

Town of Isle La Motte

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Brzozowy, MaryCatherine Graziano, Joe Deller, Pat Treckman, Mary LaBrecque, Vickie Buswell, Carmine Centrella, Ruth Casey, Neil Chaffee, Andrew Whipple, Debbie Langlois and via Zoom: Cary Sandvig, Michael Simanskas, and Steve Mank

CALLED TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Peter Brzozowy.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The selectboard discussed Assistant Town Clerk, Karen Brunner, making herself available for entry to workers during the clean-up of the flood in the Town Office. This was extra time on the weekends at the Office. Pat Treckman made the motion to compensate Karen for the extra time, seconded by Mary Catherine, all in favor, yes.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Approve the Selectboard Minutes of the dates 6/18/25 - 6/25/25. Peter Brzozowy made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
- Warrants:
 - Accounts payable - dated 7/2/25. Motion was made by Peter Brzozowy to accept the amount of \$833.05, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
 - Accounts payable - dated 6/25/25. Motion made by Pat Treckman to accept the ratification of Peter Brzozowy's signature in the amount of \$50,686.96, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.
 - Payroll dated - 7/2/25. Motion to accept in the amount of \$3158.53 made by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by MaryCatherine, all in favor, yes.
 - Accounts Payable – dated 7/2/25. Motion was made by Peter Brzozowy to accept in the amount of \$14,937.70, seconded by Joe Deller, all in favor, yes.
- Town office water damage update. The Selectboard will be checking on the difference between the performance of the water system used now and what was needed when the building was ILM Elementary School. CSI – boiler system update on the size also needed now to when it was the ILM Elementary School. Chevalier –

Culligan, info on upgrading the water system to be drinkable. VLCT – Our own was chosen this year for inspection; the Selectboard agreed that the Town Office would be opened to them for inspection.

- **Town Treasurer -**
 1. **2025 Tax Rate** – set tax rate and approve, discuss mailing timing + assistance. The motion was made by Peter Brzozowy and seconded by Joe Deller to accept the tax rate of 0.4876 for municipal and 0.0666 rate for local agreement, the net flat tax rate for residents compared to the previous year.
 2. **Line of Credit** – The Line of Credit was discussed at the last meeting dated 6/25. Peter Brzozowy made the motion to sign the Line of Credit with the Community Bank, seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.
- **Board of Listers – Errors + Omissions.**

The selectboard discussed with Mary Labrecque to changes to the Grand List, including a \$4,800.00 deduction and a \$24,600.00 addition.
- **Emergency Management Department – review.** Carmine discussed the updated plan. The plan has been reformatted to remove obsolete names and include a table of contents. The selectboard would like to take the training course in emergency management. The Regional Coordinator will make any changes that may occur throughout the year to the written plan. MaryCatherine Graziano made the motion to accept the emergency management plan, seconded by Peter Brzozowy, all in favor, yes.

ROADWAYS:

- **Priority Business – Annual Roads Financial Plan.** This is an annual document form that discusses the class (2) and class (3) roads. The town needs to pay #300.00 per mile. Motion made to accept the Annual Roads Financial Plan by Pat Treckman, seconded by peter Brzozowy, all in favor yes.
- **Pat Treckman and Joe Deller** will be meeting with the NRPC on the conditions of the town's roads. This hasn't been done since 2021. A contract price with the Road Erosion Inventory (REI) was set at \$4,180.00 with a state DEC grant that the Town was issued covering \$3,344.00. Pat Treckman made a motion that the selectboard accept Peter Brzozowy's to sign the contract needing only one signature, seconded by MaryCatherine Graziano, all in favor, yes. In July the NRPC along with college interns will be assessing and will be supervised by the NRPC on the culverts and ditches. If you see them looking around in the ditches and culverts, please pass the information on to your neighbors.

- Letter to Mr. Brown – The Selectboard agreed to accept his application for a driveway crossing with conditions, attaching a letter from Joe Deller dated July 2, 2025. Mr. Brown is required to pay \$45.00 for recording fees. Mr. Brown will be emailed with notification of approval and conditions.

TOWN BUSINESS: -

- Handy man request for The Cemetery Commission was tabled. There was no one at the meeting to speak on this matter.
- Recreation Department – request granted to paint a pickle ball court on the Veterans Park driveway.
- Town Planning Commission – business update. The planning commission document that was due December 31, 2024, was discussed. The Selectboard decided to keep the commission as a standing committee without an expiration date. It might be used for future grants and town plans. A draft of a official document will be drawn up. There will be other meetings to discuss the commission's future plans.
- Dog Ordinance – Approved dog ordinance from 10/16/24. The selectboard signed no motion needed already approved.
- Personnel Policy – tabled at this time.
- Town Office IT Infrastructure – network upgrade discussion – There was much discussion on IT for the Town Office. Steve Mank is going to get back to the board on VoIP and the bandwidth needed for satisfactory quality internet for the land records. The amount of 4 lines is required. Right now, GlobalNet has increased the Town office from 10 gigabytes to 30. Cary talked about Fiber Optics. Fiber optics isn't ready for the Town Office yet, and no know pricing. Starlink was also talked about. More discussion is needed.
- Mary Catherine was given permission on a motion made by Peter Brzozowy, seconded by Pat Treckmen to purchase a cell phone to be used in the Town Office, freeing up the direct line into the Town Office, all in favor, yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion about a cooler for the (food shelf). The hot weather and cold weather do a lot of harm and create unsafe conditions for preserving the food outside the Town Hall. Mary Catherine Graziano discussed the acquisition of a cooler through Efficiency Vermont's rebate program. The cooler cost would be \$5,000.00 with a \$7,500.00 rebate. The selectboard decided to move forward concerning the cooler.

ADJOURN:

- A motion was made by the chair Peter Brzozowy to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM seconded by Pat Treckman, all in favor, yes.

Respectively submitted by,
Debra Langlois
Selectboard Clerk

Peter Brzozowy 

MaryCatherine Graziano 

Cary Sandvig 

Joe Deller 

Pat Treckman 