

Isle La Motte ARPA Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
13 September 2023
6:30 pm
Town Office at Isle La Motte School and Zoom

In Attendance : Steve Stata, Carol Stata, Barbara Callahan, Mary LaBrecque, Peter Brzozowy, and Mark Dostaler

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by ARPA Committee Chair Steve Stata.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes of 08/11/2023 : A motion was made by Mary LaBrecque to accept the meeting minutes of 08/13, seconded by Carol Stata. All in favor.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes of 08/24/2023: A motion was made by Barbara Callahan to accept the minutes of 08/24/2023, second by Mary LaBrecque. All in favor.

4. Discuss/act on Planning Committee/ public Chair Stata commented that the survey questions from the ARPA committee would be going to the public with the Planning Committees survey. He inquired if the committee thought of reaching out to the public via social media to inform them of the Committee's activities and that we welcome their input. There was discussion between the committee members about where to publish this "invitation", and there was agreement that Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and The Islander would be used. Mary LaBrecque agreed to contact The Islander. There was also discussion around the fact that the need for ideas is time-sensitive. Peter Brzozowy also suggested that some ideas obtained from the public may be useful for our survey, he also commented that after the survey results are obtained, it would be useful to have public input to "flesh out" the ideas gleaned from the survey. There was further discussion about the details of posting on Social Media. A statement for publication in the Islander and for posting on Social Media was generated by the committee. The final statement to be published in The Islander and posted on social media :
"The Town of Isle La Motte ARPA Committee invites all interested Isle La Motter's to our discussion and provide ideas for spending our funds. The committee currently meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please check the website at <https://islamotte.us> for the current agenda and further information."

5. Questions for Survey: The Committee reviewed the survey questions that were compiled at the last meeting, and Peter Brzozowy reviewed the guidelines given to the committee, using as an example the age of the current computer equipment in the Town Office, and the cost of capital improvements to the current town office. Mark Dostaler recommended providing a list of priorities for town expenditures, with space for additional ideas. In the interest of bringing all Isle La Motters together and getting feedback from all of Isle La Motte we have created this committee and survey to glean ideas from the public to decide how to spend our remaining ARPA money which is around \$75,000. The questions are : Computer Upgrades/Security, Matching Grant Funds, Improve Record Keeping Safety and Security, Digitizing Land Grants, Capital Improvements, and any other ideas you have (see attachment)

6. Discuss/Act on Evaluation Criteria: Tabled until future meeting.

7. Public Participation: There was no public participation. Motion to adjourn made at 7:43 pm made by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Mary LaBrecque. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaBrecque

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee section

We are looking for feedback from all of Isle La Motte. This committee is surveying the public to glean ideas to help decide how to spend our remaining ARPA money, approximately \$75,000. Below are 5 areas Isle La Motte will likely need additional funding for. In your opinion, using a scale of 1 – 5 please prioritize them:

- _____ Computer Upgrades/Security
- _____ Matching Grant Funds
- _____ Improve Record Keeping Safety and Security
- _____ Digitizing Land Grants
- _____ Capital Improvements

Please list any additional ideas for projects you would like considered:
