

Special Selectboard Meeting
20 November 2024
6:00 PM
Town Office at Isle La Motte School and via Zoom

In Attendance: Peter Brzozowy, Cary Sandvig, Pat Treckman, Joe Deller, Karen Brunner, Sylvia Jensen (via Zoom)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Selectboard Chair Peter Brzozowy.
2. **Additions to Agenda:** Cary Sandvig requested time at the end of the meeting to discuss a plan to immediately act on purchasing a new laptop for the meeting room video conferencing system.
3. **Roadways**
 - *2026 VTRANS Grants - prioritize work on East and West Shore Roads for next cycle* - The deadline is approaching to submit applications for the FY2026 Better Roads grant program. The grant announcement was issued earlier this year, but a better understanding of the priority of work was necessary in advance of completing the grant paperwork. In preparation, Pat Treckman, Joe Deller, and Rusty Spaulding met with Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans) in mid-November to review the Town's list of ditches/culverts, which included an inspection of the locations. As well, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) was asked to prioritize what they deemed the most critical areas of concern for Isle La Motte. Based on recommendations from both organizations and a discussion amongst the Selectboard, it was agreed upon that the following areas would be prioritized for the work:
 1. West Shore Road - segment 71636.1 - the intersection of West Shore Road and New Road
 2. East Shore Road - segment 94315 - southern end of East Shore Road
 3. East Shore Road - segment 94318, 94319, and 94320 - "Maple Tree Lane"After discussing the three projects, it was determined that due to the multiple segments of work included in the Maple Tree Lane project that it would be considered for future grants. Peter Brzozowy made a motion to prioritize East Shore Road - segment 94315 - southern end of East Shore Road for the Better Roads FY2026 grant, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor. Pat Treckman advised the FY2025 Grants in Aid project, a \$7,000 award that was made in July, was granted without a specific project identified. The culvert at West Shore Road and New Road is a good candidate for this project, as the scope of work is clearly understood. A motion to identify West Shore Road segment 71636.1 for the FY2025 Grants in Aid project was made by Pat Treckman, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor. The work must be completed by September 2025 and a scope of work must be completed by the end of this year. Pat Treckman believes NRPC will be able to complete a scope of work for this project
 - *Grant Application Assistance - approve activation of Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) to assist with applications due 12/27/24* - Pat Treckman will follow up with NRPC regarding all three identified projects for engineering assistance, as they are contracted with Isle La Motte to provide assistance. Joe Deller will approach contractors for pricing estimates for all three projects.
 - *Road Commissioner - discuss position, potential candidates* - Peter Brzozowy has spoken with Rusty Spaulding regarding the position, and Mr. Spaulding has stated that he can continue to assist but is not interested in the full-time position. A Road Commission was again discussed, having previously been proposed by Joe Deller. As the condition of the roads is the primary complaint of residents and landowners, a Commissioner/Commission or full-time Road Foreman will need to be identified. Pat Treckman advised that she has been spending twenty hours a week on road issues, work which could be divided among the members of a Commission, alleviating the work which has fallen to the Selectboard in the absence of the Road Commissioner. In December, the Board Members will each be prepared to discuss candidates for either individual Road Commissioner or member of a Road Commission, who will then be recruited. Joe Deller will draft an article for *The Islander* and the website to rearticulate the gravity a continued vacancy in this role has for residents and landowners. The job description for the Road Commissioner will be reviewed and revised before it is posted for public review. Additional discussion regarding the paving of roads was had, noting ditching and culverts must be addressed before any paving is considered in order to ensure the integrity of the roads is in place prior to expending paving funds.
4. **Other Business:** Pat Treckman motioned for Rural Solutions to be engaged by Cary Sandvig to price a replacement laptop for the meeting room, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor.

5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM, motioned by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted on 24 November 2024 -
Andrea Carbone

Peter Brzozowy, *Chair*

Cary Sandvig

Joe Deller

Pat Treckman
