

Minutes of Meeting

October 15, 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; Doug McCown; Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; Lou Sesto; Erica Papkee; Antonia Nichols; Will Tierney; 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 08, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There were communications regarding town hall service during the pandemic. Brian responded to the inquiry and the Town Clerk and Tax Collector have followed up as well. There was also an outgoing communication regarding winter parking rules going into effect on November the 1st.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Amy and I met with the CDBG Representative to inspect the Emergency Shelter project. All is acceptable to them. Amy has put together a final punch list for the contractor.

2) Gorham Savings Bank responded to our investment policy sent to them for comment. They are fine with it and note that their network has several FDIC insured banks available to us.

3) I forwarded earlier a draft for a new public safety position.

4) I met with Don MacVane regarding some property issues. I will forward them to Bob Konczal, the Assessor's Agent and Mark Greene.

5) I completed an MMA survey regarding our utilization of remote access meetings allowable under the governor's emergency declaration. There is a growing group of communities that would like to see this option continue after the pandemic.

6) I spoke with the Director of the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) for MDOT. Our 2020 installment will be \$9,244. This will give us a total of \$24,231 in banked roadway funds.

7) I have been in touch with Senator Breen. We will be scheduling a Zoom meeting to discuss the grant requests we had submitted for Mariners Wharf and Ponces Landing.

8) I sent out the Winter Parking Notice to the Town Website, ListServ and the Town Facebook page.

9) We have \$250 budgeted as a contribution to Life Flight. They have sent their annual fundraising request.

Amy Tierney provided updates on code enforcement. No changes since last meeting. Still waiting for more detailed information on some building permits.

A punch list for the emergency shelter project was sent to the contractor. for the outstanding items.

Maine Health has run out of the high dose flu vaccine. They are hoping to get more.

Absentee ballot requests are now at 98. An outside ballot box was installed.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the status of the broadband contract discussions. CCI has clarified some of the remaining issues. Brian will review the final draft contract with town counsel when received.

Steve Hart has sent out the initial Comprehensive Plan communication to the members of the committee. An informational meeting will be held in November via Zoom. Brian will work with Steve on the logistics for their videoconferencing over the expected duration of the committee.

John Norton has resigned from the Finance Committee. Anyone interested in serving on that committee should notify Brian.

(townadmin@longislandmaine.org). The Board thanked John for his years of service on the Finance Committee.

The board held its monthly public safety meeting. Will Tierney noted that there is still a need for new ambulance drivers, EMTs and firefighters. All municipal fire extinguishers were re-charged this month and vehicle maintenance is on schedule.

Joe Donovan noted the vacant Constable position and that the board would be reviewing a draft job description that Brian has submitted for a new public safety position.

There was discussion on the need for an electric pump house at the dry pump hydrant at the pond. This will be considered for a possible CIP project. In addition a street light in that location would be helpful.

There was discussion on community programs during the fall and winter. There was agreement that the soup lunches should be deferred for the time being. However, the Recreation Department is working on some programs such as a trivia night, wreath making and recipe exchange forums. All would be done with caution and social distancing and face masks required.

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