

Selectboard Annual Report

We are glad to once again tell you that with respect to affairs related to the town government we had a reasonably quiet year.

The largest project remains the new salt shed. Our plans were to have this project completed in 2014. However we ran into a number of problems with the actual placement of the building. We also found the bids for the site work were higher than anticipated due to the incorrect dimensions of some cement footings/walls. By the time those issues were either resolved or identified the building season was over. However, we did purchase the building materials and they are stored on site. We will go out to bid with the corrected specs in time for a summer construction. We have not yet borrowed funds for the project. Our savings will not begin to be recognized in this season (2014-2015 winter), they will begin in the next season (2015-2016 winter)

We have plans to construct a porch type addition to the Town Hall which will allow up to code handicap access.

As usual most projects are related to highways. Please review the message from the Road Commissioner details.

A significant issue confronting Vermont and therefore Isle La Motte is the new public meeting law. The changes enacted last year require closer attention be paid to how public meeting activities are communicated (for example, posting of meeting schedules and resulting minutes.) This new law covers all public meetings and so affects all town governance. Much of the new law revolves around methods of posting information about public meetings. An area affecting most towns, including Isle La Motte, is the use of the town web site for these communications. Be aware that the town uses our web site for these communications and want to continue using it. For some parts of the town government the proper use of the web site is new. If community members find that some information is not posting correctly please reach out to the specific board to remind them of their responsibilities to post appropriately.

We continue to keep the town costs as low as possible while providing the necessary services. Thank you for your continued support.