

Town of Isle La Motte
Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes - 2026 budget
04 November 2025

Present: Selectboard Chair, Peter Brzozowy, Vice-chair, Pat Treckman, Joe Deller, Cary Sandvig, Cemetery Commission Chair, Alan Hall, Town Treasurer, Mary LaBrecque, Board Clerk, Donna Bohannon VIA ZOOM: Mary-Catherine Graziano

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chair, Peter Brzozowy

Additions/Adjustments – No additions or adjustments were made.

Cemetery Commission – There was some discussion about appropriating money to the Cemetery Commission. The Board talked with Allen Hall about adding the lawn care of the cemeteries to the town mowing contract. Allen expressed his concerns about a contractor's ability to mow the cemeteries as they are not the same as mowing a lawn. The Cemetery Commissioners are pleased with the current contractor and would be hesitant to change contractors based on cost alone.

It was agreed by all that the discussion would continue at future meetings between the Selectboard and the Cemetery Commissioners before a final decision was made.

Review/Approve heating system repair(s) – Peter Brzozowy relayed to all present that CSI heating was on site last week and that they discovered several failed or failing parts in the heating system and submitted a quote of \$2,300 to replace the heating valve, a sensor and an actuator.

Peter Brzozowy motioned to approve the expenditure of \$2,300 to replace the defective parts – seconded by Cary Sandvig – all in favor – motion carried.

Peter also informed all present that CSI notified him that due to the age of the boiler system, the damper was not functioning properly, and they recommend replacing it. CSI has been trying to find a replacement damper but given the age of the boiler, they were not having any luck.

Peter suggested that the whole unit might need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Pat Treckman suggested that they include this in the 2026 budget. Peter agreed that at the least, a fund should be created to start budgeting and saving for this big expense. No actions were taken.

Budget work – Cary Sandvig began by going over the numbers that had previously been added to the budget lines for potential approval as the new budget sheet did not include some of them.

There were several topics discussed including the cleaning contract, roadside and lawn mowing contracts and cemetery upkeep. The Board discussed what properties are currently on the mowing contract and what areas they need to add to the contract. No final decisions were made.

Conversations will continue.

Joe Deller talked about the use of personal devices for town business. The board agreed that this is not good practice and that they should consider purchasing town phones and laptops for employees that do town work at home, including the Selectboard, the Road Commissioner, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer. Donna Bohannon was asked to talk to Vicky Buswell to determine if she does any townrelated work from home that would require her to use a laptop or cell phone.

Cary Sandvig will contact Rural Solutions to determine an estimated cost for several devices.

Adjourn – At 8:02PM Peter Brzozowy motioned to adjourn – seconded by Mary-Catherine Graziano – all in favor – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna L. Bohannon

Assistant to the Selectboard / temporary Selectboard Clerk