

Regular Selectboard Meeting

19 April 2023

6:10 PM

Town Office at Isle La Motte School

In attendance: Rusty Spaulding, Cary Sandvig, Mary Catherine Graziano, Steve Mank, Selby Turner, Debbie Spaulding, Andrea Carbone, Erin Gilligan, Sylvia Jenson, Peter Brzozowy, Steve Foley, Molly Blais, Catherine Dimitruk, John Yartz

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Mary Catherine Graziano.

Additions to Agenda: Sylvia Jenson had three items to add to Other Business.

No Executive Session Needed.

Alburgh ACO: Molly Blais, the new Alburgh ACO, introduces herself. She is open to sharing ACO duties for both Alburgh and Isle La Motte. She does not currently have equipment, though Alburgh is looking into getting their previous equipment back for her to use. She has not had rabies vaccination yet. It was suggested that calls for the ACO go through the Town Offices and/or Selectboard, and only be forwarded to the ACO if the issue warranted such. Selectboard will send relevant materials and information soon.

NRPC presentation on Town Plans: Catherine Dimitruk, from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation about the scope and creation of a Town Plan. It was noted that Isle La Motte was the only town in the area that did not have a Town Plan, making the town ineligible for some grants. Act 250 and Public Utility projects must conform to a Town Plan if one exists. A Town Plan is developed by a Planning Commission of 3-9 citizens, formed by the Selectboard from interested individuals. Historically it takes about 8-12 months to create a Town Plan. NRPC is there to help at all stages.

Selby Turner notes that the Better Roads grant was funded.

Selectboard Clerk interview: Andrea Carbone introduced herself, expressing interest in the position of Selectboard Clerk and reviewing some of her work history and qualifications. Rusty Spaulding motioned to approve hiring Andrea as Selectboard Clerk. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Rec Department report: The rec department has compiled an inventory list of all appropriate materials. All rec department materials in the Old Town Hall have been moved to the Town Offices. They request access to go through material in the shed at the Town Offices before the planned sale on May 6th. It is noted that Habitat For Humanity might willing to take things that would otherwise be thrown out after the sale.

Approval of Minutes: 6 March 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes approved, motioned by Rusty Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig. All in favor.

17 March 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes approved, motioned by Rusty Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig. All in favor.

5 April 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes approved, motioned by Rusty Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig. All in favor.

Appointment of NWCUD representatives document signed by Mary Catherine Graziano.

It is noted that the Selectboard may still need to appoint an Emergency Coordinator.

Warrants for Payroll and Payables: 11 April 2023 payroll for \$2420.17. Ratification of Rusty Spaulding's signature. Cary Sandvig motioned to ratify. Mary Catherine Graziano seconded. All in favor.

19 April 2023 Payable to Rural Solutions for \$600.00. Ratification of Rusty Spaulding's signature. Cary Sandvig motioned to ratify. Mary Catherine Graziano seconded. All in favor.

11 April 2023 IRS Payroll for \$540.09. Ratification of Rusty Spaulding's signature. Cary Sandvig motioned to ratify. Mary Catherine Graziano seconded. All in favor.

The selectboard reviews the budget balance so far, and comment that it appears correct.

Town land mowing bids: Only one town land mowing bid was received, that by B&C Landscaping. The bid is for mowing and weed-whacking over a 22 week growing season. From the itemized breakout, it is noted that the town does not need this contract to mow around the monument on Shrine Road. Rusty Spaulding motions to accept the bid excluding the area around the monument on Shrine Road in the amount of \$5720.00. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Roadside mowing bids: John Yaratz submitted two bids for roadside mowing. One for a single year, the other for three years. Rusty Spaulding motions to accept the bid for one year in order to bring the timing in line with other contracts. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Town lot bids: Only one bid was received for renting the town lot, that by Steve Foley. Rusty Spaulding motioned to accept the bid. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Road Commissioner's report: Received a \$106,000 grant for paving, still refining exactly what work will be done with that. Sylvia Jenson asked for permission to temporarily block a road while felling some trees. Selby Turner had no issue with this.

Plan for poplar removal from sea wall: Being put out to bid to pull the entire tree out rather than cutting them down. Need to be sure to add this area to mowing contract once trees are gone to prevent them coming back.

Emergency Plan: Defer reviewing this to a working meeting on 26 April 2023.

Personnel policy: Defer this to a working meeting on 26 April 2023.

School building appraisal: Need to look into testing the water system, likely this goes to Chevalier. need to get quotes for a commercial building inspector. This is assigned to Cary Sandvig.

Quadricentennial flag donation to Historical Society: Sylvia Jenson identified some significant flags and asks that the town donate them to the Historical Society. Rusty Spaulding moves to donate the flags. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Other business: American/Canadian flags on telephone poles through town. Brackets need replacing. Some question about leaving the American flags up at night. ILMCO is looking for support to repair/replace needed parts. Cary Sandvig motioned for the town to provide support. Mary Catherine Graziano seconded. All in favor.

Entrance to island improvements. Contractor installing stone is donating their time. Stone is being donated. Stones to be placed to allow people, but not off-road vehicles to pass onto lawn. There may be human remains on the other side of the road.

Assessment District update. Sylvia Jenson presented a spreadsheet of her current best modeling of the impact of forming the district. There is no specific action to take at this time, this was just informational.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rusty Spaulding at 7:50pm. Cary Sandvig seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cary Sandvig