

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
August 3, 2016
Town Hall/5:00PM

Members present: Steve Stata, Rustam Spaulding & Selby Turner

Others present: Michele Murray-Select Board Clerk, Town Clerk & Treasurer, Debbie Spaulding-Lister Chair, Betty Lockerby-Town Service Officer & Justice of the Peace, Paul Zera, Joyce Tuck, Anne Jobin-Picard, Bill Howland

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM on August 3, 2016 by Chair Stata.

1. Additions to Agenda:
Fairpoint, LaBombard Landowners Association added to Other Business.
2. Grand Isle Sheriff Department Visit: No Sheriff
3. Warrant for Payroll and Payables:

Payroll dated 7/13/2016 in the amount of \$1,807.08 signed by Turner.
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payroll dated 7/29/2016 in the amount of \$1,535.63 signed by Turner.
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable EFT payments in the amount of \$1,465.91
Spaulding made a motion to approve that payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 7/20/2016 in the amount of \$9,473.32 signed by Turner.
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 8/3/2016 in the amount of \$4,244.21
Spaulding made a motion to approve that payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

4. Minutes of July 6, 2016 & Minutes of July 26, 2016 Special Meeting-Paving
Spaulding made a motion to approve the regular Select Board Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2016, 2nd by Turner, All in favor.

Turner made a motion to approve the Special Select Board Meeting-Paving minutes of July 26, 2016, 2nd by Stata, all in favor.

5. Anne Jobin-Picard-Dog Issue & Property Tax Payments-Discussion:
Ms. Picard had discussion; would like to come up with some ideas on how to get out to the public the Town Dog Ordinance. Ms. Picard has encounter aggressive dogs while walking her dogs on more than one occasion. Ms. Picard and has been bitten once by a dog while walking without her dogs, and Ms. Picard's dog has been bitten by another dog while out walking. Ms. Picard discussed safety for others in

the community as well. Ms. Picard suggests a notice of the town dog ordinance on perhaps a sandwich board, letter in the Islander paper, handing out the dog ordinance when residents register their dogs for the year.

Board agreed to write a letter to the Islander paper.

Other discussion: Joyce Tuck

6. Cannon-Update:

Turner had discussion: Turner and Lyle Andrews have an appointment next week to visit the Maritime Museum.

7. Order to Reappraise-Discussion & Possible Decision:

Debbie Spaulding had discussion: a letter has been received from Vt. Department of Taxes stating there has been a change in the target date for the reappraisal for the town. The target date is now 2017.

Debbie will contact Roger Kilborn to let him know that the town will be proceeding and let Roger know that it would not be possible to have this done by spring of 2017. The listers will have a new RFP ready for the board to sign at next meeting.

8. Angolano CPA Draft Audit-Review:

Board will review the draft audit. The board will contact Angolano CPA by August 14, 2016 to accept/and or make changes to the the draft audit.

9. Champagne Real Estate-Sign Document:

Turner made a motion to sign the leasing agreement, 2nd by Spaulding, all in favor.

10. Speed/Traffic Ordinance-Discussion:

Board had discussion; the traffic ordinance has to be changed for the new speed limit on School Street. Turner will look into the cost of solar flashing lights and other alternatives for School Street. Caution signs could be put up on School Street once school starts and until the new ordinance is in effect.

11. Education Tax Rate-Received July 19, 2016:

Michele had discussion; an interim tax bill was mailed out with a note for the homestead filers stating that the bill was only an interim bill and a revised bill would be following. On July 19, 2016 the State Tax Department sent the revised homestead rate of 1.6966.

12. Road Commissioner Report:

a. Paving-Update:

Turner had discussion; Paul Poulout will start the paving asap.

b. Brush in the Roadway-Update:

Turner had discussion; there is sumac brush at end of School Street & West Shore Road that needs to be cut. Martin Jensen has this task on his list.

c. Erosion Seawall West Shore-Update:

Turner had discussion; 1919 West Shore Road seawall has two large cracks. John Yartz and Jim Smith have both looked at the project. Turner proved the board with several pictures. This area will be fixed.

Turner had discussion; there is a very large tree at Koss residence on School Street that has a dangerous broken limb hanging high in the branches of the tree. This tree is rotten and needs to be taken down. Have spoken to Rob Knowland/Tree Service and it is recommended this tree be taken down asap. For approx., \$1,500 the tree will be removed and for \$100 the stump will be removed. The tree will be brought to the School Street depot area.
Board agreed to have the tree cut down.

Turner had discussion; Cathy Tudhope's beach area has been taken care of.

Turner had discussion; Town has been awarded a grant from Better Roads to do the catch basin on West Shore near the Murray residence. The large tree stump in the area has to be removed. Spaulding had discussion; any work that has to do with run off into the lake would qualify for grant monies.

13. VLCT/PACIF-Loss Control-Disussion;
VLCT provided the town with an Excavating Hazard Notice, Board reviewed.

14. Monthly Budget Discussion:
Board reviewed the monthly budget and trial balance sheets.
Turner had discussion; will back out some of the monies from culverts and ditching and put into the paving line item.

15. Treasurers Report: same discussion as under #11.
The line of credit is due in mid-September. The town borrowed approx., \$8,000. Michele will pay this note off mid-month of August.

16. Set Late Filed Homestead Penalty Rate:
Spaulding made a motion to approve the rate of 3% or 8% depending on Homestead and Non-Residential rate, whichever is larger, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

17. Generator Update: no update.

18. Act 64-Update: no update this month, the meeting is every other month.

19. Other Business
Fairpoint; is looking for an easement to place, replace and maintain poles and associated wires, cables etc.
Spaulding made a motion to approve the easement for Fairpoint, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

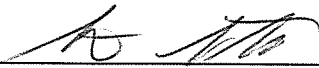
This item will be on next month's agenda to reaffirm the motion.


LaBombard Homeowners Association's meeting is in September. Rusty Spaulding will attend.

Joyce Tuck had discussion; the library has finished up with the land survey. The library will provide the clerk with the survey for the files.

Spaulding made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Michele Murray-Select Board Clerk

Steve Stata 

Rustam Spaulding 

Selby Turner 

Approved on 