

Isle La Motte Town Planning Commission

Special Meeting

19 March 2026

6:30 PM

Location: Via Zoom Only

In Attendance: Commission Members: Carmine Centrella, Steven Reeve, Michael Simanskas, Laura Miraldi, and Joe Deller – ILM Selectboard member.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the TPC Chair.
2. **Administrative:**
 - **Additions/changes to Agenda** - None
 - **Approve Meeting Minutes** – No minutes to approve.
3. **Planning:** Special Meeting of the Commission was called to address two requests from the Isle LaMotte Selectboard. Joe Deller, Selectboard member, was in attendance to review and explain the request from the Selectboard.
 - **Selectboard Requests:** Joe Deller described the concern among the Selectboard and residents of the Town regarding overall condition of ILM roadways and the need to develop a plan on how best to address projects concerning the Town's roadways. The Town has no employees whose job is to address Town roadways instead relying on a stipend position of Road Commissioner who currently maintains a full-time position off island. The specific request is to engage the Isle LaMotte Town Planning Commission to research and present a plan with options on how best to move forward with monitoring roadways, coordinating roadway projects, and tracking all road work. This is needed to:
 - Provide safe and well-maintained roads for Town residents and visitors.
 - Meet any applicable requirements set by the State for municipal roadway maintenance.

NOTE: The Town does not have any State roadways and has a mix of Class 2 and Class 3 roadways with two very small portions of Class 4 designated roads.

The discussion continued regarding if the Town should have Town employee(s) to manage roadway issues and if the Town would need a "Town Highway Department."

The ideas exchanged included:

- Full-time or part-time employee(s)
- Contracted labor – non-Town personnel
- Owning or leasing roadway equipment
- Housing equipment
- Cost of options vs. what the Town currently manages with contractors, and the impact on the Town's budget.

The discussion on the approach to managing the Selectboard's request included:

- Surveying the other Grand Isle County towns to ascertain how they each address Town roadway issues
- Interviewing Isle LaMotte residents with subject matter expertise
- Holding public forums

The second request from the Selectboard focused on the desire or need for Isle LaMotte to have a noise ordinance. There was a brief discussion regarding the genesis for this request and

a Town resident who is having a recent issue with another resident and the playing of loud music well into the evening and night hours. The Sheriff's office cannot intervene without having a noise ordinance in place.

The discussion concluded with the following:

- There was a consensus that the Commission would accept the Selectboard's requests and begin the planning process.
- Carmine C will draft the first attempt at a Municipal Roadway Questionnaire
- Once the questionnaire is approved the Commission will review the options for distribution of the questionnaire and overall timeframe
- The Commission will start to review other communities on how they address noise issues.

4. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.