

Town of Isle La Motte

Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes – 2026 budget

14 January 2026

PRESENT: Chair Peter Brzozowy, Vice-Chair, Pat Treckman, Joe Deller, Mary-Catherine Graziano, Cary Sandvig, Town Treasurer, Mary LaBrecque, Board Clerk, Donna Bohannon,

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair, Peter Brzozowy

Additions/Adjustments - Three additions were requested as follows:

- Addition #1 requested by Cary Sandvig – Who will work on the wording for the articles and Selectboard letter?
- Addition #2 requested by Mary LaBrecque – Mary requested that they set a date for the next budget meeting prior to choosing a photo for the town report.
- Addition #3 requested by Cary Sandvig – The Fiber optic group would like to have a special meeting to introduce themselves and update the public on the progress.

Budget work –

- There was discussion about where in the budget records storage at Iron Mountain would be located.
- It was agreed that it would be under administration.
- Mary LaBrecque informed all present that she would like to redo the “Chart of Accounts” and that it would require some extra time with NEMRC, at the additional cost of about \$700.
- The Board agreed that it would make sense for her to redo the chart of accounts and format some of the language to make sense to the current treasurer and eliminate accounts that no longer exist.
- The conversation turned to the costs and insurance payments related to the flood and where they would exist in NEMRC.
- Mary informed all present that the auditors recommended adding a category just for flood related expenses and payments so it could be tracked accurately.
- The Board agreed that that made sense and began discussions about the cost above the insurance amount that would be required to add to the budget.
- The Board agreed that the “flood group” would be instrumental in determining the amount above the insurance payment. The conversation turned to when the next flood group meeting would take place so numbers could be worked on.
- Addition #2 requested by Mary LaBrecque was addressed here.
- It was decided that the next flood meeting would take place on Tuesday, January 20th at 2:30PM and the final Budget meeting would take place the same day from 4PM to 6PM.
- The Board discussed appropriations and agreed that if any group wanted an appropriation, they would be required to ask in writing for it.

- Addition #1 requested by Cary Sandvig was addressed here -
- Peter Brzozowy volunteered to write the Selectboard letter for the town report and Cary Sanvig volunteered to work on the wording for the articles.
- Cary Sandvig also volunteered to write and article requesting that a reserve fund be established for the Recreation Department (in the event that an article is necessary).
- Addition #3 requested by Cary Sandvig was addressed here.
- The board agreed that the Fiber optic group would be invited to attend, via Zoom, first regular meeting in February. (February 3, 2026)
- Peter Brzozowy informed all present that there will be a special meeting in the future to discuss the old town hall and that Consolidated Communications would like to install a diesel generator at their building next to the old town hall.
- These items will be discussed at a future meeting – date to be determined.

Select photo for cover -

- There were 25 photo submissions from seven individuals.
- It was agreed that all of the photos were wonderful and the response was appreciated.
- There was some discussions about the prospective photos and it was agreed by all five Selectboard members that the submission that would be on the cover of the town report came from Beth Meese, titled “Don’t Blink”. The photo is of the annual Rowe sunflower field.
- Selectboard Assistant Donna Bohannon suggested adding a black and white copy into blank areas of the town report, so each submitter was given credit for one of their photos. The Board agreed that was a good idea.
- She also indicated that she would acknowledge the photographer and the Rowes, giving credit to both.

Set date for next budget meeting – This was addressed earlier in the meeting. The date for the next (and final) budget meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 at 2:30PM

Adjourn – At 8:11PM, Peter Brzozowy motioned to adjourn – seconded by Cary Sandvig – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna L. Bohannon

Assistant to the Selectboard / temporary Selectboard Clerk

Peter Brzozowy Chair _____

MaryCatherine Graziano _____

Joe Deller _____

Pat Treckman _____

Cary Sandvig _____