

Town Of Isle La Motte

Selectboard Regular Minutes for

August 20, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE: Peter Brzozowy, Mary Catherine Graziano, Cary Sandvig, Pat Treckman, Sylvia Jensen, Robin Gutierrez, Donna Bohannon, Mary LaBrecque, Debra Langlois and via Zoom, Joe Deller.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Brzozowy at 6: PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The selectboard spoke on behalf of longtime resident Betty Lockerby who has passed on. The Selectboard wanted to send condolences to the family and thank Betty for all her work and support for our Town. Training for RC Robin Gutierrez and salt and stump dump gates.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Approve minutes for the meeting of 8-6-25. The minutes are being reworked and no approval at this time.
- Warrants: Warrant for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$981.23. Motion made by Peter Brzozowy to accept this warrant seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
Warrants: Warrant for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,590.55. Motion made by Mary Catherine for ratification signature of Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
Warrants: Warrant for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$106,782.60. Motion to accept this warrant by Pat Treckman, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.
Warrants: Warrant for Payroll in the amount of \$4143.50. Motion made to accept this warrant by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
- Town Office Water Damage – update: Karen Brunner has been covering the water damage through updates and phone calls. Karen has been in touch with two companies about quick shut offs for water in the Town Office. CSI came in with a quote of \$1725.00. Their system runs an app to inform through WI-FI if there is a water leak. A concern was whether our WI-FI system can be counted on regularly. Elite came in with a quote of \$2250.00. This also has a WI-FI app but includes four sensors that can be placed strategically around to detect water leaks. Shut off valves learn the pattern of water use and if the water is running too long the water valve shuts off. Cary is looking into another approach for discussion. Deleting some bathrooms was discussed. These bathrooms might be made into closets. Just capping for now and leaving bathrooms were discussed for rental of rooms needing a bathroom. There will be more discussion after the design of the Town Office is worked on, taking all factors into consideration. Chevalier has not replied to any of Karen Brunner's calls. The selectboard will be moving on with Culligan to work on improving the smell of the water in the Town Office.

- Review of citizen letter about roadway potholes, and discussion of solutions.

ROADWAYS: priority business

- Roadside Debris Removal and Sea Wall Tree Removal – status. These two items need to be lined up and a contractor found
- Tree removal in the ROW – rotten and dangerous trees – RC has put out calls and hasn't heard from them as of yet. DJ's Tree Service, On A Limb Tree Service, are two. The town has used Richard's Tree Service and will be contacting them as well. The schedules for the fall are booked, and it is hard to get responses. Joe Deller said he would like to get a schedule going for the spring of 2026.
- Steel Plates – loan or purchase – no replies from contacts.
- Culvert Jetting – Status – RC listed some culverts that need work, including the post office.
- Spreadsheet of Contractors for Road Work – needs to be done.
- Grading of Unpaved Roads (Fall 2025?) - RC (Road Commissioner) reached out to 3 contractors with no response as of yet. Frank Boyle had given RC a figure of \$3,500.00 for the West Shore Rd. and East Shore Rd. Grading of roads and potholes. This is without getting into the sod. This will not be a final grade. It was questioned about possible rain damage to the newly graded road? RC mentioned using Calcium Chloride. RC is looking into additional quotes for the work. The selectboard wants to have as many contractors as possible wanting to work with the town. The selectboard would like to set up something as soon as possible for the fall work on the roads, and a more comprehensive regrading in the spring. The Selectboard is hoping to have contractors by the next meeting to have reached out to our RC for the fall grading work. More discussion to come.
- Signage – Traffic Control - status of installation of replacement road signage – Speed limits need to take priority. Checking street maps, google, and coordinating the street maps with the 911 maps to get the road signage correct. Reaching out to Lafayette. Joe Deller is going to look into this to find out where Lafayette got the names of Streets, Roads, etc. from? Donna Bohannon spoke about updating google maps.
- Citizen letter about road condition on West Shore Rd. - The RC and the Selectboard are continuing to work on the roads efficiently as can be done.
- RC Robin Gutierrez would like to attend two training courses, Roads and Rivers. Confirmed all day seminars. One of the seminars comes with a Certification. Motion was made to accept these two training courses and be compensated \$350.00 for each day, due to her losing pay on her regular job, by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Mary Catherine Graziano, all in favor, yes.

TOWN BUSINESS:

- 419 West Shore Rd. -follow –up to prior meeting 5/28. No easement was located, and the quantity of percentage of tree stumps are still there holding on to the dirt for support of the road.

- Errors and Omissions – Treasurer- Mary Labrecque explained about the campgrounds plus and minus. Motion was made by Peter Brzozowy to approve errors and omissions, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.
- Homestead penalty review – Treasurer – Mary Labrecque stated that this penalty is imposed by the State, but the Town keeps the money. In order for the Town to receive the money, they must vote to enact a penalty for late taxes when the tax rate is voted on, which the Town did not do this year. Discussion was held around a future vote. The motion was made by Mary Catherine Graziano to forgive the penalty for the homesteaders, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
- Dog Ordinance – sign document approved 10/16/24 for file/posting. Motion made to adapt as written and reviewed by Peter Brzozowy seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes. Concise summary to be published in the paper.

BUDGET FOR 2026:

- Begin the process – Discussion was had, and the Treasurer was in attendance and answered many questions. The budgeting process will be done using NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) and spreadsheets. Budget vs. Actual report. Spread sheet for selectboard use.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Joe Deller reported that the gates are installed at the salt shed and stump dump.
- Peter Brzozowy is getting calls on concerns about signage advertisements on Town Property.
- Policy on signage on the Town Property in the Cemetary areas.

ADJOURN:

- Chair Peter Brzozowy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor, yes.

Respectively Submitted by,
Debra Langlois
Selectboard Clerk

Peter Brzozowy 
Mary Catherine Graziano 
Cary Sandvig _____
Joe Deller 

Approved Minutes 8/20/25

Pat Treckman

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