

Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

6 August, 2024

7:00 PM

Location: Isle La Motte Town Offices Meeting Room & via Zoom

In Attendance: Commission Members Carmine Centrala, Neil Chaffee, Robin Gutierrez, Michael Simanskas. NRPC Advisor Emily Klofft. Isle La Motte Resident Dane Bonn

Via Zoom: Commission Members Sylvia Jensen, Steven Reeve

Note: Commission Member Joel English has resigned effective July 25 citing personal reasons. We thank Joel for his contributions to the planning process over the past year.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Carmine Centrala.

2. **Administrative:**

- **Approve TPC Minutes from 7/2/24:** Motion to approve by Michael Simanskas with the edit referencing the 7:00 start time for the 8/6 meeting, seconded by Neil Chaffee, all in favor.

3. **Planning:**

- **Review Report on Town Plan Revision:** The commission reviewed several suggested edits to the Report including the following:
 - Listing the 4 planning goals as identified in Chapter 117, Section 4302
 - Replacing the long sentence in paragraph 6 with bullet points referencing the aim of the 14 goals established in Chapter 117.
 - Changing “proposed change” in paragraph 5 to “proposal”.
 - Including Church and School Streets in the description of the Village Planning Area.

Robin asked if the land use map in the plan agreed with the United States Department of Agriculture designation. Emily said that the map in the Town Plan only referenced the FEMA designation of “Special Flood Hazard Areas” and that our Town Plan, while it has State of Vermont standing, does not have Federal standing. The new FEMA maps are not yet available but Emily will check to see if the FEMA map departs significantly from the USDA designation.

Neil motioned to accept the above edits to the Town Plan Report, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

- **Review of Town Plan Draft:** The current Town Plan Draft has been frozen since it has been posted and submitted to the NRPC for review. Subsequent edits can be made during the Public Hearing and/or at the September Commission Regular Meeting.

Several minor edits, corrections, additions and format revisions were discussed. Carmine will compile these suggestions and provide a document for review at the Public Hearing on August 19.

- Robin initiated a discussion on several topics including the Route 129 designation, road signs, past Selectboard actions, Open Meeting Law and Americans With Disabilities Act. Before leaving the meeting, she indicated that she will raise her concerns with the Vermont Secretary of State.

- **Public Hearing: Review and discuss format and process:**
 - The Hearing has been posted on the Town Website and will be announced on Facebook and Front Porch Forum.
 - For clarity and focus, attendees will be asked to reference specific sections of the plan when raising comments or questions.
 - Carmine will provide a summary of the non-substantive edits to the Plan that were discussed above.

4. Next Steps:

- The Public Forum will take place on Monday, 8/19/2024 at 7:00 at the Town Offices All Purpose Room and via Zoom. Our next Regular Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices Meeting Room and via Zoom.

- 5. Adjourn:** Neil motioned to adjourn, seconded by Steven, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.