

Select Board Meeting

April 5, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Town Office @ Isle La Motte Elementary School

Present: Mary Catherine Graziano, Cary Sandvig, Rusty Spaulding, Debbie Spaulding, Sylvia Jensen, Alex Montagne, Christian Bierz, Kevin Motors, Anne Jobin-Picard, Selby Turner, Barbara Callahan

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Mary Catherine Grazino.
2. Additions/deletions to agenda move ditch issue. Chris & Kevin who purchased the lease to the School Lot would be willing the cleaning the ditch but wondered about possible assess to the neighboring ditch for cleaning. The town will investigate the question of easement on the neighboring property and get back to Christian.
3. No executive session needed.
4. Minutes for 3/6/23 & 3/17/23 not posted will be approved at the next meeting.
5. Warrants:
  - I.R.S for \$582.28 ratification of Rusty's signature, Cary motion to ratify seconded by Mary Catherine all in favor.
  - 3/20/23 payroll in the amount of \$2,654.77, ratification of Rusty's signature, Cary motion to ratify, seconded by Mary Catherine, all in favor.
  - Payable for 4/3/23 in the amount of \$46,735.48: \$43,000.00 if Fire dept the remaining \$3,735.48 is for misc. small items.
  - Payable 3/21/23 for \$12,343.26 : Cargo for road salt, Credit card fees, postage, Zoom, website, ballot printing & NEMRC. Motion to approve made by Rusty, seconded by Cary, all in favor.
6. Monthly budget & balance. There is only pages 5 — 7 nothing surprising in sheets. Cary stated that they are surprised as to why the Trash disposal is so high it may be a misprint. They will double check on this.
7. 911 coordinator & Road commissioner appointments. Steve Mank has indicated that he is in the best position to be 911 coordinator. Sylvia suggested that he be encouraged to take some incident command system training, he will be asked. Rusty made the motion to appoint Steve as 911 coordinator, seconded by Cary, all in favor. Road commissioner Selby Turner Rusty: motion to approve Selby as road commissioner seconded by Cary all in favor. Emergency management: currently it is Paul Zera. Debbie Spaulding will call him tomorrow to ask if he is still interested and report back to the board. Mary Catherine's husband was approached by Postal person about who will inform about road closures.

At this point it is John Yartz, and he informs Selby. CUD resolution Rusty motion that Cary be appointed to the CUD board Mary Catherine is alternative, seconded by Mary Catherine, all in favor. Sylvia Jensen noted that Mary Catherine was also appointed to the original planning commission suggests that the town advertise for a second person as Mary Catherine is very busy.

8. Road commissioner: Guard rails on some of Main St. he has talked with Hungerford who does the paving they do not think it is a good idea without building out bottom of shoulders. The shoulders need to be better supported to place guardrails along that section of Main St. A vehicle did go off the road in this area and damaged approximately 36ft. of the paving. Selby will be adding supporting the shoulders about 1,000 ft. to a grant he is working on, actual paving will be \$62,000. He has also received the numbers for the paving which will be from Quarry Rd all the way to the end of Main St. Selby wondered if a claim could be made to Town Insurance or the repair would come out of the budget, he believes Insurance may cover this, he will explore this option. Rusty stated that the Town has been talking about this for years asked if it was part of Sucker Brook which it is, Selby feels the shoulder could be enforced, Rusty wondered if Vtrans could provide any information about this improvement would normally be handled. Some discussion about better road grant which Bethany from NWRP is helping with. Discussion around what our match would be thinking 20% Mary Catherine wondered if it was 10% Selby thought he saw 30%. Discussion about potholes on Bruley Rd. the road is not properly prepared for paving, Sylvia mentioned that from Historical building north on Main Rd. needs attention Selby will look. Alex asked about the potholes on Main on to West Shore. They will be fixed as soon as possible. Kim Littlefield sent a picture of the culvert by their business which is very high due to the rain. Pearo's culvert was also full as the end is crushed in. Selby said until water recedes nothing can be done with either culvert. Kim's culvert could be blocked.
9. Review policies: Mary Catherine adjusted the Select Board policy as time for posting was incorrect, motion by Rusty to accept, seconded by Cary, all in favor.  
Mary Catherine has several policies that are recommended by RHR Smith auditing firm or VLCT. Rusty stated that the Town already has a conflict-of-interest policy possibly passed toward the end of 2019. Mary Catherine could not find it. Sylvia also remembers that it was passed in that time frame as does Debbie. Cary wonders what other policies might also be somewhere in the office. Mary Catherine wants to prioritize certain policies. Rusty stated that some like capitalization, model fund/balance, model account policies should be looked over by the Treasurer first. Mary Catherine also had for review and discussion purchasing, audit model investment, personnel policies. We have an existing health insurance policy and payroll policy. Rusty feels since the Town purchases so little that the purchasing policy is premature. If we end up with a Highway

department at some point it would be time to develop that policy. Mary Catherine would like to put personnel policy at the top of the list as there were issues last year.

10. Tree stands ordinance Mary Catherine has talked to Fish & Wildlife, Sherriff dept and VLCT and has gotten different answers she will contact Lawyer for more guidance and information. Rec dept wonders about a policy concerning motorized vehicles in the rec park this is an ongoing problem. Possibly more signs after an ordinance are passed.

Rusty had put the ones that are there up if we need to remove, they will have to be cut off.

11. Potential grants: There are many grants available. Library grant, Energy efficiency for municipal buildings, Village center, better places, roads & bridges, wastewater, private homes- healthy homes, arts. Rusty will get the library grant to Joyce. Isle La Motte scored very high on this rubric for getting additional Grant support the state really wants to get money to towns like ours. It will help to provide support writing grants and getting the grants.

12. APRA Grant: need to create a timeline for when to start possible working meetings. There is approximately \$80,000.00 left. Board did start a survey process, but it staled out. Not everyone in the community has access to computers as Rusty pointed out, still trying to figure out process to make sure the input is fair and equitable, and make sure input is received from as many people as possible. Possibly for the next meeting the board will come up with ideas on how to start and collect public input.

13. ACO: Will discuss at the next meeting the board needs to create a structure for this position. It would be nice to work in conjunction with another towns ACO. Debbie had called several towns looking for information for the board. Debbie will make some calls to see if this is a possibility.

14. Dog complaint: Langlois's dog is loose again should the town send the owners a letter possibly stern, possible fine. Dog ordinance does have a stipulation that a fine can be imposed. The owners of this dog did pay a fine at the end of last year. The board will send a letter to Langlois concerning this issue. This dog is a little skittish around other people and dogs. Cary: motion to send a letter seconded by Rusty, all in favor. Mary Catherine will compose a letter and send it to the office to be placed on Town letterhead and mailed.

15. Key policy: Town clerk, assist town clerk, listers, custodian, and Paul Zera as emergency management have keys, Once the building is property of the Town Steve Mank will have control over the keys. There is a key available for people to use the multipurpose room. Sylvia wondered

why the custodian has a key. It was pointed out the Town clerk oversees the building and the keys, and the question would be for him.

16. Vt. Opioid settlement: The town would not be able to use any part of this grant as we do not have recovery programs.
17. CIUUSD: 4/15/2023 FROM 10 - 12 The district will be offering to non-profits and municipal organizations a chance to go through the school and have first pick of materials: books, filing cabinets, desks, etc. that are in the classrooms, the public will then be allowed to come and do the same. Barbara Callahan asked if that included the materials stored at the old town office, the answer is no. This is the principal's decision. Sylvia pointed out that JLMCO has a meeting on this day and is this going to be a distraction. Mary Catherine offered to talk to Amanda to move  
  
the day. Everything left after this event the CIUUSD will have Grunts Move Junk to empty the building. Mary Catherine will talk to Amanda about what is stored in the old town Office. Sylvia is going to email Amanda as she feels this is a disservice to the community to not have more notice.
18. Lakehurst 911 Road Compliance: 911 reached out to Lakehurst as campgrounds are last on the list for having roads named and marked with signs. Roads names are: Big Meadow, Small Meadow, Point Rd., Point Rd. Ext., Ridge rd. Ridge Rd. Ext., Waterfront North, Waterfront South, Hill Rd, Hill Rd. Ext. This is what they have been called for years. A map will be provided by Lakehurst once it is complete. Rusty motion to approve road names, seconded by Cary, all in favor.
19. Green up Day: Alex Montagne stated that last year was successful, 38 people volunteered, approximately 130 bags of garbage, 20 tires were collected and disposed of. She has a lot of things in play and Rusty you are part of that thank you. She will touch base with Steve for disposal gloves and pickers, bags are provided by the State. Rusty stated that there is \$350.00 in the budget that can be used for events like this. ILMCO is looking to do the lunch, Beth Meese is looking to get Ben & Jerry's to donate coupons. Clean up is 5/6/23, Alex will follow up with Rusty as Saga will donate use of a dump trailer and a pick-up truck for the trash. Mary Catherine's husband Patrick has also offered the use of his truck.
20. Rec dept: Anne Jobin-Picard is trying a different spin for rec. dept She has talked to Ruth as it is hard to get instructors to do one-time classes. Anne has also contacted CIDER. They will come and have an informational meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11 - 1 at the park, they will be bringing swag: T-shirts etc. Anne will be there and will point out all the opportunities and equipment the rec. dept has to offer. The dept has 2 new volunteers and she is going to brainstorm with them as well, there is also a husband & wife who are interested in joining up. There will be a Hip hop class for ages 6 and up. This is a collaboration with Dance in the Aisles and Island Arts. This event is on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. She will share information for posting. They are also thinking of offering a

book club in the park, along with other activities. Laura will work on the inventory list with Steve. Rouses Point has a great park Anne suggests that people look at it as she is thinking of possible grant opportunities for workout stations, walking path, stretching stations and a bandshell. Mary Catherine was thinking of the Better Places Grant for the park.

21. Other business: Sylvia: All districts are required by law to report on the mistreatment of children, please see the attached intake report. Sylvia: At the CIUUSD meeting next Tuesday she will be presenting a report on the possible creation of a tax assessment district consisting of Isle La Motte, North Hero, and Grand Isle. All three towns will have a common level of appraisal if each town votes to join. ILM common level of appraisal for 2023 would be 84.03% instead of 75%. There are no tax assessment districts in the state.
22. Cary read the motion to ratify Rustam's Spaulding signature for the sale of Lot 6A (see attached). Seconded by Mary Catherine, all in favor.
23. Mowing bids: Mary Catherine wonders if the board should make so calls to people about the mowing bids being advertised. Sylvia mentioned that the bids are not on the website. It was advertised in the Islander, FPF and ILM community page. Debbie will call and ask that it be placed on the website in the morning.
24. Motion to adjourn made by Rusty at 8:30, seconded by Cary all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Spaulding

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Mary Catherine Graziano — Chair

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Rusty Spaulding

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Cary Sandvig

Dated:

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# Selectboard Meeting Sign in Sheet

*Leah Spaulding*  
*Julia Kiser*  
*Clay Mitage*  
*Chris Bierz*  
*Kevin Mash*  
*Am*  
*Sally T*  
*Barbara M. Callahan*

I move to ratify and confirm the actions taken by Selectboard Chair Rustam Spaulding with respect to the Town's sale of Sunset View Lot 6A to Christopher Keating, including but not limited to execution of the HUD-1 closing statement, the Warranty Deed and the Purchase and Sale Contract and all addenda thereto.



The image contains three handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. The top signature is the most legible and appears to read 'Rustam Spaulding'. The middle signature is less legible but appears to read 'Christopher Keating'. The bottom signature is highly stylized and illegible.

**Effective and Responsive Systems of Supports For All Students  
And  
Inclusive and Equitable Learning Environments For All**

The GISU works closely with our regional partner districts, supervisory unions, and partners at DCF and NCSS. As we continue to improve how we support our students and families, DCF and NCSS provide data about the number of students and families they support in our county.

**Department of Children and Families (DCF) Data:**

2022		
<i>Grand Isle County</i>	<i>313 Total Intakes</i>	<i>74 Accepted Reports</i>
<i>Town</i>	<i>Intakes (Calls)</i>	<i>Accepted Reports</i>
Alburgh	173	41
Grand Isle	78	23
Isle La Motte	14	2
North Hero	14	3
South Hero	14	5

2023 (January 1 through March 13, 2023)		
<i>Grand Isle County</i>	<i>79 Total Intakes</i>	<i>13 Accepted Reports</i>
<i>Town</i>	<i>Intakes (Calls)</i>	<i>Accepted Reports</i>
Alburgh	43	8
Grand Isle	21	3
Isle La Motte	6	1
North Hero	5	1
South Hero	4	0

**Northwestern Counseling and Support Services Data**

<i>Grand Isle County Case Count Current</i>	<i>Total Youths Served by NCSS in Region - 2022</i>
60 Clients (excludes Birth to 5 y/o)	2,281 Youths 6-22 years old (excludes Birth to 5 y/o)

1. Total Intakes (Calls) - Are these calls from our school administration to DCF expressing concerns about a child's safety? *Intake calls can come from any mandated reporter in the school and would not just be limited to administrators. Calls are only made when the mandated reporter suspects there may be abuse or neglect. I would say that any time a mandated reporter suspects abuse or neglect there is a concern for student safety.*
2. Accepted Reports - What is the definition of an 'accepted report?' *All calls made to the DCF hotline are recorded. Calls are filtered by DCF to determine if there is enough information under the DCF guidelines to move the case to an investigation phase; if there is, the case is "Accepted" and an investigation is opened.*