

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**October 08, 2020**

### **Board of Selectmen Town of Long Island**

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Clerk; Barbara Johnson, Tax Collector; Mark Greene; Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; and Wes Wolfertz.

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 October 01, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There were communications regarding island leash laws, the number of aquaculture leases, and the resumption of in person meetings for boards and sub-committees.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) CDBG Representative visiting the island on Thursday, October 15th to inspect the status of the Emergency Shelter project.
- 2) Draft investment policy is on our agenda for approval. I forwarded a copy to Gorham Savings Bank for review and any impacts it might have on them.

3) CMP affirmed that they only have the one masthead available for any street light conversion project. They also forwarded some detail on light spillover from the fixtures which I have forwarded to Ralph for his review.

4) Replacement cans for household trash and construction coming Tuesday at 10:30 AM for Transfer Station

5) CDC Halloween guidelines posted.

6) Barbara Powers reached out to us regarding a town policy for use of facilities.

7) Sheriff Joyce sent a letter regarding a group called “First Amendment Auditors” that has been going to various town halls and filming activities and trying to access non-public areas. One openly wears a sidearm. Their purpose apparently is to be disruptive and goad local town officials into an argument or worse.

8) Public Safety meeting, Thursday, October the 15th.

Amy Tierney provided updates on code enforcement. Additional information has been requested for previously filed building permits.

The new floor has been installed at the Emergency Shelter. A punch list is being developed for the outstanding items.

The Covid 19 testing program has started. There are a limited number of tests available only for those residents that are symptomatic or believe they have been exposed to Covid 19.

Absentee ballot requests are now at 90. An outside ballot box will be installed next week.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the status of the broadband contract discussions. CCI has returned the latest draft of the contract. Almost all of the outstanding issues have been resolved. Following clarification on a couple of final issues, Brian will review the contract with town counsel.

Steve Hart briefed the Board on the granting of \$11,000 from the Department of Agriculture to GPCOG to assist us with our comprehensive plan review.

Brian briefed the board on the proposed investment policy for the town. It represents a continuation of incorporating the best practices from other communities. The policy follows Maine state law and details conflicts of interest, prudent investor rules, delegation of authority, collateralization and diversification of investments.

Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee has reviewed the drafts and made edits where appropriate.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the Investment Policy effective on October 08, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

There was continued discussion on the use of town buildings during the pandemic. The board continues to feel that the community needs to be following the Maine CDC guidelines as well as the Governor's executive orders with respect to public gatherings.

Joe Donovan noted the need to get repairs done at Ponce's Landing. The board will also discuss at its next meeting the wave break project on Mariners Wharf.

Grants were discussed by the board. Anyone in the Long Island community that has the time would be welcomed to help the town search out and apply for relevant grants.

The board again reiterated its desire to hold the 2021 annual town meeting on May the 15th depending upon circumstances surrounding the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is October 22, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brian L. Dudley

Town Administrator