

Town of Isle La Motte  
Selectboard Organizational Meeting and Regular Selectboard Meeting  
June 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Mary-Catherine Graziano, Cary Sandvig, Joe Deller, Peter Brzozowy, Pat Treckman, Vickie Buswell, Mary LaBrecque, Deborah Spaulding, Rustam Spaulding, Carmine Centrella, Alex Montagne, Sylvia Jensen, Barbara Callahan, Nancy Delude, Richard Middleton, Allen Hall, Michael Frett (*The Islander*), Mary Brennan-Centrella, Michael Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Anne Jobin-Picard, John Yartz, Charles Gurney, Andy Julow, Ruth Casey, Cathay Tudhope, Laura Miraldi, Len Miraldi, Debbie Langlois. BY ZOOM: Michele Murray, Bobby Dean, Erin Gilligan, Stephen Mank, Charlie Andrews.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

ORGANIZATIONAL SELECTBOARD MEETING was called to order by Town Clerk Vickie Buswell at 6:05 PM.

- Vickie Buswell asked if there were any nominations for Chairperson for the re-organized Selectboard. Cary Sandvig nominated Mary-Catherine Graziano; Joe Deller nominated Peter Brzozowy and Pat Treckman seconded for Peter Brzozowy. Mr. Brzozowy received three votes for chair from Joe Deller, Pat Treckman, and himself and was confirmed as the new Chair for Selectboard.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:08

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING RESUMED at 6:09 PM.

- Peter Brzozowy introduced Senator Andy Julow to speak to the audience. Senator Julow spoke about trans emergencies, health emergencies, and physical service. He spoke to the fact that people were listening. He was asked about Vermont being the number one highest tax paying state. He agreed and will be working towards that issue and believes the state is moving in the right direction.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Mary LaBrecque spoke to the hiring of Steve Mank as her assistant treasurer. Discussion on his hours and rate of pay followed; it is expected that Mr. Mank will work 4-6 hours weekly and additional hours during tax time at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Motion to hire was made by Joe Deller, Pat Treckman seconded, and all in favor, yes.

#### SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATION:

- The Owl System will help take care of the participation problems. All individuals will be heard whether they can stand to talk or need to stay seated. The Zoom we have now does not allow for true hearing and being able to speak clearly.
- Discussion of oversight responsibilities worksheet was discussed and it became clear for its intent and use.
- Town Clerk update:
  - Vickie spoke of the school vote that passed with the totals of 135 voters in ILM and the three combined towns voted 642 yes and 401 no; the new school budget passed.
  - One of the voting booth sections has broken and needs to be repaired.

- Vickie was asked about the land records and stated that all but one is not yet recorded and things in the office are running smoothly.
- The Town Clerk needs more members added to Justice of the Peace. Pat Treckman will look into this and will post job description and petitions need to be in by August 16, 2024 for the November ballot.
- The Selectboard approved the minutes from the May 15th, 2024 meeting. Motion made by Cary Sandvig, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes
- Warrants were discussed as follows: Motion was made by Pat Treckman to designate any Selectboard Member available to sign warrants for payables and payroll, Joe Deller seconded, all in favor, yes.
  - Warrant dated 6/6/2024 for the total of \$668.56 to the IRS and State of Vermont for payroll taxes. Motion made to accept by Joe Deller, seconded Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.
  - Warrant dated 6/5/2024 for payroll of \$2,853.47. Motion made to accept by Peter Brzozowky, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.
  - Warrant dated 5/22/2024 for IRS and Vermont Department of Taxes totaling \$679.97. Motion to ratify Mary-Catherine Graziano's signature was made by Cary Sandvig, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
  - Warrant dated 5/22/2024 for payroll of \$2,829.14. Motion to ratify Mary-Catherine Graziano's signature was made by Cary Sandvig, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
  - Warrant for payables dated 06/03/24 for a total of \$6,683.32 to B and C Landscaping for \$67.63, Bourne's Energy for \$45.89, Consolidated Communications for \$80.99, LHS Associates for \$789.48, NEMRC (March) consulting \$121.00 and (April) consulting \$1,320.00, Paws For Thoughts Vet \$525.00, Pest Pro Inc \$150.00, Rural Solutions \$350.00, Shelburne Limestone \$892.32, and US Postal Service \$352.00. Motion to accept made by Mary-Catherine Graziano, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.

#### TOWN BUSINESS:

- Town Planning Commission: Carmine Centrella spoke about having their second meeting and thoughts on the Town Plan, including uses for the ARPA funds. Carmine reached out to the VT League of Cities and Towns to review the approved uses, which may include adding to the Town's reserve fund, general fund, or used for other expenses. The Town Planning Commission is reaching out to organizations such as the Fire Dept, ILMCO, churches, Masons, etc. to see what they might need. Monies need to be specified for use by 12/26/2024. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.
- Septic Tank covers at the Brothers Camp need to be replaced; a total of nine covers need to be removed and filled in. This is the responsibility of the Town.
- Tech Support for the Town Office will be formalized into a request for proposals and posted for bid; additional discussion to follow.
- Historical Society: Motion to approve the School House Plaque paperwork was made by Pat Treckman, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.
- Isle La Motte Community Organization:
  - Green-up Day - Alex Montagne spoke of needing more hand pick up grabbers; additional grabbers will be sought from outside resources.
  - Town Wide Yard Sale - Sylvia Jensen spoke requesting permission to use the office copier for free of charge for posters/maps. Permission granted.

- Kitchen Equipment - There is the possible donation of a stove and the donation has been accepted. Motion made by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.
- Music in the Park - permission to use the Recreation Park for Quadra (band) to play on July 20th, 2024. Discussion on safety and parking, carpooling, etc. Motion made by Peter Brzozowy to give permission, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.

#### OPEN POSITIONS:

- Announcements will be made if anyone is interested.
- Cemetery Commission: Discussion on the payment of the mowing; Commission to send in invoice and mower will be paid. Cathy Tudhope and Dick Middleton were appointed to the cemetery commission. With Allen Hall there is a total of three cemetery commissioners.

#### RECREATION DEPT:

- Activity waivers were discussed with use and language. The Board will advise at a future meeting on their final decision.
- Damage to the basketball/pickleball court will be handled by the Recreation Department with the assistance of the Islands Pickleball Association.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL:

- Prior to the rabies clinic, over thirty dogs were either not vaccinated and or not licensed. The clinic helped greatly, as there are now twelve owners with a total of seventeen dogs unlicensed.
- There are six owners with whom we have had no communication. Debbie Langlois asked the Selectboard to read and accept a letter that could be sent to the owners that have not been contacted by phone; wording was revised and the letter was approved for use.

#### CONTRACTS/GRANTS/BIDS:

- FY25 Law Enforcement Contract: The Selectboard will invite Ray Allen to speak to the Town at an open meeting; further discussion needed prior to signing the contract. The cost is at \$47,320.00 for thirteen hours of support per week.
- Records Digitization: The bid review and possible contract will be discussed at a special meeting, giving the new Selectboard members a closer look at paperwork.
- Roadside Mowing: The mowing bids will also be discussed and awarded at the special meeting.

#### ROADWAYS:

- The Town had complaints about the mess left behind from the roadside cutting. Branches have been left in yards that owners either had to remove or pay someone to dispose of. The mowing of the grass along the roadside will be impacted from the roadside tree cutting. The Selectboard will reach out to the tree trimming company and discuss the debris in the right of way.
- Potholes are being filled and the roads are looking better.
- Sea Wall complaints need to be taken care so as not to be in violation of the Shoreline Protection Act; additional discussions to follow.
- Work in right-of-way-request: More discussion needed with the owner requesting the culvert be installed. The Selectboard would like to establish a five-year plan for ditching, culverts, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully,  
Debra Langlois, Selectboard Clerk

Peter Brzozowy (Chair) \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Deller \_\_\_\_\_

Mary-Catherine Graziano \_\_\_\_\_

Cary Sandvig \_\_\_\_\_

Pat Treckman \_\_\_\_\_