

**Minutes of Meeting
May 28, 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; Barbara Drymala; Betsey Wright; Caitlyn Byers; Matt Byers; Peter Thornton; 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 21, 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 combining lots. Mark Greene said he would need to know where the driveway would be located: Appletree Lane or Island Avenue.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Southern Maine Managers Zoom Meeting: Discussion focused on re-opening of town halls. Most are opening within the next two weeks at least by appointments. Some concerns with the Governor's Office on lack of guidance.

- 2) Street Lighting LED Conversion: Ralph and I have received new updated information that we are reviewing.
- 3) Plexiglass shields are ordered. They will hang from the ceiling and cover most of the entire front counter.
- 4) Ponces Landing Grant Updates: The Shore & Harbor Planning grant is due in mid-June. The amount of the grant will be \$27,500. I met last Friday with a representative from the Harbor Management Access grant program. We toured Ponce's Landing. That grant is for \$15,000. It is a key grant in that we will now use that to leverage the remaining grants.
- 5) Transfer Station hours: Brian and John Burke, following last week's board meeting, discussed the expenses of continuing the Thursday extra curbside pick up. After reviewing the budget, Brian recommended that the Thursday pick up be stopped and instead re-open the Transfer Station on Sundays. There is a \$1,941 deficit currently and this will grow if the Thursday pick ups continue.
- 6) I received back the executed contract with the cost revisions from GEI Consultants, Inc. for the design and engineering services for the wave break for Mariners Wharf.
- 7) The executed agreement with MDOT for the \$134,000 in SHIP funding towards the Mariners Wharf project has been received. A kickoff Zoom meeting will happen next week.
- 8) Phil Saucier, Esq. has drafted the changes for the Garfield Street consent decree. (Deferred to June 4th meeting).
- 9) Vehicle Registrations. I forwarded the Governor's newest executive order now authorizing the collection of excise taxes on new vehicle registrations and re-registrations. Approval of a motion to require all vehicles be registered starting in June of 2020 would be needed or else the existing executive order stays in effect until 30 days after the end of the state of civil emergency.
- 10) The cost from ASMG for the chip sealing of the roads is \$51,700. (Deferred to June 4th meeting).
- 11) Ed McAleney will be starting the cemetery project. Also, the re-stripping quote for down front is \$1,950. They would like to do it starting in early June.

Brian relayed to Ed the need to touch up a few spots at the school/library as well.

12) Chris McDuffie reached out regarding the hours of operation for the Transfer Station and Town Hall for the upcoming newsletter.

Amy Tierney updated the board on the Code Enforcement Officer activity as well as the Wellness Center and the Town Clerk. There was an inquiry about replacing an existing barn.

A special business license public hearing will be held on Thursday, June the 4th at 5:30 PM during the regular Board of Selectmen meeting on Zoom for a Food Service Establishment (FSE) On-Premise Liquor License for the Long Island Bakehouse on Island Avenue. The other FSE license public hearings are still scheduled for July the 18th.

Amy noted that she had not heard back from Rippleffect on their plans for selling food and alcohol from their dock on Cow Island. They have, however, canceled their summer camp programs.

There was a brief discussion on placing a stop sign at the Beach Avenue and Island Avenue intersection so as to slow down traffic coming down the hill there. All agreed that it would be helpful.

The board discussed the email received from Erica Papkee and Towanda Brown regarding the status of the summer recreation camps. It was agreed to cancel the traditional camps for now and not expose the children and staff to unnecessary risk. Towanda and Erica are working on some possible virtual enrichment programs as a substitute.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet discussed the status of broadband. They are working on a comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) informational sheet. There are plans to have a public briefing on Zoom on Tuesday, June the 2nd and a follow up Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June the 9th with a representative(s) of Consolidated Communications participating. Ralph noted

that the speeds for this new system after installed will be the same uploading and downloading.

Steve Hart summarized the Planning Board meeting of May the 22nd. The board approved the proposed Shoreland Zoning changes. A public hearing will be held on a future date.

Steve Hart noted that at the LICA meeting on Saturday, May the 23rd it was agreed that there will be no July 4th sponsored events, i.e., the parade, the road race or the Mr & Ms. Long Island contests. He noted that the Tiny Murphy award winner has been notified and will be announced at a future date.

The plan to have 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 was discussed.

Joe Donovan mentioned the possible value in moving the elections and the CIP warrant articles to the front of the agenda when more citizens are likely to still be there. Mark Greene noted that this can be done via a public notice seven days before or by a floor amendment at the start of the meeting.

I was reiterated from last week's board meeting that 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. Extra masks, gloves and hand sanitizer will be available, but please bring your own if possible. No presentations will be given at the town meeting.

Joe asked for public comment from the 21 people participating in the meeting. There was extensive discussion on the Governor's mandatory 14 day self-quarantine for out of state visitors as well as seasonal rentals. All agreed that the Governor needs to clarify the requirement.

Despite the many warnings from the town, many are now visiting the island from out of state and are not self-quarantining, social distancing or wearing face masks in public. This puts our elderly and at-risk population in jeopardy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is June 04, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator