

Regular Select Board Meeting
17 May 2023
6:00 PM
Town Office at Isle La Motte School and via Zoom

In Attendance: Mary-Catherine Graziano, Rusty Spaulding, Cary Sandvig, Debbie Spaulding, Sylvia Jensen, Selby Turner, Anne Jobin-Picard, Paul Carson, Erin Gilligan (via Zoom), Laura Miraldi (via Zoom), Dan Tong (via Zoom), Steven Reeve (via Zoom), Heidi Marie Coppolino (via Zoom), Beth Meese (via Zoom), Bobby Dean (via Zoom), Andrea Carbone

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chair Mary-Catherine Graziano.

1. **Additions to Agenda:** Three requests were added to the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.
 - Mary-Catherine Graziano requested time in conjunction with Animal Control review to discuss a contract with an animal daycare center to establish a stray dog holding facility.
 - Sylvia Jensen requested time to discuss the inventory of tables currently held in the Isle La Motte School/Town Office multipurpose room.
 - Mary-Catherine Graziano requested time to discuss progress regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee and Town Plan Commission.
 - Ann Jobin-Picard requested time to discuss the status and plan for the books remaining at the Isle La Motte School/Town Office.
2. **Executive session if needed:** An executive session was not required at this meeting.
3. **Approve minutes from 5/3 Select Board meeting:** Motion to approve the prior Regular Select Board Meeting minutes was made by Rusty Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor.
4. **Warrants for payroll & payables:**
 - 28 April 2023 payroll transfer for \$344.30 for the Vermont Department of Taxes. Rusty Spaulding motioned to ratify, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor.
 - 9 May 2023 payroll transfer for \$622.81 for the Internal Revenue Service, ratification of Rusty Spaulding's signature. Cary Sandvig motioned to ratify, seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano, all in favor.
 - 9 May 2023 payroll for \$2,797.41, ratification of Rusty Spaulding's signature. Cary Sandvig motioned to ratify, seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano, all in favor.
 - 16 May 2023 payable for \$419,554.04, the bulk of which was the State Education Property Tax Liability in the amount of \$413,109.57, as well as payments for audit related charges to RHR Smith, Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department incidental charges, advertising in the *The Islander*, Town Office supply purchases at Island Bargain Barn, and Vermont Electric. Rusty Spaulding motioned to ratify, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor.
5. **Animal Control Officer (ACO) - finalize hire and discuss town animal control activity:**
 - Job Description - The Select Board and attendees reviewed the draft offer of employment for candidate Molly Blais, the Alburgh ACO. The stipend will be \$500.00 per year, plus - after the first ten hours of time - \$25.00 per incident up to one hour of time and \$25.00 each portion of an hour thereafter, plus noted reimbursables. It was noted that the billing for an incident, a term agreed upon by the attendees, begins when the ACO leaves their location in response to contact from the Isle La Motte Town Clerk who will be the direct line of incident communication to the ACO.

Upon issuing the offer to the ACO candidate, Mary-Catherine Graziano will review the responsibilities in full for clarity and outline the reporting expectations/logging of incidents, templates of which are available online. Cary Sandvig motioned to approve the job description with the noted changes, seconded by Rusty Spaulding, all in favor. Rusty Spaulding motioned to offer Molly Blais the position if accepted, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor. A copy of the revised job description will be included as an exhibit to the minutes.

- Temporary Hold/Pound - A kennel in Grand Isle has been identified who will provide up to ten days of initial hold housing for non-aggressive and vaccinated strays. The contract should be reviewed by the Town's attorney to ensure the agreement is in line with Vermont dog statutes. Cary Sandvig motioned to forward the contract to the attorney, seconded by Rusty Spaulding, all in favor. A copy of the draft contract will be included as an exhibit to the minutes.
- Recent Town Incidents - There have been three dog-related incidents on the Island over the past week.
 - The first involved an attack of a visitor on the owner's property for which the Town has no jurisdiction. A log will be made of the event should a future event of jurisdiction arise.
 - The next incident involved a dog with a history of aggressive behavior leaving its property to chase a group of cyclists on Shrine Road. The dog is registered as a working dog and thus permitted to roam the owner's parcel of land as part of their duties, but the dog is expected to be trained to remain within the property lines. This will be the first priority for the new ACO, should the candidate accept the position. Cary Sandvig inquired if the ACO's visit to the home should be preceded by a letter to the owner, and Mary-Catherine Graziano stated that a discussion will be held with the ACO regarding how the situation will be handled.
 - The final incident will be the third violation for a dog who has been roaming the Island for the past several weeks, this week nearly causing an auto accident. The owners have not paid the second violation fine and the third violation charge rises to \$200.00; failure to pay triggers the ability of the Town to impound the dog at the Town's cost for ten days and can then be transferred to the Humane Society for adoption should the owner not respond. The meeting attendees provided suggestions to establish a paper trail including mailing the third violation via certified mail/return receipt or delivery by the Sheriff. This will be the second task prioritized for the new ACO.
 - No motions from the Select Board are required for the above noted ACO tasks as tasks and expenses incurred are all authorized as per the job description.

6. **Town Flag project budget increase approval:** The cost of the Town flags has risen \$287.36 over the previously approved \$1,400.00 expense due to the purchase of lights for the American flags, a topic that was discussed at the 3 May 2023 Select Board meeting. There is a federal mandate to illuminate flags at night should they not be lowered, so a cost for the lights was requested. A discussion of the longevity of the solar cells powering the lights was held, and it was decided that there will be no exposure to upholding the lighting mandate overnight as the summer days are longer and the technology of the lights will likely be sufficient for the duration of the evenings. The flags will be in place annually from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

In order to expedite the order for installation by Memorial Day 2023 the lights were added to the approved flag and bracket order and purchased by the Isle La Motte Community Organization (ILMCO) prior to the approval of the additional light expense. The expense for the flag project was not budgeted for 2023, nor were the upcoming expenses for the poplar removal at the seawall or the inspection of the school; an effort needs to be made to address these items during the budgeting period going forward. Several of these unbudgeted expenses may be able to be applied towards certain line items in the budget, such as the Tree Brush Removal or Special Events allowances.

At this time, Sylvia Jensen inquired why the actual expense vs. budget comparison is not being presented on a monthly basis with the Treasurer present, as has been the past practice, and it was advised by Mary-Catherine Graziano that a schedule and format is being determined for this review to take place at future meetings. Rusty Spaulding reiterated, as noted at the prior meeting, that by law the Treasurer is required to provide a quarterly review.

The Board decided that the cost of the flag project would be applied to the remaining ARPA funds, as it does benefit the Town. Rusty Spaulding made a motion to expense the project to the ARPA funds, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor. Sylvia Jensen asked if the cost of the lights could be applied to the Town's allowance for Special Events; Mary-Catherine Graziano asked if there were any outstanding invoices pending from Green-Up Day, which there are not expected to be any. As such, an amended motion was made by Rusty Spaulding to expense \$350.00 of the flag project to the Town Budget's Special Events line item and the balance expensed to the ARPA funds, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor. A copy of the invoice for the flag project will be included as an exhibit to the minutes.

Additional discussion was held regarding the waste removal following Green-Up Day, with Debbie and Rusty Spaulding stating that they were required to separate the waste they voluntarily hauled to the transfer center. The pre-sorting of the collected waste prior to transport to the transfer center will need to be addressed by the Select Board and ILMCO in advance of next year's activities.

7. **School building inspection update:** Cary Sandvig provided an update on the building inspector solicitation, indicating that two of the four possible providers have responded to the request for a quotation. Additional discussions will take place this week with cost estimates expected by the end of the week.
8. **Generator update:** Rusty Spaulding has secured the generator from the Old Town Hall and is housing it on his property. The generator has never been used and requires final assembly and testing, which Rusty will complete. The generator will not be filled with fuel at this time and will be maintained until movement to the Town Office. A discussion of the type of generator and anticipated circuits it will be connected to was held with the attendees, and Rusty Spaulding stated that the unit is for emergencies only and will support essential services at the Town Office when needed.
9. **Water system testing info update:** Rusty Spaulding received an email from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the June 2021 change in classification of the Isle La Motte Elementary School water system which was initiated by former Principal Amanda Ellison. In the event the property use changes and twenty-five or more people will occupy the space for a period of more than six months, the DEC must be notified; this also applies if the building will be used for sixty or more days per year by more than 25 people, such as for events. A copy of the letter will be included as an exhibit to the minutes. Use as an emergency shelter will not prompt notification to the DEC as the building is not intended for long-term sheltering, and annual testing of the water will not be required under the current classification. It was noted that the custodian should be educated on the maintenance of the water system, including the process of adjusting the chlorine level in the water to eliminate any service call expense.
10. **Road commissioner report:**
 - Paul Carson discussed the need for a Hidden Driveway sign to be installed near his home on New Road; this request was made to the Select Board two years ago and deemed unnecessary. To be effective, the sign will need to be placed on a neighbor's property within the Town right of way. As this is a new topic for two of the Select Board members, the Board will visit the location to review and discuss with the owner, who provided his phone number for the Board to schedule a visit. The Select Board will provide an update on the request at the 21 June 2023 regular meeting.

- Pothole patching around the Town is substantially complete with a few spots still requiring remediation.
- The original delineator vendor has been sourced and will be asked to provide a quote for the additional posts to be installed as discussed at the 3 May 2023 regular meeting. The company whose bid was mentioned at the prior meeting does not inventory the same delineators as already in place and the installation would prove more rigorous; the former units are more location-friendly to the Town's roadside conditions.
- Selby Tuner noted that there is a grant program to fund special condition road issues such as hazard signs or fog lines; total grant awards are between \$5,000.00 and \$25,000.00. Timing is an issue to seek funding for the above-mentioned delineator project, but the commissioner will consider applying for a grant to refresh the Island's fog lines which are in need of replacement after multiple years of environmental impact. Selby Tuner will follow up with Mary-Catherine Graziano for assistance with the grant process.

11. **Review & approve draft bid for Poplar removal from sea wall:** A review of the draft bid for the tree removal was held, and various modifications will be made including the expected finish level of the site and removal of debris. Sylvia Jensen asked if there are telephone lines that need to be assessed in the location of the trees, Rusty Spaulding and Selby Turner believe there are not; the Select Board will confirm this before issuing the bid request.

As previously noted, there is not a budget for this work, but there may be an opportunity to assign this expense to the Tree Brush Removal line item if the expense can be absorbed. Should the bid be too high, the work may have to be completed next year when it will have been budgeted. This discussion prompted the conversation that all Town contracts need to be tracked and bid in advance of the budget preparation. The Select Board is in the process of creating a master calendar of important dates and deadlines which will be displayed on a whiteboard for review at future Select Board meetings. The tree removal bids will be opened at the 21 June 2023 regular meeting. A copy of the bid will be included as an exhibit to the minutes.

12. **Other business:**

- ILM School Multipurpose Room Tables - Sylvia Jensen indicated she was able to salvage the large, rectangular tables in the room from North Hero as a donation to the Town. An inspection of the tables will be conducted with the goal to retain enough tables to create three long rows inside the multipurpose room for future events. The balance of the tables that are in disrepair will be moved into the art room for salvage with the remaining school goods. Three laminate folding tables from the School will also be retained for the Town. Sylvia Jensen will schedule a table inspection day via email with the Select Board and arrange for building access with Steve Mank. Cary Sandvig will speak to the Masonic Lodge to review what furniture they have indicated will be given to the Town, as well.
- School Book Donations - In an effort to curb waste and unnecessary recycling, Anne Jobin-Picard has been networking with various groups to upcycle the remaining books at the school. Island Arts has already collected the supplies they are able to utilize, and an additional group will be by on Thursday for a collection. SUNY Plattsburgh's literacy volunteer group may be interested in all the remaining books. The disposal team may be onsite next week.
- ARPA Committee + Town Plan Commission - Mary-Catherine Graziano updated the progress of the various initiatives presented at the 3 May 2023 meeting, advising that the Town is currently not eligible for a Better Places grant as Isle La Motte does not have a designated Town Center; a historic district does not qualify as a Town Center, but this will be addressed in the Town Plan. A group review of the proposed advertisement for *The Islander* was conducted with several suggestions put forward for modifying the text including defining terms and acronyms, indicating the ARPA budget amount remaining, and having Catherine Dimitriuk review the advertisement prior to publishing. A copy of the draft advertisement will be included as an exhibit to the minutes.

13. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM by Rusty Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted on 18 May 2023 -
Andrea Carbone

Mary-Catherine Graziano

Rusty Spaulding

Cary Sandvig

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is appointed by the Selectboard to administer and enforce Isle La Motte's Dog Ordinance (Ordinance). The ACO responds to citizens' complaints; handles animals in a humane and responsible manner and deals tactfully but firmly with animal owners. Independent judgment is expected, guided by the Selectboard's instructions, and applicable State statutes.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The ACO shall have the following specific duties:

- Respond to complaints routed through our Town Clerk or Selectboard Chair about any animal in violation of the Ordinance within the Town of Isle La Motte
- When possible and appropriate, apprehend and transport animals in a safe and humane manner to the designated pound
- Issues warnings and citations for violations of the Ordinance, and conducts follow up visits as necessary
- Seeks opportunities to educate animal owners about the Ordinance, and its impact on both animal and owner
- Coordinates with the Town Clerk's office the verification of vaccinations, licenses, etc.
- Develop, update, and implement procedures, including the ordinance, with Selectboard oversight
- Create and maintain records of each individual incident. Records must be complete and submitted to the Town Clerk within 7 calendar days of incident

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- No minimum level of education is required, however, a thorough knowledge of the Ordinance, as well as applicable State statutes, will be necessary.
- Knowledge of animal behavior, animal control laws, and skill in safely handling animals
- Valid driver's license
- Reliable vehicle in which to respond to complaints, and, when possible and appropriate, to transport animals
- Good interpersonal skills

STIPEND & REIMBURSEMENT

- \$500/year, after the first 10 hours, \$25 minimum for initial incident, then \$25/ hr.
- Mileage at IRS rate
- Expenses: Certified postage, other expenses as approved by Selectboard in writing.

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between Whiskers N Tails Pet Daycare, LLC (“Whiskers N Tails”), and _____ (the “Owner”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Daycare and the Owner agree as follows:

Section 1. **Services.** Subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, Whiskers N Tails agrees to provide the following services for the benefit of the Owner and the Owner’s dog, _____ (the “Owner’s Dog”).

Daycare

Boarding

Training

Section 2. **Owner’s Representations and Warranties.** The Owner represents and warrants to Whiskers N Tails that:

- (a) The Owner is the lawful owner of the Owner’s Dog and has the right to deliver the same into the custody and care of Whiskers N Tails.
- (b) The Owner’s Dog is in good health.
- (c) The Owner’s Dog has not harmed, shown aggression toward, or exhibited any threatening behavior toward any person or animal.
- (d) The Owner’s Dog has been spayed or neutered.
- (e) The Owner’s Dog has received those vaccinations listed on the attached Schedule A.

Section 3. **Admission**. Whiskers N Tails reserves the right to deny the Owner and the Owner’s Dog admission to its facilities for any reason whatsoever, and may exercise this right in its sole and complete discretion.

Section 4. **Food and Medications**. The Owner shall provide Whiskers N Tails with an adequate supply of food and medications for the Owner’s Dog for the duration of its stay with Whiskers N Tails.

Section 5. **Illness; Medical Emergencies**. If the Owner’s Dog becomes ill while in the custody of Whiskers N Tails, the Owner authorizes Whiskers N Tails to contain the Owner’s Dog in an isolated area. Upon discovery of the illness, Whiskers N Tails shall make one phone call to the Owner at the phone number listed on Schedule B of this Agreement. The Owner shall have sixty (60) minutes from the time of this call to pick up the Owner’s Dog. The Owner shall be liable for sanitization and clean up expenses necessitated by the Dog’s illness.

If, in the reasonable judgment of the owners, employees, contractors, or agents of Whiskers N Tails, the illness incurred by Owner's Dog requires emergency treatment, the Owner hereby authorizes Whiskers N Tails to transfer the Owner's Dog, at the Owner's expense, to veterinary care. The Owner agrees to pay all of the costs charged by the veterinarian for the treatment of the Owner's Dog.

Section 6. **Pick Up and Drop Off.** Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, the Owner must drop off the Owner's Dog at Whiskers N Tails, 96 Allen Road, Grand Isle, Vermont, between _____ a.m. and _____ a.m., and pick up the Owner's Dog at Whiskers N Tails between _____ p.m. and _____ p.m.

The Owner hereby authorizes the following individuals to pick up and drop off the Owner's Dog on behalf of the Owner:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Section 7. **Assumption of Risk; Release of Liability.** The Owner agrees to assume all risks of harm to the Owner or the Owner's Dog that may arise in connection with Whiskers N Tails' provision of services. The Owner understands and agrees that the Owner's Dog may sustain injuries or incur illnesses while in the custody of Whiskers N Tails despite adequate supervision, and that such injuries and illnesses may be exacerbated by pre-existing conditions. The Owner, for the Owner and the Owner's heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, expressly releases Whiskers N Tails and its members, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, successors, and assigns from all liability for claims, demands, and causes of action that may arise in connection with Whiskers N Tails' provision of services, except for those claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of Whiskers N Tails' willful misconduct.

Section 8. **Indemnification.** The Owner shall be solely responsible for any harm caused by the Owner's Dog to third parties including, but not limited to, other customers of Whiskers N Tails and their dogs. The Owner, for the Owner and the Owner's heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Whiskers N Tails and its members, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, successors, and assigns from all liability for claims, demands, and causes of action that may arise from any harm caused by the Owner's Dog to third parties.

Section 9. **Mediation.** Any dispute between Whiskers N Tails and the Owner in relation to this Agreement shall be submitted to mediation prior to the initiation of any lawsuit. The parties shall agree on a single mediator. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the parties shall share the mediator's fee equally. This provision shall be in addition to, and not in replacement of, any mediation or alternative dispute resolution system required by an order or rule of court in the event the dispute results in a lawsuit.

Section 10. **Applicability.** All of the terms, conditions, warranties, covenants, indemnity provisions, and representations of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and apply to each and every occasion on which the Owner delivers the Owner's Dog to the custody of Whiskers N Tails.

Section 11. **Termination.** Whiskers N Tails reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time in its sole and complete discretion.

Section 12. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned; provided, however, that no consent shall be required for Buyer or Seller to assign their respective rights under this Agreement to an affiliated entity.

Section 13. **Binding Contract; Governing Law.** This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective representatives, heirs, successors and assigns. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.

Section 14. **Entire Agreement; Amendment.** This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and there are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, oral or written, except as herein set forth. This Agreement may not be amended, waived, or discharged except by an instrument in writing executed by the party against whom such amendment, waiver, or discharge is to be enforced.

Section 15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 16. **Construction.** The parties acknowledge that each party has reviewed this Agreement and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments or exhibits thereto.

Section 17. **Severability.** If any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is to any extent deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term, covenant, or condition to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 18. **Captions; Headings.** The captions and section numbers appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience. They do not define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or intent of such sections, nor in any way affect this Agreement or have any substantive effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whiskers N Tails and the Owner do hereby execute this Agreement.

WHISKERS N TAILS PET DAYCARE, LLC

By: _____
Duly authorized agent



Owner

Flags Etcetera

321 Plains Road
Georgia, VT 05478

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
5/3/2023	70111

Name / Address
Town of Ilse Lamotte Barbara Callahan

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
3 X 5 US Nyl-Glo	8	35.99	287.92T
3 X 5 Canada Flag	8	41.99	335.92T
6' Spinner Pole	16	28.99	463.84T
Solar Light for Small Outdoor Flagpoles	8	29.99	239.92T
Band for Light or Utility poles	8	16.99	135.92T
Flag Holders for use with Light and Utility Flagpole Band	16	13.99	223.84T
		Subtotal	\$1,687.36
		Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$1,687.36

From: Maskell, Meredith
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Amanda Ellison
Cc: Claude/Dave Chevalier; Bannar, Elizabeth; Belrose, Ashliegh; Faust, Amanda; Galford, Amy; Girard, Jeff; Lowry, Allison; McMahon, Jeff; Phillips, Bridget; Wilbur, Janelle
Subject: Inactivation of the Isle La Motte public NTNC drinking water system (WSID #20629)
Attachments: 20629 System Inactivation Letter - Isle La Motte_6.21.2021.pdf

Importance: High

Good morning Ms. Ellison,

I have attached a letter documenting the inactivation of the Isle La Motte Elementary School drinking water system (WSID #20629) based on the confirmation that the building will not be used for school in the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

As outlined in the letter, please notify me if/when the water system resumes service of 25 or more different people for at least 60 days per year (such as through public events) or 25 or more of the same people for at least six months per year (such as students and staff).

Thank you,



Meredith Maskell | Non-Community Operations Section Supervisor (she/her)
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, Public Drinking Water Program
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meredith.maskell@vermont.gov

anr.vermont.gov

Written communications to and from state officials regarding state business are considered public records and may be subject to public scrutiny.



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Agency of Natural Resources

June 21, 2021

Amanda Ellison
6441 US Route 2
North Hero, Vermont 05474

Re: Isle La Motte Elementary School Water System (VT0020629) Change in Classification

Dear Ms. Ellison,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the inactivation of the Isle La Motte Elementary School Water System (“Water System”) located at 42 School Street in Isle La Motte, Vermont.

The Water System is classified as a public Non-Transient Non-Community (“NTNC”) water system because it has a permitted capacity of 79 students and 6 staff in accordance with Permit to Operate 20629-13.0. A NTNC water system is any publicly or privately-owned establishment that has its own drinking water source(s), provides water for human consumption, and has the capability to serve 25 or more of the same people per day for at least six months.

You notified the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division (“Division”) in email correspondence in April and June 2021 that the building was not used for students and staff in the 2020-2021 school year and will not be used in the 2021-2022 school year. The Town of Isle La Motte uses the building as its town offices with two staff and for a small number of events each year. Therefore, the Water System is now classified as an inactive NTNC water system and the Division has suspended the requirements to submit routine water quality test results, maintain a certified operator, and maintain compliance with a valid operating permit pursuant to public water system regulations while the building is not serving a public population.

The facility will continue to be classified as an inactive NTNC water system while the school is closed to students and staff until the use of the property changes and the Water System no longer meets the definition of a NTNC water system. It is the property owner’s responsibility to notify the Division prior to resuming service of water to 25 or more people for at least six months, such as by reopening the school or leasing the space to a daycare or preschool. The owner shall also notify the Division if the building will be used to serve 25 or more people for at least 60 days per year, such as for events.

The owner shall contact the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) Permit Specialist identified at <https://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits/specialists> to identify the DEC permits required prior to making any future changes or modifications to the infrastructure served by the water supply or the wastewater disposal volume and characteristics.

Please provide this letter to any potential future owners so they are aware of the regulatory requirements for the drinking water system. If you have any questions, please contact me at (802) 585-4896 or meredith.maskell@vermont.gov.

Invitation to bid.

The Town of Isle La Motte is currently accepting bids for removing the saplings from Isle La Motte's Sea Wall. The coordinates for the tree/sapling removal on the **East side** of the West Shore Rd Sea Wall are as follows:

Beginning (North to South) at #2062 W Shore Rd approximately 30' south from the house is the beginning of the Sea Wall at:

Lat. 44.8709

Long. -73.3581

Heading North on W Shore Rd
(Sea Wall) and ending 885'
at the large culvert in the Sea Wall:

Lat. 44.8685

Long. -73.3583

There are approximately 50+ small trees and saplings to be removed from the **East side** of the Sea Wall only

This vegetation is to be pulled and not cut, with the goal of preventing regrowth. Topsoil should be replaced, raked and seeded, and trees taken away.

Bids must be sealed and received at the Town Office located at School St. Ext. Isle La Motte, Vt. 05463 or mailed to P.O. Box 250 Isle La Motte, Vt. 05463 by 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2023. Bids will be opened at the Select Board Meeting on June 21, 2023. Proof of insurance must accompany the bid. Please write Attn : Tree Removal Bids on the front of the envelope. Any questions regarding this bid please contact the Town Office @ 1-802-928-3434.

The Town of Isle La Motte reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

Contents:

Ad for Islander:

Isle La Motte's Selectboard is looking for volunteers from the Isle La Motte community to serve on a Planning Commission as well as on an ARPA committee. Please contact the Town Clerks' office for more information, and how to submit a letter of interest.

More detailed doc for website

ARPA

Town Planning Commission

Looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission, and on the ARPA committee.

Would you like to be part of shaping the future of our town? Do you want to help the town find a balance between keeping the many things that make our town special, and finding ways to create an even stronger community? We have two projects that we are working on that need community members to take the lead on, in order for the process to work properly. First, we need between 3-9 citizens to be part of our Planning Commission, in order for us to be able to start the town plan process. Second, we need between 3-5 people to be a part of the ARPA committee, to solicit ideas and plans for using the remainder of our ARPA funds.

Why develop a Town Plan? Creating a Town Plan will allow our community to come together to create a collective vision for the town—to decide what we want to keep the same, what we want to improve, and what we want the town to be years into the future. A Town Plan does NOT require a town to have zoning (Alburgh, which has no zoning, has a town plan). What a Town Plan does is give decision-makers a road map for helping our town thrive and go in the direction that the community wants it to. A Town Plan would also make us eligible for various grants and other resources. We are the last town in Franklin and Grand Isle county without one, and we think it's time for us to start the process!

Why an ARPA committee? It is highly encouraged that we involve the public in allocating this incredible resource, and a committee will be tasked with developing that public input process.

These opportunities are available for Isle La Motte Residents. Those interested please submit a letter of interest to the Isle La Motte Selectboard by Monday, March 27th by 4pm. Please make sure you indicate your interest in either the Planning Commission or the ARPA Committee.

Letters of interest can be emailed to the selectboard: Mary Catherine Graziano (mcgilmvt@gmail.com), Rustam Spaulding (spauldingrustam10@gmail.com) or mailed to the Town Office at P.O. Box 250 42 School St. Ext Isle La Motte, VT 05463, or dropped off at the Town office in person at 42 School St. Ext.