

Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

6 January 2026

7:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom Only

In Attendance: Commission Members: Carmine Centrella, Neil Chaffee, Sylvia Jensen, Steven Reeve, and Michael Simanskas.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Carmine Centrella. Carmine noted that the meeting notice had not been posted on the Town website. If a complaint results it would need to be addressed at a future meeting.
2. **Administrative:**
 - **Additions/changes to Agenda - None**
 - **Approve Meeting Minutes** – Michael motioned to approve the amended minutes of the 12/2/2025 meeting as written, seconded by Steven, all In Favor.
3. **Planning:** Carmine provided revised documents incorporating changes discussed at our previous meeting.
 - **Right of Way (ROW) Document:** Carmine noted that the link to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has been added for review by the Select Board. Also, the link in Section 3 connects to an ILM guidance document from 2014.
Michael motioned that The Commission forward the document to the Select Board for review, seconded by Neil, all in favor.
 - **Road and Culvert Standards Document:** There was a brief discussion of what constitutes a culvert connected to a Town ROW vs. a private culvert. It was generally agreed that the language in the current draft is sufficient.
Michael motioned that The Commission forward the current draft to the Select Board for review, seconded by Steven, all in favor.
 - **Roadway Sign Ordinance:** Sylvia noted, and it was generally agreed, that the main purpose of this ordinance is to preserve the character of the hallowed ground around Burying Yard Point and that it will take some time for residents to adjust to the new rules. As result, the Commission agreed that first offenses should not carry a monetary penalty. Michael agreed to add wording to that effect.
Michael raised the question of how we define “Adjacent to” a cemetery or burial ground. The Commission agreed that subject areas should be defined on a map. Michael agreed to include a map with the subject areas shaded.
Neil motioned that The Commission forward the draft, with the above edits/additions, to the Select Board for review, seconded by Michael, all in favor.
A brief discussion followed regarding the advantage of road surveys to the town and Sylvia informed The Commission of some valuable mapping tools available on the Vermont Natural Resources Atlas website.
 - **New Business: Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. It will be a Zoom Only meeting.**
4. **Adjourn:** Sylvia motioned to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.