

## Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

3 September, 2024

7:00 PM

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

**In Attendance:** Commission Members Carmine Centrala, Neil Chaffee, Sylvia Jensen, Michael Simanskas.

**Via Zoom:** Commission Members Steven Reeve and Laura Miraldi. NRPC Advisor Emily Klofft

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Carmine Centrala.

2. **Administrative:**

- **Approve TPC Minutes from 8/6//24:** Motion to approve by Neil, seconded by Michael, all in favor.
- **Approve 8/19 Public Hearing Notes:** Motion to approve by Steven, seconded by Michael, all in favor.
- **Additions to Agenda:**
  - Discuss NRPC review of draft Town Plan
  - Discuss article submitted by Laura re: Hartland Town Plan language

3. **Planning:**

- **Discuss NRPC review of draft Town Plan:** Emily indicated that the Regional Board of Commissioners considered the ILM draft Town Plan to be strong. They did suggest that we address vocational and adult educational opportunities. Since any local opportunities will depend upon what the Town decides to do regarding the historic and new Town Hall buildings, wording in the plan should focus on regional opportunities. **Emily will add wording addressing regional vocational and adult education opportunities under “Education and Childcare” on Page 25 of the Plan.**
- **Review on Town Plan Report:** No further major revisions are required.
- **Review/approve Town Plan Revisions:** Several minor edits, corrections, additions and format revisions were discussed:
  - **Pg.4:** Add appendix
  - **Pg.7:** Change “battle took place” to “ILM was used as a staging area for...” Add VT State House to list of buildings containing ILM Marble.
  - **Pg.9:** Add descriptive sentence re: Chazy Reef referring to it as a “National Natural Landmark”
  - **Pg.23:** Change “Land Trust” to “Conservation Easement”.

The Commission discussed whether or not the Plan should contain stronger language. A recent article addressed issues involving the lack of specific language in the Hartland Town Plan. Carmine recommended that we keep the current language and consult with the Selectboard regarding “actions” and “recommended actions”.

Other revisions discussed included the following:

- **Land Use :** Add language addressing short-term rentals (Airbnb’s) as a “potential problem” requiring periodic review.
- **Farms :** There is currently not a specific count of farms on Isle La Motte.
- **Vision & Purpose:** Change language to refer to “residents, both full and part-time”

**Michael motioned to accept the above revisions, seconded by Steven, all in favor.**

**Michal motioned to submit the revised plan to the Selectboard, seconded by Neil, all in favor.**

**4. Next Steps:**

- Our plan submission deadline has been extended to the end of the calendar year. NRPC will submit our revised plan to the Selectboard when completed.
- Our next Regular Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices Meeting Room and via Zoom.

**5. Adjourn:** Michael motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sylvia, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.