

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
May 5, 2021
5:00 pm at Isle La Motte School

In attendance: Rusty Spaulding, Selby Turner, Paul Zera, Sarah Noble, Mary LaBrecque, Debbie Spaulding, Louise Koss, Cathy Tudhope, Peter Brozowy, Barbara Callahan, Mary C. Graziano, Sylvia Jensen, Anne Jobin-Picard, Carol Goodwin Bohannon
Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Rusty Spaulding

Additions to Agenda :

Communications Union District (CUD)
Update on Kiosk
Tax Map Contract
Request concerning Recreation Park
Trustee of Public Funds request - Must be part of agenda

Approve minutes of 3/31 & 4/15:

Motion to approve minutes of 3/31 made by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera. All in favor, minutes approved.

Motion to approve minutes of 4/15 made by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera. All in favor, minutes approved.

Warrants for payroll and payables:

Payroll of 4/27: \$1890.31, ratification of Paul Zera's signature, motion by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera, all in favor

Electronic Transfer of 05/05: \$459.43 (Vermont Fish & Wildlife & IRS), motion to approve by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera, all in favor.

Payables of 4/28 : \$22,385.87 Motion to approve by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera, all in favor.

Monthly Budget and Balance sheet :

Computer maintenance \$6000.00, NEMRC has increased over last few years.

Highway markers: charge of \$831.00 . Treasurer will double check invoices.

Miscellaneous Road work : Road signs, Treasurer will double check invoices.

Road Commissioners report :

Attendee spoke with Senator Mazza by telephone concerning causeway. Joe Flynn from VTRANS indicated that the causeway repair has been added to the road work schedule

Hungerford paving company has been seen taking measurements at causeway.

Representatives had tried to get commitment for project, with no results.

Washout on northwest side of marsh (Sibley side of road) needs to be repaired.

Mowing and snowplow contracts : Specifications will not be included in Islander but will be available at Town Hall. Specifications will be reviewed with J. Yartz, and will be available on the Town website. Posting will be in the Islander for two weeks.

There have been complaints about washouts on roads in front of mailboxes. Post office will not deliver mail to these properties. Town will repair one of them.

Fog lines will be redone and will cost over \$6000.00. Also, guard rail on West Shore Rd needs to be replaced. It is a possibility that the guard rail replacement will be done in lieu of the fog lines this year. Discussion between Selby and Rusty concerning Infrastructure money and whether taking a short term note to schedule paving projects would make sense.

Attendee commented there are several washouts in s-curves

Discussion about sign in Marsh that people have found upsetting.

Attendee cautioned Select Board about doing road work with expectation of securing grant money after the fact, as this is not typically allowed, and to check with the Regional Planning Commission.

School Lease Agreement :

Motion to approve by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera, all in favor. Agreement will be posted after it is signed.

Cemetery Commission Request:

Request for \$6000 appropriation for grave restoration was not submitted on time, and they are requesting the money. Discussion among select board. Motion by Rusty Spaulding to deny request. Second by Selby Turner. All in favor.

J. Benson animal control update :

Jim submitted contract \$500/yr, \$25/hr, \$25/call plus mileage. The Town Dog ordinance needs to be reviewed and updated. Jim needs to obtain an ID at the Alburgh Fire Station.

Emergency Management Plan & adoption form :

Paul Zera : form needs to be approved yearly. Selby Turner made motion to approve, Paul Zera second, all in favor.

Yearly Homestead Penalty:

If Homestead is not filed on time (17 May for 2021) a penalty of up to 8% may assessed on the property owners tax bill. Motion by Selby Turner to charge an 8% penalty on late filed homesteads, second by Paul Zera, all in favor. The 8% penalty will be assessed.

Request by attendees to publish in Front Porch Forum and Islander.

Other Business:

Communications Union District (CUD) : Dedicated to advancing high speed internet. There is no cost to Towns, we just need to provided representation to the organization. Move to join by Selby Turner, second by Paul Zera, all in favor.

Kiosk:

Sylvia Jensen made presentation on work completed on kiosk.

Discussion on road signs, road signs must be done properly according to Vtrans specifications. Attendee pointed out that any expenditures of money must be on agenda.

Recreation Committee :

Attendee looking for activities using the recreation park, also mentioned that Zumba was offered at school at one time, would it be possible to start this up again?

Tax Map Contract :

Discussion about tax map contract, \$1475 for the year. Selby Turner moved to accept contract, Paul Zera seconded, all in favor.

Executive Session :

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313 (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2):

1. I move to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering one or more potential contracts and also for the purpose of negotiating possible real estate options.

Motion by Selby Turner to enter into Executive Session, second by Paul Zera, all in favor. Executive Session commenced at 5:50 pm.

Select Board returned from Executive Session at 5:58 pm. Chair stated that the Select Board has entered into an agreement with the Boyles for use of the Town's lakeshore lot on West Shore Rd for the summer, in exchange for them cleaning the site, and opening and closing the wall at the town office when the safes are moved. They will be charged for the electricity that they use. Motion by Selby Turner to accept, second by Paul Zera. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:00 by Selby Turner. Seconded by Paul Zera. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary LaBrecque
Select Board Clerk

Rustam Spaulding

Selby Turner

Paul Zera