

## **The Town Of Isle La Motte**

Selectboard Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

February 19, 2025

6:00 PM at Isle La Motte Town Office and via Zoom

**Attendance** : Chair Peter Brzozowy, Mary-Catherine Graziano, Cary Sandvig, Joe Deller, Pat Treckman, Barbara Callahan, Robin Martin - via Zoom, Andrew Whipple, Sylvia Jensen, Beth Meese and Steve Reeve.

**Call To Order** : Meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Brzozowy at 6:03 PM.

**Additions To The Agenda** : 2025 weight limit letter from the State of Vermont.

### **Administration**

- Approve Selectboard minutes from 2/5/2025. Motion to approve made by Mary-Catherine Graziano seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.
- Warrants for payroll & payables - review/approve.
  - Payroll dated 2/12/2025 for \$3,650.89. Motion for ratification of Peter Brzozowy's signature. made by Pat Treckman seconded by Mary-Catherine all in favor, yes.
  - Payroll Transfer for the Internal Revenue Service and Vermont Department of Taxes dated for 2/12/2025 for \$883.28. Motion made for ratification of Peter Brzozowy signature made by Cary Sandvig seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
  - Payables dated 2/12/2025 for \$7,838.95. Motion made for ratification of Peter Brzozowy's signature made by Pat Treckman seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano, all in favor, yes.
  - Payables dated 2/12/2025 for \$5,430.99. Motion to approve made by Mary-Catherine Graziano seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.
- DEC/West Shore Road tree removal - progress. Mary-Catherine Graziano did speak with them. Their reply was too much snow at this time. Follow up with Mary-Catherine.
- ILM 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution - Andrew Whipple. Andrew Whipple offered to be the liaison for the Town with the state committee established by the governor to commemorate our American Fight for Independence and the founding of the state of Vermont. The town may wish to craft our own resolutions for this celebration. Andrew had an interesting discussion about the Sons of the American Revolution and pointed out that Isle La Motte has several direct descendants of Veterans of the Revolution. The selectboard has given their support for this State Wide Resolution. Further discussion to follow.
- Burying Yard Point - continued discussion. The sign at the head of Isle La Motte. The town is allowed only so many characters and the Historical Society needs to be carefully crafty on what is sent to the state. There will be more meetings in March. Barbara Callahan has also contacted an archeologist. We know there is a burial ground there, and do not want to disturb graves.

- Appointments - review open positions
  - Ethics Liaison. Cary Sandvig accepted to be the Ethics Liaison. Motion to accept Cary Sandvig as the Ethics Liaison made by Peter Brzozowy seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano all in favor, yes.
  - Northwestern Communications Union District Governing Board. Motion was made that Cary Sandvig would be a good candidate and Mary-Catherine as alternate. Cary Sandvig and Mary-Catherine accepted. Motion made by Peter Brzozowy and seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano all in favor, yes.
- Use of ARPA Obligated Funds. The Funds previously obligated need to be spent by the end of 2026. These monies are directed at maintenance, digitization, and repairs to the Town Emergency Shelter kitchen. There was a preliminary quote given to the Selectboard for repairing the fire suppression system ~\$3800. Free used kitchen equipment has also been offered to the town. The Selectboard is in agreement about one person to oversee the entire kitchen upgrade process. This person will be working with and reporting back to the Selectboard. Further discussion needed.

#### **Contracts/Grants/Bids**

- Computer for Digitization/Assistant the Town Clerk- review status. Working on licensing levels, more work to be done.
- Computer for the Meeting Room - review status. More work needs to be done with different groups using the computer and implementing them.

#### **Roadways**

- *Road Commissioner Robin Martin* spoke about the following:
  - Emergency repair to the failing culvert on Main Street.
  - Discussed the need to comprehensively inspect ditches and trees in the ditches. The cutting of trees is to be only cut flush to the ground not to disturb the roots of trees.
  - Described a big grant for paving through the USDA and that it was highly competitive.
  - Discussed the seasonal posting of town roads for weight limits to prevent damage.
  - Met with the Army Corps of Engineers to verify compliance on existing culvert and ditching awards to be completed in 2025.
  - Discussed where excess snow removal would go in the event we needed to relocate. The excess will be placed at the Brothers Camp.
  - The Road Commissioner recommends requiring a bonding requirement to protect the town and a fuel surcharge provision (in the event of a large increase in fuel) to preserve contractor relations with the town.
  - Started discussion of allocating responsibility for all culverts and ditches along town roads.
  - Robin announced that she would be having a meeting with VTRANS on 2025 culvert and ditch grants and other road related topics on 2/21/2025.

- Talked about working on a five year integrated plan on the culverts and ditches.
- Motion was made by Peter Brzozowy to allow all Selectboard members to sign the state documentation for weight limit (poster) that has to go up on the roads, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
- Roadside Mowing - review. There will be more discussion after the election.
- Road Commission - continued discussion. Robin to be placed in touch with a volunteer for the road commission. They will discuss and plan for roles of the commission.

### **Town Business**

- Town Office - update on tree trimming around the office and lights. The Selectboard talked about the ballasts in the lights and bulbs needed and potential for possible conversion to LED lighting. There was not much to discuss now about the trimming until the snow is cleared.

### **Budget/Town Meeting**

- Audit Status. The audit went well according to the Treasure and Assistant Treasurer.
- Town Reports - coordinating mailing. There will be a sticker and addressing group meeting at the Town Office to get the reports out on time.
- Informational Town Meeting - Saturday, March 1. A committee of people will be setting up chairs and the podium for the moderator. There will be a few tables set up for the breakfast being put on by the Isle La Motte Community Organization(ILMCO).
- Town Meeting Day - Tuesday, March 4 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Don't forget to vote!!

### **Other Business**

- None

**Adjourn :** The chair Peter Brzozowy adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion made by Cary Sandvig, seconded by Peter Brzozowy all in favor, yes

Respectively Submitted by,  
Debra Langlois  
Selectboard Clerk

Peter M. Brzozowy \_\_\_\_\_

Mary-Catherine Graziano \_\_\_\_\_

Cary Sandvig \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Deller \_\_\_\_\_

Pat Treckman \_\_\_\_\_