

Town of Isle La Motte
Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes – finalize 2026 budget
January 22 2026

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

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

Additions/Adjustments – Two additions were recommended by Cary Sandvig – both were discussed prior to the budget portion of the agenda began.

- Addition number one – discuss the language for the articles to be included in the warning – Cary Sandvig wrote the articles – changes were suggested. Cary will make the recommended changes.
- Addition number two - discuss the language in the “Letter from the Selectboard” to be included in the Town Report Peter Brzozowy wrote the Selectboard letter – changes were suggested – Peter will make the suggested changes.

Budget completion – The Budget process continued with the Board going line by line to confirm/insert or modify budget figures.

It was agreed by all that the budget increase was substantial and suggestions of areas that could be reduced were discussed. It was ultimately understood by all that most of the increase was due to the damage to the building caused by a pipe bursting and subsequent flood that it caused. It was agreed that those expenses are unavoidable and it would be a one-time increase, not something that will continue in the future.

There was some discussion about the need to write an article to create a reserve fund for the recreation Department, but it was determined that it wasn't necessary

Peter Brzozowy informed all present that the local contractor he reached out to about installing sheetrock in the bathrooms previously discussed has agreed to do the necessary work for less than \$500. Cary Sandvig made a motion to approve the Bonneville Brothers to do the work in the bathrooms off the meeting room for \$500 or less – seconded by Pat Treckman – all in favor – motion carried.

Mary LaBrecque reminded the Board that they would have to ratify this at the next Selectboard meeting as it pertains to money being spent and was not part of the original agenda. The Board will ratify this decision at the next meeting.

Mary-Catherine Graziano expressed her concerns about the increase in the budget and explained that she had questions about some of the information from the auditors and the transfer of the ARPA funds. Her main concern is that the increase in the budget is significant and she wasn't comfortable approving it without having the answers to her questions.

There was discussion among the Selectboard and the Treasurer and it was decided that they would all agree to the budget but that the questions would be addressed at future meetings until the questions were answered. The topic of those questions will be on the first agenda of each month starting in March after town meeting.

Cary Sandvig motioned to approve the budget of \$849,524 with \$738,073 to be raised by taxation to cover both the general fund and highway fund budgets – seconded by Pat Treckman – all in favor – motion carried - budget approved.

Adjourn – At 8:47 PM, 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