

Minutes of Meeting

August 20, 2020

Board of Selectmen Town of Long Island

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Clerk; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer. Joining via video or telephone conferencing: Wes Wolfertz; Ralph Sweet; Mark Greene; Doug McCown; and Brad Brown.

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 as amended of August 13, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There were communications on the floors at the Community Center; a suggested idea for the re-opening of town hall; and a communication on the cemetery.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) He received a request for an update on the status of the Mariners Wharf wave break project from the Department of Marine Resources. They had previously awarded a \$15,000 grant towards the project. They were informed of our desire to hold off for one more year while we try to accumulate additional funding.
- 2) I forwarded Ralph's comments and questions on the draft contract with Affinity LLC for the street light conversion project in the event that we opt to pursue their proposal.

Brian reached out to four other Maine towns that have used them. Two have responded, Chelsea and Eliot. Both said they are very pleased with Affinity and no additional work or funds have been required since their conversion.

3) I received a request for a fire permit for a camping trip this weekend on Cow Island. I forwarded it to our Fire Chief and Rippleeffect.

4) The Transfer Station Fall Schedule will begin on Tuesday, September the 8th. Thursdays will now be closed as well as Monday and Wednesdays.

5) Joe, John, Amy and I toured the emergency shelter last Friday. Amy and I have forwarded a preliminary punch list to the contractor. I spoke with the electrician on Monday. Most of the items listed were already on his work plan.

6) I have spoken to two plot owners at the New Hill Cemetery. Ralph Sweet and I will be on site Friday morning at 7 AM to meet with one of them to better assess locations and any possible infringements.

Amy updated the board on the clerk/code enforcement/wellness center activities.

The CEO is working with DEP on the Spar Overboard Discharge permit. There is a request for a kitchen renovation and a septic system replacement.

The Wellness Center re-started Monday clinics. Five residents showed up. Covid 19 testing still being developed for the island.

No updates on revisions to the broadband contract. Consolidated Communications still working on draft changes.

There was a brief discussion on re-opening town hall. Marie outlined a possible plan with renewed office hours. It was noted that three of the island's limited EMT volunteers work at town hall and precautions must be maintained to protect all. Brad Brown thought that some limited office hours might be helpful during tax collection time. It was noted that most taxes are paid by mail and that town hall is already open by appointment to its residents.

There was a discussion on the town cemeteries. A new Superintendent of Cemeteries is needed. Brian will check on any state mandates and training requirements as well as develop a formal job description and post. In the interim, all cemetery issues should be referred to town hall. Joe Donovan

mentioned that possibly the church might want to play a role with the cemeteries.

The board held the monthly public safety meeting. Joining in was Sheriff's Deputy Joe Schnupp.

There have been some minor golf cart violations with adults allowing small children in their laps while driving. Otherwise, things are quiet.

The Treasurer discussed a departmental request for the use of PayPal for possible fundraising activities. She will check with the auditors for their input. NBrian suggested that the addition of the credit card payment processing module offered by InforMe might be a safer and better solution.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:05 PM under 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6) (A).
- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the Executive Session at 6:25 PM

The meeting adjourned at 6: 26 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is August 27, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator