Minutes of Meeting

February 15, 2018

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Chair, Marie Harmon, Selectmen Joe Donovan and Paul Watts; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator.

The meeting was convened at 5:00 PM with a quorum.

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed its weekly correspondence. There was a communication regarding a damaged vehicle and a parking ticket during winter storms in front of the condos on Island Avenue. The Board asked Brian to draft a response for their review.

The board reviewed committee openings. There is still an opening on the Planning Board.

The board reviewed the minutes of the February 08, 2018 meeting.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Watts) and Voted to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2018 meeting. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board reviewed the FY 19 budget. Selectman Donovan updated the board on the Finance Committee meetings.

The board met with John Lortie from LICLOC regarding the FY19 budget and work plans. John reviewed the LICLOC Operating Agreement, 2017 activities, the trust agreement as well as the easement language for the conservation land.
LICLOC maintains a reserve in the event of any underground tank problems. LICLOC is requesting an increase in the budget from $5,000 to $10,000 in order to add to the mowing cycles. John will get back to the board with a mowing schedule, a report on controlled burning and existing lease information.

The board met with Peter Lamontagne and Ralph Sweet of the Finance Committee on their recent benchmarking study.

There was discussion on the relevancy of the metrics measuring programs of the communities using a percentage of budget.

The Finance Committee’s goal is to develop a five (5) year strategic financial planning program with town debt capped at 1.5% of assessed value and a five (5) year cumulative tax rate increase not to exceed 7.5%, with no one year exceeding 2.5%.

The board then conducted its monthly public safety committee meeting. Chief Tierney and Constable Wallace were in attendance. There was discussion on:

1) The 2018 Swim Run event to be further reviewed in March with the event coordinators;
2) The town’s 25th anniversary and multiple celebratory events;
3) Relocation of the rescue boat during the Mariners Wharf construction project;
4) FY19 budget and the addition of two more safety buoys;
5) Requirements for a controlled burn in the conservation area;
6) The replacement of a generator damaged during the October 2017 storm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting of the Board is February 22, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Dudley