

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
Sept. 1, 2021
5:00 pm @Isle La Motte School

Present : Rusty Spaulding, Selby Turner, Paul Zera, Mary LaBrecque, Peter Brozowyy, John Yartz, Peter Murray, Allen Hall, Brenda Dulude, Debbie Spaulding, Joyce Tuck, SylviaJensen, and Mike Donoghue

Meeting called to order by Chair Rusty Spaulding at 5:00 pm.

1. Additions to Agenda : Under other business, cleaning up front of old town hall, and proposal to make improvements to entrance to Isle La Motte. Item #'s 17, 13, and 12 will be moved until after #6. Number 2 will be moved down to other business.

3. Executive Session : not needed

4. Approve minutes of meeting of 08/04: motion made by S. Turner to approve, second by P. Zera. All in favor. Motion to approve minutes of Liquor Control meeting of 08/04 made by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

5. Warrants for payroll & payables :

Payroll 8/17/21 \$2234.04 Ratification of Paul Zera's signature. Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Payroll 8/31 \$2031.03. Ratification of Paul Zera's signature. Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor

Payable 8/31 \$6541.61 half is Sherifs contract. Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

EFT 8/31 \$928.15 Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

17. Peter Murray Brothers : Woodmen Brothers open field has grown in and created a situation that could potentially endanger resident on other side from a rifle shot. Peter has purchased adjoining property and will create safety zone around it, but fears that hunters on other side will not see it. Would like to put safety zone signs around Town land to alert hunters that there is a residence inside the area. Will be posted for 1 month before select board can vote on proposal. Some discussion about restricting area to bow hunting or for Isle La Motte residents only, which would require a town ordinance. Numerous nonresidents have been known to hunt in this area, as there is an app available that shows town owned lands .

12. Lease agreement- A. Hall : Alan Hall would like to lease the ministerial lots for 1 year for \$1000. This lease does not include the lakeshore. He will post property, and will restrict hunting to family and Isle La Motte residents. Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

13. Snow Plow Contract : John Yartz presented the results of research he did into the cost of a highway department in Isle La Motte based on expenses in other Grand Isle County towns, which came to approximately \$311,000. It was indicated that this bid was completed based on the need to hire additional help. There was more discussion about the costs of involved in hiring help and paying for a dedicated highway department.

Bid: 01 Oct 21-15 Apr 22 - \$180,000.00

01 Oct 22-15 Apr 23 - \$180,000.00

01 Oct 23-15 Apr 24 - \$180,000.00

Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

6. Monthly budget and balance sheet : Looks the same as last month. Attendee questioned county taxes and why court house is closed while we are still spending the same amount of money for taxes

7. Stop signs and road safety Noble Hill Road : Discussion about stop signs where Nobles Hill Rd and East Shore Rd meet, and where West Shore Rd meets both New Rd and School St.. Signs for School St (35mph) have come in, as have signs for Noble Hill Rd. Attendee brought up stop sign on Quarry Rd . Attendee brought provided a photo of a speed limit sign with a solar powered speed detector attached to the same pole. Discussion about possibilities of vandalism and theft, and possibility of grants being available to pay for cost.

8. ARPA grant update : Grant has been received, \$26,057.25.

9. Road Commissioner Report : Several homeowners have approached Road Commissioner about repairs needed to culvert, and whose responsibility it is to pay for it. Road repair due to Sucker Brook near old town hall, will probably close road for a day. The company replacing guard rail on West Shore Rd requires 2 people for traffic control, company will provide employees, but will charge \$38/hr plus fees. Attendee suggested closing road, discussion continued about how to manage closure.

10. Dog Ordinance :third presentation : Select Board proposes removing statement on page 5 that alludes to zoning. Will be presented one more time next month.

11. Sale of equipment : All equipment has been received at Town office and will be put up for sale.

14. Transportation Advisory Committee (NWRPC) : Nothing to report

15. Global Net : Need to switch plug from Consolidated Communications to Global Net, there is no charge for this service. Discussion about Firewall.

16. Update public records :Will post again. Discussion about where policy needs to be posted. It will be posted in the Town posting places and reviewed again next month.

18. Other business : Attendee has suggested that the telephone poles from the ice storm at the entrance to the Island be replaced with large stones from quarry. ILMCO will work at fundraising for this project. The Select Board reiterated that they will not use taxpayer money to fund this project. Another attendee pointed out that because this area is the site of a Revolutionary War cemetery that legislative approval is needed to make any changes.

In addition, attendee would like to clean up front of old town office, paint front of building and bench, and reinstall map of Isle La Motte on front. Motion to approve by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor. Attendee reminded Board that Library Committee will be using old Town Hall as part of Halloween celebration. Motion to approve libraries use of front of old town hall for Halloween made by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Rusty Spaulding read a letter concerning a civility problem at Select Board meetings.

The Northwest Solid Waste District (NWSWD) will be expanding, should not effect tax rates, as the NWSWD has a surplus of funds. They would like to sell the composting business. Discussion about success of composting. The first Saturday in October will be the Library Halloween Celebrations. All are encouraged to attend.

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm made by S. Turner, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary LaBrecque
Select board Clerk
Town of Isle La Motte



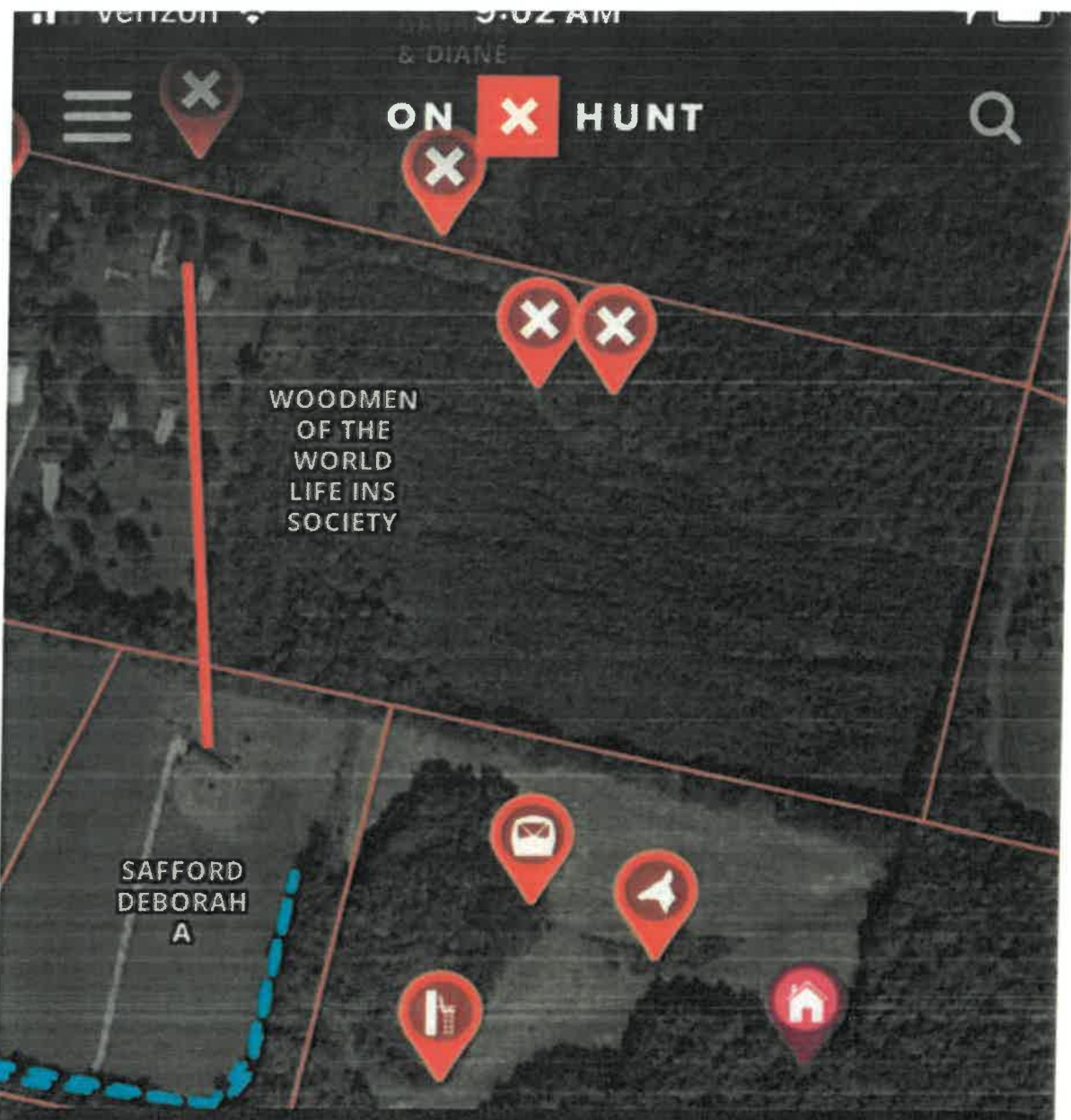
Rustam Spaulding



Selby Turner



Paul Zera



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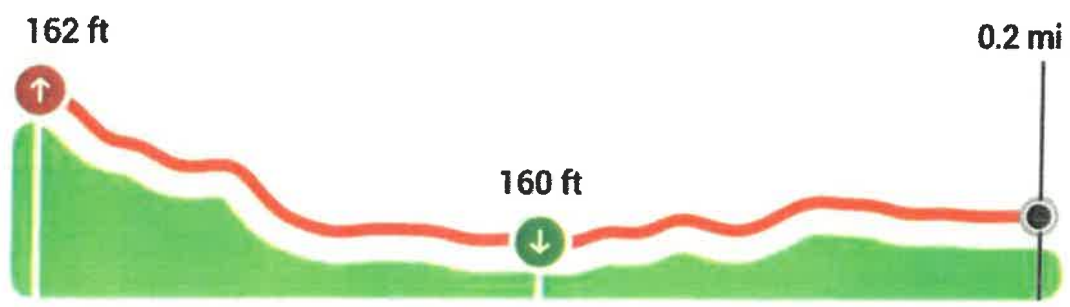


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RAY HALL ORCHARDS
ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN
ISLE LA MOTTE, VERMONT 05463
TEL. 802-928-8504

E-4-21

TO: ILM SELECT BOARD
FROM: ALLEN HALL

I WOULD LIKE TO LEASE THE MINISTER LOT
WOODLAND FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YR. FOR THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,000.00/YR. IT WOULD BE USED FOR HUNTING
FOR MYSELF, MY FAMILY + ANY ILM RESIDENTS WHO
WISH TO USE FOR SAME PURPOSE.

THIS LEASE DOES NOT INCLUDE LAKESHORES.

Allen Hall

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LLC

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Attention: Isle La Motte Selectboard

Please find enclosed my bid for the Snow Removal Contract from October 1, 2021 - April 15, 2024 as per the Town of Isle La Motte's Bid Specification and Scope of Work.

October 1, 2021 - April 15, 2022 = 180,000

October 1, 2022 - April 15, 2023 = 180,000

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Total for 2021 - April 15, 2024 = \$540,000

Thank you,

John Yartz EXCAVATION LLC

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Attention: Isle La Motte Selectboard

RE: Snowplowing experience in the town of Isle La Motte

1. From 1982-1989 I plowed for Richard Hill Contractors
2. I plowed for Island Construction in 1992.
3. For the past 28 years, from 1994-2021, I have plowed the Isle La Motte town roads. Total of 36 years of snow plowing experience.

THANK YOU
John yaratz

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Attention: Isle La Motte Selectboard

RE: Snow Removal Equipment

My list of equipment is as follows:

One 4900 International Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander.

One 7500 International Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander.

One 4700 International Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander.

One 4300 International Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander.

One 4x4 full-size 105 horse Kubota tractor with loader and snow plow.

One 4x4 Bobcat Telehandler with loader and snow plow.

Thank You,

John Yartz

John Yartz

Cost of Highway Department

400,000 for cost of new building

10 year note at 3.1 % interest, monthly payment amount is 3,880.92

yearly payment total is 46,571.04

total interest on loan is 65,692.95

total for interest and principal is 465,692.95

176,800 for 2 people year-round

12,000 for diesel, oil, filters and maintenance

8,000 for parts, cutting edges and tires

11,700 for insurance

43,660 for equipment payments per year for 5 years on 200,000

8,000 for fuel, electricity and maintenance on building

1,700 for truck registrations

Misc. 2,740

No cost included for person to oversee workers

Total yearly cost 311,171

Cost Savings Per Year

Per year building payment - 46,571, based on a 400,000 loan for 10 years.

Electric, fuel, maintenance - 8,000 for building

24 weeks per year saved each year for a two person crew - 81,600

Total cost savings per year 136,171

Total savings for three years 408,513



Vt Route 14 Woodbury
North & South entrance to village

The Isle la Motte Select board has been aware that there is a civility problem at the board meetings for approximately a year. The board consists of 3 people elected by a majority of the voters. Sylvia Jensen while not an elected board member consistently tries to behave as though she is.

There is a process for having disruptive people removed from in person meetings, however the town would probably have to purchase a computer and reinstate Zoom. I think that many would find that a worthwhile solution.

The Isle La Motte taxpayers need to be made aware that there is one person taking up more town officer time than probably all the other residents combined. This time is quite often subsidized by the taxpayers. Summer is a busy time for the Listers. A majority of Isle La Motte's taxpayers are summer residents, making it the only time to get names, addresses and access to property. Sylvia Jensen went to the board with an almost 2000-page request which took the Listers away from their main job of picking up new properties to add to the Grand List. Once Sylvia received the records, she could not understand a 1500 document as it is mostly used as a NEMRC in house report. Despite all this, often giving up their weekends the Listers were able to add approximately a million dollars to the Grand List from Sunset Rock Campground alone. This reduces everyone taxes.

Since last fall the town has spent much time and money on legal fees due to Jensen trying to stop the move to the school. This is when the incivility started. The board received copies of her false statements to the A. G.'s office. She also contacted the Sec. of State and most recently PVR. There is a possibility she is the previous school board member who contacted the Sec. of Education with statements about false town use of the school building payments. Not to mention the bullying and threatening of a Lister after a public meeting. As witnessed by the Select board the board clerk, town clerk and other attendees.

We as taxpayers pay Jensen's salary and benefits, many people wonder how she has the time to do her state job and be so disruptive to local boards & clerks.

For these reasons I am proposing contacting the Vt. Agency of Agriculture, Water quality Division attention Anson Tibbets as well as Director Laura Dipietro, and Section Chief Nathaniel Sands, about her unethical behavior while being a state employee.