

Town of Isle La Motte
Select Board Meeting
September 7, 2016
Town Hall/5:00PM

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Members present: Steve Stata, Rustam Spaulding & Selby Turner

Others present: Michele Murray-Select Board Clerk & Clerk/Treasurer, Debbie Spaulding-Lister, Betty Lockerby-Justice of the Peace, Paul Zera, John Yartz, Bill Howland

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chair Stata.

1. Additions to Agenda:

Stata added two letters received to Other Business.

Stata moved Executive Session to end of meeting.

2. Grand Isle Sheriff Department Visit: No Sheriff present.

3. Warrants for Payroll and Payables:

Payroll dated 8/11/2016-8/12/2016 in the amount of \$2,161.17 signed by Turner
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payroll dated 9/7/2016 in the amount of \$1,709.14
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payroll, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payroll dated 8/24/2016-8/26/2016 in the amount of \$1,875.46 signed by Turner
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 8/11/2016-9/7/2016 in the amount of \$1,244.70
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Payable dated 8/17/2016 in the amount of \$450,595.28 signed by Turner
Spaulding made a motion to ratify, 2nd by Stata, all in favor.

NOTE: \$400,000.00 is payment to school (taxes)

Payable dated 9/7/2016 in the amount of \$9,435.58
Spaulding made a motion to approve the payable, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

4. Minutes of August 3, 2016

Spaulding made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of August 3, 2016, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

5. Recreation Department-Paul Hinman-Wounded Warrior-Discussion: Paul not present.

6. Cannon-Update: Lyle Andrews provided an update on the restoration of the cannon base. Visited the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. White oak was suggested at this visit and not

7. black locus. Both the Maritime Museum and Fort Ticonderoga have the same approach for the iron treatment. Lyle provided a summary of the findings.

8. Executive Session: moved to end of meeting.

9. Order to Reappraise-RFP & Letter to Property Valuation-Update-Discussion-Possible Decision: Debbie Spaulding had discussion; Debbie provided a letter addressed to Douglas Farnham at Property Valuation & Review (State of VT) stating the town is taking steps to proceed with a town wide reappraisal. Debbie also provided a RFP for a reappraisal bid process to be advertised in local newspaper.

Spaulding made a motion to sign and send the letter to Mr. Farnham and approve the documents, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

10. Cutting Walkway Path thru Woods near Apple Orchard & South Cemetery: Stata had discussion; the Town actually owns a small strip of land that runs along the South Cemetery. Requesting to cut a path that is approx. 6-8 feet wide thru the wooded area alongside the cemetery to end out on Bruley Road continuing on to the Goodsell Ridge.

Spaulding made a motion to allow a path to be cut through the piece of town property, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Other discussion: Bill Howland

11. Angolano CPA-Update:
Stata had discussion; the next step will be receiving a Gov. Wide draft.

12. Speed/Traffic-Ordinance-Update:
Board had discussion; a swing sign was put out at the town office (respect town speed limits). Stata will contact those that agreed to be on the committee to let the committee know to move forward.

Other discussion: Bill Howland, John Yartz & Paul Zera

13. Road Commissioner Report:

- a. Paving-Update: the paving has been completed.
- b. Erosion 1919 West Shore Road-Update: Turner had discussion; John will be getting to the work.
- c. Better Roads Grant-Update: Turner had discussion; Alan May from Better Roads program met with Turner and Jim Smith and reviewed the project on West Shore Road. The request for bids for the project has been submitted to the Islander. A job site meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 13th.

Turner had discussion; the accident area on Main Street will get fill applied.

Turner had discussion; it may be a consideration to do skimming and shimming paving work in the future.

14. New Paving-Level Roadway Near Mailboxes:

Stata had discussion; Mr. Pearo has concerns that the new paving has caused a wheel track for the vehicle delivering the mail to the mailbox.

Turner had discussion; cold patch has taken care of this problem in the past.

Stata will contact Mr. Pearo and suggest he can use some cold patch for the problem.

15. Letter to Select Board-Jacques Gariepy:

A letter was sent to the Select Board from Mr. Gariepy in reference to a possible junk ordinance. Spaulding will contact Mr. Gariepy for discussion.

16. VT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Program:

Board reviewed the document; nothing for the town to apply for.

17. Monthly Budget Discussion; board reviewed the budget and balance sheet.

18. Treasurer Report:

a. New computer-discussion: Michele had discussion; one of the computers was Destroyed by either a lighting strike or power surge. Network Solutions provided a new hard drive and performed work to get everything up and running. New/additional backup has been purchased and installed.

19. Generator-Update: no update.

20. Act 46-Update: Spaulding provided information from the meeting on August 25, 2016. Topic of discussion; Missisquoi Bay Tactical Basin Plan

21. Affirm Decision on August 3, 2016 for Easement for Fairpoint:

Spaulding made a motion to affirm the decision, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

22. Other Business:

Letter from Warren Klopsch; complaint of a town official.

Board had discussion; board agreed this is actually not a complaint about a town official. The town official was not acting on town business. No further action required.

Application for Permission to use, work within, or install private utilities within a town highway right-of-way.

Lawrence Murch of West Shore Road has submitted an application to jack under the road to install water line. Turner signed the application.

Spaulding made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session at 6:58 PM, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Board out of Executive Session
Discussion; two (2) legal matters.

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 _____

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