

Minutes of Meeting

July 09, 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; Ed Rea; Catlin Byer; Steve Hart; Sam Whitener; and Doug McCown.

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 July 02, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There was a communication regarding testing for private wells. The town does not provide this service, but will look into acquiring some free test kits to distribute when requested.

There was also a communication regarding access to the Community Center after the facility has been cleaned and sanitized due to the upcoming July 14th primary elections.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Received a communication from MDOT on the estimates for the Mariners Wharf wave break project. Looking like we will have to do the new wave break additions in another phase of the project. MDOT suggests the possibility of

reserving the awarded grants until next year and seeking additional funds at that time. The town would have to approve some amount of additional funds for a match. Also, working on the MDOT Independent Estimate Worksheets for design/engineering firm selection as well as updated certifications on the project.

2) Pine Tree Services met with emergency shelter contractor on Wednesday regarding the heat pumps in the School basement.

3) I have sent you e-mails from last year's discussions on the balance carry forward policy. The item is listed on our agenda. Ed Rea will participate.

4) Touring island paved roads with ASMG on Friday morning. Chip sealing now re-scheduled until August.

5) New cemetery landscaping work scheduled for completion by Monday.

6) No decisions yet on two Ponces Landing grant applications.

Amy Tierney updated the board on the Code Enforcement Officer activity as well as the Wellness Center and the Town Clerk. There are some potential DEP reviews for a proposed project due to a tributary stream.

The Clerk has issued 60 absentee ballots for the July 14th election. The Community Center remains closed to the general public until after the election.

The board held a public hearing on the adoption of the revised Maine Municipal Association model general assistance ordinance. There were no comments received.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the Town of Long Island's revised general assistance ordinances based upon the most recent 2019 model ordinance developed by the Maine Municipal Association effective on July 10, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board discussed the balance carryforward policy. It was agreed to use the same approach for the Wellness Center that was used in 2019.

The board discussed updates to the Covid 19 pandemic:

The board discussed the planned lobster boat races in August with Amy Tierney and Lisa Kimball. It would be very difficult to ensure social distancing and enforce face mask requirements.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to cancel the 2020 lobster boat races at Long island. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

All vehicles must be registered or re-registered by July the 11th. Parking enforcement will resume on that date.

There was continued discussion on the preparation and filing of the annual state-required tax commitment forms. Brian summarized his conversation with the Assessor's Agent for the town indicating that the documents are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to sign off on. The data for input for the certifications is contained in the annual Tax Rate Computation chart of the annual town report.

Steve Hart noted that the Planning Board is meeting Monday, July the 13th to review its 2020-2021 work plan.

There was a brief discussion on the status of the broadband project. Brian summarized where the committee is at with Consolidated Communications.

Barbara Johnson noted that vehicle registrations are going well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is July 16, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator