

## **Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission**

Regular Meeting

04 June, 2024

6:00 PM

Location: ILM Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Commission Members Carmine Centrala, Neil Chaffee, Sylvia Jensen, Laura Miraldi, Michael Simanskas. Advisor Emily Klofft of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (via Zoom).

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chair Carmine Centrala.

### 2. **Administrative:**

- **Approve TPC Minutes from 5/7/24:** Michael asked that the 5/22 decision not to Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Outreach be added. Neil to revise. Michael suggested that future minutes distinguish between Zoom and in-person attendees. Noted and agreed.
- **Michael motioned to approve the 5/7/24 minutes with the suggested revision, seconded by Neil, all approved with one abstention** (Sylvia did not attend the 5/7 meeting).
- **Approve TPC minutes from 5/22/24:** Tabled until 7/2/24 meeting.

### 3. **Planning:**

- **Review & Discuss 2nd Public Outreach Session:** Carmine commented, and the Commission agreed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Outreach was very positive and provided more focus on the various opportunities being considered.
  - Emily provided a summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> outreach including a chart showing participant ranking and comments on the Town-wide Survey suggestions.
  - Discussion:
    - Sylvia pointed out that, given the diversity of schools that ILM children attend, including “Youth Center” in the uses for the New Town Hall would be appropriate. The Commission agreed that, instead of referring to it as a “Senior and Community Center”, we simply use the term “Community Center” as a more inclusive and flexible use.
    - Emily commented that some towns use the term “Camps” to refer to certain Community Center activities (Senior, Student, Library, Parents, etc.).
    - Michael asked how much space was needed for town offices which led to a discussion of possibly consolidating the space for convenience and more efficient use of the building. The Commission will continue this discussion.
    - Laura suggested that a long-term library plan be developed utilizing space at the New Town Hall. This could result in the restoration of valuable services such as inter-library loans. The Commission will reach out to the Selectboard and current ILM Library staff for discussion.
- **Review Town Plan Status:** The Commission asked Emily for guidance on next steps.
  - Emily suggested working on an **Implementation Plan** (she will provide sample documents). Typically, this involves an 8-year plan with a table

showing each project, its timeline, and “responsible parties”. A good example of a project included in the plan would be “Village Designation”.

- The Commission will also work to complete its **Vision Statement** drawing on our original Mission/Vision Statement submitted last Fall. Emily will distribute some examples.
- **Review ARPA-2 Status:**
  - The Select board is leaning toward moving ARPA funds into the general fund (separate account).
  - The Board would like us to reach out to community partners (Shrine, Land Trust, Library, Historical Society, Fire Dept., Masons, etc). Carmine will take directions from the Board at their 6/5 meeting and report back to the Commission.
  - It was suggested that the Commission study the possibility of utilizing funds to establish a full-time Public Works Department.

**4. Next Steps:**

- Our next Regular Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6/18 at 6:30 via Zoom only.

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**5. Adjourn:** Carmine motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laura, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.