

Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

24 June 2025

7:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom

In Attendance: Commission Members Carmine Centrala, Neil Chaffee, Laura Miraldi, Steven Reeve and Michael Simanskas.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Carmine Centrala.
2. **Administration:** Michael asked if we needed to amend the minutes to reflect that there was no April meeting. Because the minutes stipulated that monthly meetings would be cancelled if there were no actionable items, we decided that no revision was necessary. Michael motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Carmine, all in favor.

3. **Planning:**

The meeting focused on the ongoing role and tenure of the Commission. Carmine has consulted with Emily Kloft of NRPC and she recommended that the Commission (not necessarily its current members) be reappointed by the Selectboard until 2032 (the 8-year duration of the Town Plan). Carmine has sent information to Peter Brzozowy, Selectboard Chair, who will raise it with the Board.

Emily also indicated that the normal term for Planning Commission members is 2-3 years. Carmine suggested that, for the sake of continuity, the current Commission stay together at least until the Selectboard decides on reappointment.

Michael raised the fact that, in the Town Plan, the Planning Commission is named in conjunction with several Action Items. Carmine suggested that Action Items in the plan should be initiated and driven by the Selectboard with the Planning Commission acting in an advisory or point of contact role. The Commission agreed that prioritization, initiation, and roles should be decided by the Selectboard on a project-by-project basis. Carmine agreed to approach the Selectboard for clarification on our role.

There was a brief discussion about the building assessments performed by shks Architects. The general feeling was that the assessment was very light on detail and that the "Proposed Use Cases" presented to the Board did not reflect the suggestions gathered by the Commission in our public outreach sessions and incorporated into the Town Plan.

4. **Next Steps:**

Meeting Schedule:

Carmine raised the possibility of going to a 2 meetings per year schedule. It was generally agreed that our future schedule will depend upon how the Selectboard views our continuing role.

5. **Adjourn:** Carmine motioned to adjourn, seconded by Michael, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.