

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
04April 2022
5:00 pm @Isle La Motte School

Present : Rusty Spaulding, Mary Catherine Graziano, Paul Zera, Mary LaBrecque, Sarah Noble, Debbie Spaulding, Terrence Tuck, Joyce Tuck, Anne Jobin-Picard, Barbara Callahan, Mike Donoghue

Meeting called to order by Chair Rusty Spaulding at 5:02 pm. Additions to agenda Recreation Park.

1. Executive Session: Not needed.
2. Marlena Valanta - NWRPC Project Manager - Not yet on Zoom.
4. Approval of minutes: Select Board meeting of 14 March: motion to approve by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Informational Meeting 26 February 2022: Motion to approve made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Special Select Board Meeting 07 March 2022 : Motion to approve made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

5. Warrants for payroll and payables:

Payroll 15 March 2022 \$2172.27 Ratification of Paul Zera's signature. Motion to ratify made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor. Payroll 29 March 2022 \$2321.70 Ratification of Paul Zera's signature. Motion to ratify made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

Payable 04 April 2022 \$50345.30, \$42,000 went to fire department for their appropriation.

Motion to approve made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

EFT IRS 04 April 2022 \$885.85 Motion to approve made by M. Graziano, second by P.Zera. All in favor.

6. Appointment to CUD : Motion to approve M. Graziano's appointment to CUD made by M. Graziano, second by Paul Zera. All in favor.

10. Approval of warning for Ratification of the Town Meeting : Chair Spaulding read Warning for Meeting which will take place on 06 June 2022 at 5:00 pm at Isle La Motte School because the warning was not published in the newspaper of record nor was the Town Report placed on the town website in a timely matter. Motion to approve made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

7. Road Commissioner Report : Ads are in for paving projects, a price per ton for paving material needs to be obtained. There are personnel changes at VTrans which may have some effect on administration of grants. Road Commissioner Turner stated he envisions the next grant be targeted at the southern portion of Main Street. He also stated that there have been very little problems with culverts this year. He is watching a culvert near Steve Stata's house, as ice coming in has lifted it up. Discussion about holes on various roads, new patch material that can withstand freezing so won't have to be all used up in one year, and good condition of gravel roads in Isle La Motte. He also indicated that he had brought Mary Catherine Graziano up to date on road issues. By Zoom, Sylvia Jensen commented on the culvert on the eastern portion of New Road, and that some kind of warning should be placed there. Chair Spaulding suggested placing some cones in the area. Marie D' Angelo, also by Zoom, suggested that culverts are not draining properly. Selby Turner replied that beaver are a big problem in the marsh and they keep building dams where we don't want them to. The culverts on the West Shore are currently not a problem. Marie mentioned the culvert across from the old Town Hall and Selby replied that that culvert is scheduled for replacement this year. She recommended that the town consider using native plants to prevent erosion. Selby replied that

the town has used native plants in the past, and that there may be grants available to purchase them.

8. Appointed Positions : These have been filled. Joyce Tuck is the Social Services officer, and the Northwest Vt. Solid Waste district representative, Forest Fire Warden is Nathan Miller, Vt. Green Up Chair is Anne Jobin-Picard.

9. Approval of Zoom : A motion was made by M. Graziano for the Select Board to approve use of Zoom for its meetings, second by P. Zera. All in favor. It is up to the other boards to determine for themselves if they will use Zoom.

11. CUD update : According to Mary Catherine Graziano, the CUD representative, the CUD is moving right along, and plans on laying lines this year. She indicated that the goal is to have both upload/download speeds of 100 megabytes/sec. The CUD is committed to working only with internet providers who will provide affordable internet (around \$30/month).

12. Plate Compactor- grant: Will be used for installing culverts. Compactor will cost \$4,000, town will pay \$800, grant will provide \$3200. M. Graziano made motion for town to purchase plate compactor, P. Zera seconded. All in favor

13. Discussion on seasonal rental of town site : The site (0.1 acre) had been rented last summer to Stacey and Ember Boyle, in exchange for opening (and then closing) a wall in the old Town Hall so that safes could be moved to the new office at the Isle La Motte school. The Boyles also paid for the electricity, cleaned up the brush on the lot, and provided liability insurance. Chair Spaulding stated that he was inclined to lease the property to the highest bidder. Charlie Andrews (on Zoom) asked about the possibility of mooring a sail boat off the lake front. Chair Spaulding thought the town was not in the position to grant mooring rights. He also reiterated that the site cannot be advertised as an RV site due to the limitations of the electrical service. Discussion about advertising on Front Porch Forum, and Mike Donoghue interjected that he thought the town must put the advertisement in the paper of record (The Islander). Motion to advertise town lot for lease made by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor.

14. Green Up Day discussion : Alex Montage (on Zoom) asked Chair Spaulding if he could volunteer his trailer to haul trash to Alburgh. He replied that he would prefer to let others take over as he will be busy, however he is OK with people loading his trailer. Joyce Tuck thought that each town has a tire "allowance" and can discard some tires for free. Town Clerk Sarah Noble was asked about the supplies available for use. Sarah replied that there are grabbers, and a good supply of bags, and that the town can purchase gloves. VTrans will also provide more bags if necessary. Anne Jobin -Picard plans on getting signs and is encouraging groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts to participate. She also indicated that there is money to be made picking up empty bottles. Discussion and agreement among attendees about the trash issue, especially on Main St.

15. Other business : Joyce Tuck inquired about the rabies clinic, S. Noble replied that she had reached out to several veterinarians and none had responded. She does not think there will be a Rabies Clinic this year. The cannon has been brought to Fisk Farm, and the cannon balls are at Howard Schwenkers place.

Sylvia Jensen requested that the meetings be posted in the coming events section of the town web site. S. Noble replied that she would look into it, but that she had never used it.

Anne Jobin-Picard updated on Recreation Park activities. So far they will be having Tai Chi and Pickleball.

16. Motion to adjourn an 5:47 by M. Graziano, second by P. Zera. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary LaBrecque
Select board Clerk
Town of Isle La Motte

Rustam Spaulding

Paul Zera

Mary Catherine Graziano

