

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, June 13, 2020

36 Voters Present

Town Clerk brought meeting to order at 8:05AM.

Public announcements were heard.

Town Clerk read the Warrant and Return on Warrant.

Article 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Nomination for Mark Greene made by Katharine Stewart

Vote: 10

Town Clerk swore in Moderator

Opening statement by Moderator

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Jim Wilber to allow the public to speak

2nd by Chris Papkee

Vote: U

Curt Murley will serve as Deputy Moderator as needed

Motion made by Joe Donovan to move Articles 2 – 51

2nd by Marie Harmon

Selectmen agreed unanimously - no objections to Selectmen moving/seconding each article

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

VOTE: U-1

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff’s Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

VOTE: U

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2020 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2020 and March 15, 2021 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 8% per year.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of less than \$10,000 dollars or less, under such term and conditions as they deem advisable.

VOTE: U

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds provided that such grants, funds and other revenues do not require expenditure of Town funds not previously appropriated.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2010-2021.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

VOTE: U

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

VOTE: U

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into multiyear contracts with various service providers, for a period not to exceed 3 years.

VOTE: U

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers, Appointees, and Professional Assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:

Selectmen (3)	\$9,900
(Chair)	\$2,030
Parklands / Beaches	\$863
Wharves/ Floats/ Public Buildings	\$3,257
Assessing / Map Updates	\$1,168
Town Clerk	\$18,340
Treasurer	\$20,565
Tax Collector	\$18,340
Office Assistant	\$0
Code Enforcement Officer	\$11,686
CEO Assistant	\$3,060
Animal Control Officer	\$1,500
Harbormaster	\$1,113
Town Meeting Moderator	\$100
Social Services Director	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$13,239
Town Administrator	\$22,319
Health Officer	\$0
Island Fellow	\$0
Annual Audit	\$10,500
Counsel	\$5,000
Tax Assessor	\$2,000
Additional Professional Assistance	\$2,000
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$12,000
LICLOC	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$163,979

VOTE: U

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

Finance Committees Recommends: **\$ 107,643**

VOTE: U

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Wellness Council.

Finance Committees Recommends: **\$ 15,627**

VOTE: U

Articles 16 through 27 Authorize Expenditures in Education Cost Center Categories.

Article 16. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 387,946**

VOTE: U

Article 17. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 45,100**

VOTE: U

Article 18. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 0**

VOTE: U

Article 19. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **OTHER INSTRUCTION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 0**

VOTE: U

Article 20. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 12,000**

VOTE: U

Article 21. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 34,515**

VOTE: U

Article 22. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 22,300**

VOTE: U

Article 23. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend **\$ 27,625**

VOTE: U

Article 24. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend

\$ 42,000

VOTE: U

Article 25. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **DEBT SERVICE**.

School and Finance Committees Recommend

\$ 0

VOTE: U

Article 26. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES**.

School and Finance Committees Recommend

\$ 9,395

VOTE: U

ARTICLES 27 AND 28 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 27. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State recommends **\$249,401.00**) and to see what sum the Town of Long Island will raise as its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$234,952.00.

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars minus General Purpose Aid, which this year is projected to be \$14,449.00

VOTE: U

ARTICLE 28 IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACCURATE RECORDED HAND COUNT

Article 28. Shall the Town of Long Island raise and appropriate **\$178,286.00** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$331,680.00** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School and Finance Committees recommend **\$178,286.00** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$331,680.00**: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a K-12 educational program, such as: (1) Special Education costs (2) transportation and bus costs and (3) staffing required in a small K-5 school.

Explanation: The additional local funds minus anticipated revenues are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from

kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

VOTE: YES – 30, NO -0, Motion carries

ARTICLE 29 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 29. Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$570,500.00** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools?

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$581,081.00.

Explanation: This is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$581,081.00. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money

VOTE: U

Article 30. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles? Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 41,000
Tuition	\$ 110,200
Title Grants (estimated)	\$ 1,245
REAP Federal Grant Funds (estimated)	\$ 18,000
Special Education Entitlement (estimated)	\$ 7,500
School Nutrition Revenues	\$ 1,000
State School Nutrition Reimbursement	\$ 1,000
<u>General Purpose Aid (estimated)</u>	<u>\$ 14,449</u>
Total	\$ 194,394

The School Board and Finance Committee Recommends Adoption.

VOTE: U

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPERATING COSTS.**

The Finance Committee recommends:

\$ 5,000

VOTE: U

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **INSURANCE.**

The Finance Committee recommends:

\$ 35,868

VOTE: U

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC SAFETY.**

The Finance Committee recommends:

Police	\$ 38,810
Fire and EMS	\$123,057
Rescue Boat	\$ 13,745
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$177,612

VOTE:U

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC WORKS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 118,630**

VOTE: U

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOLID WASTE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 113,742**

VOTE: U

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICES.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 1,000**

VOTE: U

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECREATION COMMITTEE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 31,248**

VOTE: U

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY COSTS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 19,899**

VOTE: U

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CEMETERY OPERATIONS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 2,550**

VOTE: U

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 155,473**

VOTE: U

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2019 and ending 30-June-2020, all revenues, grants, fees and undesignated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2020-2021 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:

Revenues, Fees & Grants **\$ 151,265**

Audited 18-19 Surplus **\$ 58,000**

VOTE: U

Article 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that it be used to maintain the mil rate established at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 0**

VOTE: U

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICE REFERRALS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: **\$ 0**

VOTE: U

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Teacher Deferred Compensation Fund.

The School Committee and Finance Committee Recommend: **\$ 1,500**

VOTE: U

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to increase all fees at the Transfer Station by 5%, rounded up to the next dollar, effective July 1, 2020. (Note: the 2020-2021 town budget incorporates these fee changes to offset the increases in operation of the Transfer Station.)

VOTE: U

Article 46. Shall the town vote to a) **approve a project to continue to pave and improve roads (the “Project”)**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$50,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$50,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,313,884
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$114,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$50,000
Total:	\$1,477,884

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of 3.5% for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$50,000
Interest	\$9,200
Total new debt service	\$59,200

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball

Town of Long Island Treasurer

VOTE: U

Article 47. Shall the town vote to a) **approve a project to replace the lighting on Mariner's Wharf (the "Project")**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$24,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$24,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a 'YES' vote.

Financial Statement
Estimated 04/01/2020

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,313,884
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$114,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$24,000
Total:	\$1,451,884

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of 3.5% for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$24,000
Interest	\$4,400
Total new debt service	\$28,400

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball
Town of Long Island Treasurer

VOTE: U

Article 48. Shall the town vote to a) **approve the purchase a new stretcher for EMS services (the “Project”)**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$40,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$40,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

Financial Statement
Estimated 04/01/2020

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,313,884
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$114,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$40,000
Total:	\$1,467,884

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of 3.5% for a 5 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$40,000
Interest	\$3,600
Total new debt service	\$43,600

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball
Town of Long Island Treasurer

VOTE: U

Article 49. Shall the town vote to

- (1) Approve the design, site preparation, engineering, construction, installation and equipping of facilities and equipment of a fiber optic based internet communication system capable of delivering Internet access to residences and businesses in the Town in cooperation with Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services Incorporated (the “Project”) and delegate the authority to the Board of Selectmen to determine all details of said Project and enter into contracts, agreements and documents necessary to undertake the Project and to address post-construction operational rights and responsibilities.
- (2) Appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$550,000** to provide for the costs of the Project; and
- (3) Authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to (a) issue general obligation securities of the Town to fund the appropriation for the Project in an amount not to exceed **\$550,000**, (b) the discretion to fix all details of said securities in providing for the sale thereof, including the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, execution and delivery of said securities?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

Financial Statement
Estimated 04/01/2020

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,313,884
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$114,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$550,000
Total:	\$1,977,884

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of 3.5% for a 30 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$550,000
Interest	\$339,000
Total new debt service	\$889,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball

VOTE: U-1

Article 50. To elect by written ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2020 to 06/30/2023.

John Paul Thornton, Jr. nominated by Leah Doughty

VOTE : 1-0

Article 51. To elect by written ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen (those elected shall also serve as the assessors and overseers of the poor), for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2020 to 06/30/2023.

John Burke nominated by Curt Murley

VOTE: 1-0

Motion made by Jim Wilber to adjourn

2nd by Leah Doughty

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM

A True Copy Attested of the Minutes for the June 13, 2020 Town of Long Island Annual Meeting:

s/
Amy L. Tierney – Town Clerk