

Town of Isle La Motte
Minutes of the 2025 Town Meeting
March 1, 2025 at the Isle La Motte Town Clerks Office

The meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Charles Gurney at 9:00 A.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard members: Peter Brzozowy, Patricia Treckman, Joseph Diller, Cary Sandig, Mary Catherine Graziano Town Clerk Vickie Buswell and Treasurer Mary Labrecque also, voters Debra Langlois, Susan Larkin, Anne Jobin Picard, Linda Fitch, Terrance Tuck, Joyce Tuck, Marjorie Bertram, Christine Wilkins, Jim Wilkins, Bob Varga, Lucinda Varga, Erin Gilligan, Caitlin Purintan, Daisy Hall, Karen Brunner, Carol Michaels, Selby Turner, David Dulude, Judy Bennett, Robin Gutierrez, Sylvia Jensen, Evan Hill, voters on zoom Stephen Mank, Michelle Murray and Wade Lockerby. Vermont Representative Leland Morgan and non-voters on zoom Andrew Whipple, Debbie Robison, and Derek Randal.

Summary

Article 1: Charles Gurney read the town offices to be elected.

Article 2: The taxes to be raised for expenses approved by the town. Selby Turner asked whether the expenses for the Fire Department included the amount that is paid to the Alburg Fire Department. The answer was no. The discussion followed that there needs to be more volunteers. Marjorie Bertram said that she called Alburg, and they responded that they would not be able to come quickly as they were out on another call. One report was that Alburg was called three times in the last few months and the response was timely.

Marjorie Bertram that she does not have internet access and wanted to know when it might be available in the town. The response was that Isle La Motte faces challenges, but it is expected.

Sylvia Jensen had questions regarding the records restoration budget. Sylvia had questioned the monies from the lister fund and Current Use received from the town and state funded. The treasurer explained that money includes funds billed state versus town and that it was an ACH transaction. Sylvia suggested the totals for these amounts be all on one page. The selectboard will take it under advisement.

Selby Turner questioned the use of too much sand on the roads. Robin Gutierrez, the Road Commissioner, reported that all towns are using more statewide as there is a shortage of salt. The state has recommended using more sand. Evan thought the selectboard should ask the townspeople. The response was that there are too many opinions depending on where people lived.

Article 3: Authorization of highway expenditures to be raised by taxes. Sylvia Jensen wanted to know how the amount spent on year-round roads was generated in relation to the actual and proposed. A surplus offset was added regarding last year's audit which was just finished last month.

Article 4: A reserve highway fund to be set aside for emergencies. Selby Turner stated that he thought putting aside up to \$5,000 unbudgeted funds for roads to be used for unforeseen costs was a good idea.

Representative Leland Morgan spoke on the rising cost of schools. Sylvia Jensen gave statistics on the number of students from Isle LaMotte attending school. Sylvia stated that 75% of our school budget we have no control of. Anne Jobin Picard answered a question that home schooled students can access resources from local schools. Joseph Deller suggested that we should look at how other states that are doing a better job funding their schools.

A motion was made to adjourn all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20



Town Clerk

Moderator

Selectboard Member/Justice of the Peace