

Received for record and posting this 26 January, 2021, at the Town Office.

Attest: Sarah Noble

Sarah Noble, Town Clerk