

## Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Special Meeting

22 May, 2024

6:00 PM

Location: Zoom Only

**In Attendance:** Commission Members Carmine Centrella, Neil Chaffee, Sylvia Jensen, Steven Reeve, Michael Simanskas. Advisor Emily Klofft of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC).

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Carmine Centrella.

### 2. Planning:

- **Review and Finalize Public Outreach Session Preparations**

- **Logistics:**

- The Commission agreed that coffee, water and snack bars should be provided.
- It was agreed that, due to minimal remote participation at the first outreach, Zoom access will not be provided for this session.
- Carmine plans to be at the Town Hall at 5:00 and Michael and Neil offered to assist with the setup.

- **Agenda and Presentation** - Emily walked through the agenda and presentation and provided a handout outlining suggested uses for community facilities and including rough cost estimates, challenges and grant availability:

- **Old Town Hall:**

- Michael suggested a revision to wording in reference to the sewage system indicating that alternative uses would require more frequent pumping. The Commission agreed and Emily will revise.
- Sylvia indicated that the current tank sewage system may have been allowed for municipal use only.
- The cost of remediation will be a very rough estimation as the results of a full inspection are not expected until mid-July. The exterior of the building was last painted about 30 years ago.

- **New Town Hall:**

- Again, cost estimates are extremely rough and based on similar past projects.

- **List of Suggested uses** - Emily will assist Steven in creating a board listing the various opportunities with space for attendees to indicate their preferences and write comments.

- **ARPA-2:** It was agreed that the past work and current status should be discussed at this session.

- **Planned outreach to other Grand Isle County and ILM community partners** – The Commission is charged with reaching out to community partners (ILMCO, ILM Land Trust, Masons, Historical Society, Fire Dept., etc.) to determine any possible uses for ARPA funds that would benefit the community.

- ARPA-1 recommended that ARPA funds be used to digitize town records with any remaining funds to be used as matching

funds to be combined with grants for other community projects. The town has not yet selected a provider for the digitization project.

- It was suggested that the Commission evaluate the creation of a Public Works Department and possible sharing of resources with other Grand Isle communities. There may be cost saving opportunities using this approach.

▪ **Breakouts & Discussion:**

- It was agreed that, following the presentation, attendees would be given the opportunity to review the various suggestions and indicate their preferences. The decision to break out into smaller groups will be made based on the number of attendees. The final ½ hour will be dedicated to further group discussion.

**3. Next Steps:**

- The second Outreach will take place on Wednesday, 5/29 from 6:00 – 8:30 at the Town Hall Meeting Room (Set-up at 5:00).
- Our next Regular Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6/4 at 6:00 at the Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom.

- 4. Adjourn:** Michael Simanskas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Steven Reeve, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46.