

**Minutes of Meeting
May 21, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island**

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer and Barbara Johnson, Tax Collector. Joining via video or telephone conferencing: Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Paul Thornton; David Donovan; Sam Whitener; Doug McCown; Wes Wolfertz; Ralph Sweet.

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

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 14, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. Communications regarding Covid 19 were deferred until later in the meeting. There was a communication regarding the abandoned boat in a front yard on Fowler Road. Brian will reach out to the property owner a second time asking for its removal. The derelict structure is an attractive nuisance and potential safety hazard in its present state.

There was a communication regarding a request to the Harbormaster for mooring permits near the Mariners Wharf breakwater area. The town will check with the Fire Chief and Harbormaster first.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Southern Maine Managers Zoom Meeting: Cancelled until May 26th.

- 2) Street Lighting LED Conversion: Ralph Sweet and Brian held a Zoom meeting to review status and proposals. Additional questions have been sent out to both companies. A follow up meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May the 26th.
- 4) Grant Updates: CDBG CV grant for telemedicine was not approved. It did not meet the narrow definition for this special round of funding for Covid 19 only. We can re-submit in next regular CDBG round of funding in December
- 5) Brian will meet with a site review person on Friday from the Submerged Lands Bureau to discuss our HMA grant for Ponce's Landing.
- 6) Brian is waiting for the revised contract from GEI Consultants reflecting the \$2,500 price decrease that was negotiated. He has sent advance notices of intent to issue bid specifications in August to both Roger Hale and Steve Durell.
- 7) No additional inquiries for the Community Center Coordinator position or the Recreation Director position. One clarification that a person was a non-candidate.
- 8) Phil Saucier, Esq. is still working with Chris Neagle at Troubh Heisler on the Garfield Street consent decree amendments
- 9) Brian discussed the sealing work with ASMG. They are working on a cost estimate. They are planning on doing Long and Chebeague hopefully in June.
- 10) There are 4 more re-appointments on agenda: ACO position and the entire Zoning Board of Appeals Board.
- 11) Brian reached out to Rippleeffect. Their plans are up in the air right now, but if they have programs, they will be limited to Cow Island and Casco Bay with no landings on other islands. They are going to reach out to Amy on their business license.
- 12) Brian received a request for documents from Peter Eliot for town documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Brian acknowledged the receipt of the request via e-mail and letter informing the requesting party that Town Hall is closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Island public safety and transition to a partial re-opening of town business is currently a higher priority.

13) Brian received the official Cumberland County announcement about changing their fiscal year. He will forward the information to Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Lisa Kimball, Town Treasurer.

14) Brian informed the board that other area governmental entities are experiencing the filing of fraudulent unemployment claims, many purporting to be laid off, volunteer firefighters.

Amy Tierney updated the board on the Code Enforcement Officer activity as well as the Wellness Center and the Town Clerk. Septic systems, wells and regular building permits are all in the works.

The CEO is still reviewing a communication regarding an advertised rental of island property stating that the place can sleep upwards of 22 people. The concern is the impact this will have on the existing septic system. These property owners, like several others, have yet to respond to the Town's request to register if they will be renting this summer so we can keep LIF&R apprised.

The FSE business license public hearing will be on Thursday, June the 18th at 5:30 PM. Rippleffect has indicated that they may be requesting to change their license to allow for the sale of food and beverage at their dock.

Brian confirmed the need to re-appoint the Animal Control Officer as well as the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Steve Auffant as Animal Control Officer. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).
- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Ed McAleney to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).
- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Justin Papkee to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Dianne Watts to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Joe Donovan noted the need to review the State requirement that you need to be a Maine resident to serve on the ZBA. Any property owner on the island that is willing to serve should be eligible.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the board on the broadband initiative. The Broadband Exploratory Committee (BBEC) held another follow up Zoom meeting with Consolidated Communications. Another is scheduled for Friday, May the 22nd. There will be a public informational session on Tuesday, June the 2nd. If needed, a second public informational meeting can be held on June the 9th.

Hopefully, the town voters will participate in this meeting so that they will be better informed prior to the vote on the broadband expansion proposal at the annual town meeting on Saturday, June the 13th.

Steve Hart summarized the work of the Planning Board. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Friday, May the 22nd at 4:30 PM. There is a request to further amend the shoreland zoning ordinance to include language on alternative re-vegetation plantings for trees removed to stabilize an eroding shoreline to mitigate on-going erosion. It is the current position of the Planning Board to move forward to the voters the shoreland zoning amendments package that has been reviewed and discussed these past several months and then consider additional amendments in the future.

Chairman Donovan noted that the entire Planning Board has done an excellent job with the shoreland zoning amendment reviews as required by the State.

Marie Harmon inquired about the status of the disposition of the old trash truck and ambulance. Brian noted that there was one offer on the ambulance and none on the trash truck. The board felt that the ambulance offer was too low. Additional bids will be sought.

Marie also noted that the town needs to get the permission of the abutting property owner to the new cemetery to do some tree trimming work.

Steve Hart noted that the LICA board meeting is Saturday, May the 23rd. He also asked if there was a decision yet on if the annual Tiny Murphy award will be given at the modified town meeting. No decision has been made yet.

Joe asked Barabara Johnson about her inquiries on adding the Rapid Renewal program as an option for Long Island. Barbara said that she received no response from the state. She will continue to gather information.

The east side floats on Mariners Wharf are in. There was some damage to Mariners Wharf over the winter because of the deteriorated wave break.

Joe Donovan summarized the Board workshop that was held earlier to discuss holding the annual town meeting and the transition of re-opening Town Hall. The plan is to move forward with the re-scheduled town meeting on Saturday, June the 13th using social distancing, non-contact temperature checks, facemasks, and three separate areas via speakers and microphones at the Community Center.

Check in will be done with two areas splitting the alphabet. Registered voters only will be allowed meaning that no children will be let in. Ballot boxes, when required, will be brought to the voter. Amy has ordered extra masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. No presentations will be given at the town meeting.

Joe asked for public comment from the 15 people participating in the meeting. David Donovan suggested that a broadcast of the meeting, if possible, would be helpful for those who can not attend. It was mentioned that Facebook Live might be an option.

Brian is looking into getting a protective barrier for the Town Hall counter form re-opening. When that happens, only one person a time will be allowed into town hall. Staff will come out and get the next person in line, or in their vehicle.

New vehicle registrations will be by morning appointments only. The staff is looking at the on-line use of Google calendars for people to schedule their

appointment time. Out of state property owners/visitors will not be allowed into town hall until they have completed their 14 day self-quarantine.

It was noted that as the island's summer time population increases, response times for emergency calls will increase. LIF&R is required to totally decontaminate all vehicles and the rescue boat after each call. This is in addition to extra on premise time at the start of an emergency call to gather background information on the nature of the medical emergency.

It was noted that all July the 4th activities such as the road race, the parade and down front activities; recreation summer programs are cancelled. Also, no beach fires will be allowed this year.

The board then discussed further restrictions on fireworks as a result of Covid 19. Fireworks attract crowds and make social distancing difficult.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to not allow any fireworks or issue any fireworks permits for 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Mark Greene asked that if someone is suspected of having Covid 19, are they being transported by Casco Bay Lines or the rescue boat. Sam Whitener responded that it depends on the severity of the situation and the timing of the limited ferry boats. Compromised breathing, for example, will bring in the rescue boat.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is May 28, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator