

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2025

Zoom Only Attendees: Anne Jobin-Picard, Ruth Casey, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Mary Brennan-Centrella, Laura Miraldi, Andrea Carbone

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM

Approve meeting minutes from June 2025

Motion, Ruth C. 2nd Carmine C.

Approved

Financial Report

Ruth C. reported two expenses since the last meeting:

Porta-Let - \$145.00 X 2

ILMCO Invoice for flags at Veterans Park - \$233.94

Discussion regarding whether the invoice from ILMCO was correct. Ruth C. reports it appears a check has been issued. Mike S. will follow up to ensure correct payments is/was made.

Flags

Purchased. Payment to be confirmed.

Rec Dept. Emails

Andrea C. requests that ILM Recreation Department email communications use recreationcommittee@islelamotte.gov. All members will receive communication through email forwarders.

Isle LaMotte Selectboard Approvals

Discussion regarding if there is a need for approval from the ILM Selectboard for Rec Dept. programs, i.e., the Donkey Thera-Pet visit, and ILM Lighthouse tour. Andrea C. recommends the Rec Dept have direct communication with the Selectboard as to expectations and any need of Board approvals going forward. Anne JP will request to be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Action Items

Mulch

Mulch for the Town Hall play set has been partially spread. The Rec Dept will need another day to complete the work. Michael S. has attempted to set up another date. Carmine C. suggested the

Rec Dept reach out to Keith Bonneville to see if he would be able to complete the task with his equipment. Andrea C. will follow up with Keith.

Wiffle Ball

Mike S. has discount coupons for Dick's and will acquire needed equipment. Mike S. suggests that it would be best to try to gauge public interest for a date for pick-up wiffle ball game(s) vs. just picking a date and no one shows up.

Recreation Department – Len Miraldi Celebration

Discussion regarding how best to honor Len Miraldi. Laura Miraldi suggests the Rec Dept keep it to the core group that knew Len and piggybacking with a future Rec Dept meeting. The Rec Dept will have a “breakfast in the park” to honor Len September 13th at 10:00AM.

Park Regulations Signage

Andrea C. reported signs have been installed. The Rec Dept thanks Andrea.

Rec Dept Music Night

Kathy S. reports her brother is unable to perform this year for a Third Thursday event.

VEC Grant

Andrea C. reports that this grant will be used to acquire the adaptive swing for the Veterans Park, but we will need to wait until the Veterans Park swing set has had improvements made to swings and swing pit.

Recreation Department Activities

Book Club

Anne JP reports the sessions have been going well and that two books remain.

Cornhole

Anne JP reports she has two boards which convert into tables. If the Rec Dept likes that idea they can see the boards at Anne's.

Age Well

No action. Anne JP will continue to follow up with Cider for a date.

Collaboration – Island Arts

The Rec Dept will host the Pluckers November 8, 2025, at 1PM. There is a suggestion to add other events with Island Arts. Anne J-P. will continue to collaborate with Judy Steacy from Island Arts.

Outdoor Bingo

Tabled until next season. Anne JP will investigate a “scavenger bingo” event for ILM youth for next season.

Lighthouse Tour

Concern this might not happen due to the federal government taking back actions regarding the lighthouse. Anne JP will follow up with Rob Clark.

iPhone Session

The session is set for July 17th at 5:30PM at the Goodsell Preserve barn. Anne JP has access to the barn and will be there to open the barn. Andrea C. reports there are six RSVPs to date.

Town Hall Community Room

Andrea C. reported on the water damage to the Town Hall community/multi-purpose room. There is no timeframe for repairs.

Thera-Pets Donkey Visit

Anne JP continues to coordinate event with Thera-Pets from Peru NY. Discussion regarding the need to have a donation bin for clean clothes for Thera-Pets which then sell them to support their mission. The Rec Dept will also have a donation jar available and split any donations 50/50 with Thera-Pets. Anne JP will follow up with the ILM Selectboard to confirm they are aware and address any questions.

Missisquoi Friends Event

No Action.

Champlain Basin Foundation

No Action.

SASH

Anne JP reports she will try to set a meeting with SASH to gather more information on a collaboration between the Rec Dept and SASH. [SASH: A Caring Partnership — SASH](#)

Movie Night Licenses

Anne JP reports that if the ILM Rec Dept or ILM Library were interested in hosting movie nights throughout the year that an industry license is needed. That cost is approximately \$500.00 a year in order to show copyrighted films.

ILMCO Music in the Park

Discussion regarding how best Rec Dept can assist. Mike S. and Andrea C. reported a sign-up sheet has been distributed and for Rec Dept members to use that for sign-up. Andrea C. reports that there appears to be sufficient numbers who will donate a salad.

AARP Grant

Andrea C. confirmed earlier notification that the ILM Rec Dept did not receive the AARP grant for a walking path this year.

Other Business

Community Parade

Anne JP discussed the possibility of working with the Town to have a Town parade to celebrate the Town, Veterans and all the community organizations. Carmine C. commented that it is an extremely large undertaking and is concerned the Town would hand off the planning of such an event to the Rec Dept. No Action taken.

Bone Builder Program

Discussion regarding collaborating with the United Way Bone Builder Program. The program would be interested in community volunteers who would conduct classes. Rec Dept members commented that given the busy schedule of the Rec Dept core group, there may not be any interest.

Audubon Birding Session

Brief discussion regarding feasibility to bring in another birding event to ILM. Last year's event was very successful however it is anticipated any future event will incur a cost. Tabled until next year.

Island Railroads

Anne JP reports she will communicate with Rob Clark about an event exploring the history of the railroads in ILM and the Islands. Mary BC commented she has a contact from LCATV that has published a book about railroads in northern VT. Mary will forward contact info to Anne JP for follow up.

Zoom Meeting Bomb

Discussion regarding this morning's Rec Dept Zoom meeting being Zoom bombed. Andrea C. will investigate ways to curtail future exposure, possibly with RSVP requirement to obtain the Zoom access link.

Meeting Adjournment 9:09AM

Motion Ruth C. 2nd Mary BC.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmine Centrella, Secretary
Isle LaMotte Recreation Department

MEETING DATE	ACTION/STATUS	
	<i>topic</i>	<i>current status</i>
7/12/2025	Age Well	Anne J-P. will follow up
7/12/2025	Thera Pets	Anne J-P coordinating logistics. Anne JP will follow up with ILM Selectboard regarding if approvals are needed.
7/12/2025	ILMCO Music in the Park	Sign-up sheet has been distributed. Rec Dept can use that for sign-up
7/12/2025	Mulch at Town Office Swings	Andrea C. will reach out to Keith Bonneville
7/12/2025	Bone Builders	Anne JP will reach out
7/12/2025	Flags Veterans Park	Confirm invoice Mike & Ruth follow up
7/12/2025	Wiffle Ball	Michael will working date through community survey to gauge interest. Anne J-P will provide snacks
7/12/2025	Celebration Day	September 13 th 10AM for Rec Dept core group
7/12/2025	Missisquoi Friends Lake Champlain Basin Foundation	Anne JP coordinating
7/12/2025	ILM Lighthouse Tour	Anne JP following up with Rob Clark
7/12/2025	SASH Program	Anne JP following up for info from SASH
6/14/25	iPhone Class Logistics	Anne J-P. will contact Goodsell for barn use if ILM community room is unavailable.
5/10/25	2026 Budget – tracking for fall	Items to track for inclusion in the next budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - funding for insurance required renovation of swing set at Veterans Park - cornhole set. - equipment locker for park - Ball field upgrades
5/10/25	Sons of the American Revolution	Follow up with Andrew Whipple in fall about their interest in a program at the community room.
4/12/25	VEC Grant	Andrea to apply for grant to partially fund the purchase of an adaptive swing for the Town.