

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTAL

ANNUAL REPORTS

Constable Report

The Constable position remained vacant in 2024. Parking enforcement personnel monitor violations in the down front parking area, South and Fowlers Beaches. There continues to be too many vehicles being left long term. People are encouraged to find alternative solutions to leaving their car for extended stays in the town parking area at Mariner's Wharf. There are a limited number of parking spaces.

New signage will be going in on Island Avenue between Garfield and Beach. This is the result of the work undertaken last year by the Parking Committee.

There are no vehicles allowed on the dock except for designated delivery people while the ferry is loading and unloading passengers. Individuals violating this 2024 town meeting approved ordinance change will be subject to parking violations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator

Deer Reduction Report

The Committee would like to thank the property owners for allowing hunting on their private property, hunters who participated in the 2024 season, the Select Board, and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for their ongoing support.

This hunting season was very productive resulting in 61 deer taken consisting of 36 does and 25 bucks. This is the most deer taken on one year since record keeping began eight years ago. Reducing the number of deer is important for several reasons. The state recommends to more than six deer per square mile. This is based on the amount of food available to sustain the deer through the cold winter months. More important, less deer means less chance of contracting Lyme disease and other tick born diseases. Thoughts as to why more deer were taken this past hunting season are as follows: previous winter was mild allowing the deer to survive - less deer (especially does), were taken during the 2023 season.

The Committee consistently reviews discharge permits, hunting dates, MDIFW permits, and sponsorship of hunters. Main goals of the Committee are to reduce the number of deer, ensure the safety of the public, and for hunters to be respectful of private property. Unfortunately, there is an occasional incident that is brought to our attention which the Committee will address. If necessary, it is brought to the Select Board and the State Warden Service. Any and all concerns should be addressed to the Deer Reduction Committee, the Select Board or the State Game Service. Any insufficient or inaccurate information placed on Facebook can be detrimental to the program.

The Committee is always looking for new members to help make decisions for a safe and productive hunting season. Whether you're for or against hunting, a hunter or nonhunter, your input is welcome. Should anyone have any questions or comments, feel free to contact any Deer Reduction Committee member. At present time the Committee consists of: David Singo, Mark Greene, Shirley Connor, Todd Rich, Shawn Rich, Julian LaMontagne, Brad Brown, and Jamie Clark.

Respectfully submitted, David Singo
Deer Reduction Committee Chairman

Fire & Rescue Report

Following last year's fire, many residents have become more vigilant about ensuring their homes are equipped with working smoke detectors. The importance of these devices cannot be overstated, as they are crucial for safety. It is also a state law requirement for any rented houses to have smoke detectors. These detectors need to be appropriately located and must be integrated units, meaning that when one goes off, they all do. This integration is particularly vital in structures where people might be less familiar, such as rental properties.

Currently, the town does not have a process to inspect or restrict the use of properties, but we strongly urge everyone to seek compliance with safety standards. The best approach is to have an electrician hardwire the detectors through the house's electrical system. If this is not possible, there are wireless options available that use WiFi to communicate. Additionally, newer smoke detectors now come with a 10-year battery permanently installed, which eliminates the need to change batteries every season. Once the ten years are up, simply replace the entire unit. Remember, all smoke detectors have a 10-year lifespan and should be replaced after this time to prevent malfunctions. Local contractors can assist with this, or you can reach out to the fire department for help if needed.

In light of the tragedies we witnessed in California last year, there is heightened awareness regarding wildfires. Our town, with its limited personnel and equipment, relies heavily on planning and preparation to mitigate such risks. It is imperative that residents take responsibility for protecting their properties by reducing fuel loads and creating defensible spaces around their homes. This can be achieved by thinning out dead, dry materials that could fuel a fire and pushing vegetation back at least 30 feet from the home. These measures can significantly reduce the risk of direct contact with wildfires. Additional steps include clearing leaves and debris from gutters and around the home. Residents should also have a garden hose and possibly sprinklers ready to wet down their homes if needed, reducing the immediate flammability of their structures.

By taking these actions, we can work together to protect our community and reduce the risk of devastating fires.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Tierney, Fire Chief

General Assist. & Social Services Report

The Town of Long Island administers a General Assistance program for the support of the poor. Pursuant to Title 22 M.R.S.A. Section 4305, the municipal officers adopted an ordinance establishing that program. A copy of the ordinance and relevant statutes are available for public inspection at Town Hall.

The ordinance was updated in 2020 in compliance with state laws and regulations. In 2024, new general assistance maximum allowances were adopted following a required public hearing.

Persons who wish to apply for General Assistance may contact the Town Administrator at townadmin@longislandmaine.org or ask for an application at Town Hall during the following times: Wednesdays from 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM and Thursdays from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM. In an emergency, applicants may contact Cumberland County Emergency Dispatch.

The General Assistance Administrator must issue a written decision regarding eligibility to all applicants within 24 hours of receiving an application.

The Department of Health & Human Services toll free telephone number is 1-800-442-6003.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator

Ground Water Quality Committee Report

During the creation of the 2022 Town of Long Island Comprehensive Plan, community surveys found that protecting the water supply on Long Island was a top concern among residents. As the stresses to the island's sole source aquifer build, the Groundwater Quality Committee continues to move the 2024-2025 Groundwater Sustainability Study towards completion so that the town can make informed decisions to protect the water supply.

Last year, the community came together to support this project, with volunteers collecting water samples from roughly 40% of the island's wells. Select sampling efforts will continue into 2025. The Groundwater Quality Committee is currently focused on consolidating and analyzing the data gathered during its 2024 and 2025 sampling efforts, the 1968 Gerber Report, and other data sources spread across numerous Maine state agencies.

With a consolidated dataset, Long Island will have a comprehensive database that can be used to track water quality changes over time and enable long-term monitoring efforts. Over the study's final year, the committee will map and describe Long Island's water supply, develop next steps to protect the island's aquifers, and organize community discussions to determine how the town should move forward with long-term water sustainability in mind.

This work is funded by a grant from the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) program overseen by the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. CRP provides funding for projects in communities like ours that are looking to become more resilient in the face of growing environmental challenges. Community members can expect continued updates on the Groundwater Quality Committee's progress as the study continues towards completion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Wilcenski, Island Resilience Fellow, GPCOG AmeriCorps

Harbormaster

The town had no Harbormaster during the boating and mooring season in 2024. Activities of the Harbormaster include: assistance at the annual lobster boat races, the Casco Bay Swim Run event, mooring registrations and oversight of the Maine Department of Marine Resources issuance of aquaculture licenses within town waters.

At the end of the calendar year a new Harbormaster was appointed and has recently completed the state-required training and certification programs.

A new online mooring registration system is being reviewed for possible use for Long Island's waters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator

Information Technology Advisory Board

Our work in fiscal year 2024-25 better positioned the town to manage information technology challenges. This includes updating our IT infrastructure and practices to take advantage of new products, services and partnerships.

By IT, we mean hardware (laptops, printers, other devices), wireless and networking, software and applications (including email, website and mapping software) and data storage.

Over the last year, our work has included:

- Installing line-of-sight radio link to extend public WiFi network from Town Hall to the Community Center.
- Installing security cameras to better serve the community.
- Working with island groups on various GIS mapping projects.
- Attending seminars on the state and federal government's efforts to get all communities to use .gov domains. IT experts view this as an important security measure. While no decisions have been made about the town switching domains, we continue to compile a useful background on this topic.
- Receiving basic training in how to handle ransomware attacks. Because of IT Administrator Curt Murley's foresight on this issue, we believe the town is well positioned should the town ever be hacked.
- Working with the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) on Americans with Disabilities Act(ADA) web accessibility requirements that go into effect in April 2027. We also serve on a GPCOG team to select a consultant who will help us meet the ADA requirements.
- Meeting with town hall staff to discuss technology. Based on their need for new laptops, we consulted The Maine Municipal Association for laptop specifications to help them more efficiently and effectively do their jobs. We learned that because of the rapidly changing government IT environment, the town should expect to replace employees' laptops every three to five years.
- Working with GPCOG and local communities on emerging electronic issues. We are determining which electronic platforms best serve town government and our community of full time, seasonal and occasional residents and visitors. Another issue we are working on is how to deal with cybercrimes.

Work on initiatives like the .gov domain, ransomware, and ADA compliance, and internet presence is in line with recommendations from the town's Comprehensive Plan that was unanimously passed by voters at the 2022 town meeting. By monitoring technological needs and emerging issues, we will be better able to provide a technologically secure working environment, protect our data and our domain, digitize town records, create

databases, develop better mapping tools, automate processes, enable on-line payments, increase accessibility to information by rethinking town websites and go digital with outbound communications.

Another reason to look at our IT services is that Curt has begun to turn over some of his responsibilities to others. Over the last year, we have made substantial progress in documenting for the first time the breadth and depth of his work. In all, we have identified 21 IT services he provides. As he continues to provide detailed how-to information, we are developing recommendations around each responsibility for the town. The recommendations will take into account skills needed, hardware, software and costs, among other topics.

In our February 26, 2025 status report to the town we offered five findings - high-level information the town should consider to affect this transition:

1. No one individual will be able to replace Curt Murley Although Curt's title is IT Administrator, our examination of IT-related job titles at Maine Municipal Association and elsewhere, show that his responsibilities extend far beyond that of an IT Administrator. As he hands off his duties, the town will need to seek out variously skilled individuals and be prepared to pay accordingly.
2. The more important responsibilities most closely resemble that of an IT director. The bigger-picture work Curt does appears to be akin to what Gorham, Maine describes as IT director. That job description, however, does not include taking care of a web page, an email service, or performing tasks like staff up an annual town meeting, the way Curt does or has. That's done by subordinates or contractors. Pay for the Gorham job starts at \$88,400, excluding benefits and what the town says is a competitive retirement package.
3. The town should start identifying individuals and IT support services. Working with MMA, Island Institute, GPCOG, and the Maine Island Coalition, we are developing a list of individuals and services that could meet at least some of our needs.
4. Many IT contractors offer a range of services, but will likely be unable to address our onsite remote location needs. This is why we are seeking information from the Island Institute and the Maine Island Coalition.
5. The town may need a contingency fund to pay for some services.

We expect to continue to work with Curt until a permanent solution is put in place. We report monthly to Town Administrator Brian Dudley.

Communications and Outreach

To meet the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for greater transparency and improved communications, in January 2023, the town launched a new effort to communicate with the community more clearly, frequently, and from multiple platforms. This effort expanded in 2024 to include the all-inclusive "The Week Ahead" listings sent out Sunday evenings to subscribers.

LIMETOWN news now generates multiple emails each week to inform subscribers about town government-sponsored activities. The town's web site <https://townoflongisland.us> has been tweaked for ease of access to the community calendar's newly expanded listings. New pages are being added to the town's web site to address emerging information needs such as health care. These efforts have paid off. Usage data from our website shows a 7% increase in the number of visits to our site from 2023 to 2024 and a 15% increase in unique visitors.

Information Assets

We continue our efforts to consolidate data including assessing, mapping, and meeting recordings - to cloud storage for increased security and ease of access. Local storage continues for some town data.

Robin Goodell
Elizabeth Marchak
Curt Murley

Local Health Officer Report

Not submitted, vacant

Long Island Community Land Operating Company, LLC

The following information is provided to the Select Board and Town of Long Island to brief you about the Long Island Community Land Operating Company, LLC (popularly known as “LICLOC”) activities this past year and of planned actions for 2025. Some information is provided as a refresher regarding the establishment and role of LICLOC, the Town, and the Long Island Civic Association (LICA).

LICLOC, a limited liability company organized under Maine law in 2005, adopted its Operating Agreement in December, 2006. Its permitted activities and purposes are to own and manage real estate and fixtures located in the Town of Long Island for the benefit of its Member(s) and the Citizens of the Town of Long Island. Its “sole Member” is the Town of Long Island. It is required to operate exclusively for tax exempt purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

LICLOC is managed by an independent five-member Board of Managers. The Board of Selectmen has the right to appoint two of the Managers. The other three are elected by the Citizens of the Town (registered voters). The current Board of Managers and the offices they hold are as follows:

Leah Doughty, President (elected)

Lisa Kimball, Treasurer (elected)

Joel P. Greene, Secretary (elected)

Michael Johnson (appointed)

John Lortie (appointed)

The Board of Managers serve without compensation and meet on a schedule as necessary to conduct their business, usually every couple of months (or more often if issues require immediate attention). Their meetings, which are open to the public, are posted in the Town at least seven days in advance.

LICLOC owns 116.05 acres of land formerly owned by Northland Residential, LLC. The property was deeded to LICLOC in December, 2006. The land is the portion of the former US Navy fuel annex (popularly known as “the Area”) remaining after its subdivision by Northland Residential LLC (Northland) and the transfer of residential and commercial lots.

The property includes that portion of the former Naval Fuel Tank Farm with underground fuel tanks, which have been cleaned and closed and will remain in place, in accordance with Maine DEP standards, with open meadows and fields immediately above and surrounding those underground tanks. The remainder of the property remains in a relatively undisturbed natural wooded state, aside from the existing dirt and gravel trails and old roads or streets running through and across the property and the invasive species that are over-taking certain areas.

Except for a 4.15 acre “Unrestricted Parcel” the land is subject to restrictions on its use and activities thereon as described in a Deed of Conservation Easement dated December 27, 1995, in favor of the Long Island Civic Association (as the “Holder”) and the State of Maine by and through its

Department of Environmental Protection (as the “Third Party”). This conservation easement was recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds on February 26, 1996, in Book 12366, Page 193.

We refer to both this document and its contents as the “Conservation Restrictions.”

The purpose of the Conservation Restrictions is to assure that the protected portion of the property will be retained forever in its natural undeveloped condition and to prevent any use of the protected property that will significantly impair or interfere with the conservation and recreational values thereof. In general, those uses consist of recreational, fire protection, and conservation purposes only.

As the owner, LICLOC is responsible for all decisions regarding use of this community land, subject to the Conservation Restrictions. LICA, as the easement holder, has the right to inspect the land to make sure that the Conservation Restrictions are being met and to enforce them as appropriate. Therefore, any requests for permission to conduct activities in the community land other than those such as skiing, walking or bicycling should be addressed to LICLOC as the owner.

LICLOC 2024 Activities

The primary responsibilities of LICLOC are to oversee the maintenance and repair of the former tank farm infrastructure located on our Property and to engage in the activities of owning, operating, and managing the Property (all subject to the Conservation Easement). Below we report on 2024 LICLOC maintenance activities.

Maintenance and Repair of the Former Tank Farm

- ☐ Mowing - In 2024, as in past years, we had the fields and meadows nearest Island Avenue mowed to maintain them as required in the Conservation Easement. We also mowed portions of the interior fields where invasive knotweed and bittersweet was growing adjacent to Ross Road.
- ☐ Oil Water Separators (OWS) – LICLOC Property contains the former fuel tanks and associated piping systems and also an active tank drainage system. The drainage system contains Oil Water Separators that can collect residual oil before it exits into the ocean (OWS 1 and 2) or streams/drainage-ways that flow into the marsh (OWS 3, 4 and 5). Each OWS contains a small set of baffles and provides a mechanism to trap potential oil that emerges from the former tanks or fuel lines connecting the tanks. OWS 3, 4, and 5 were inspected in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. OWS 1 and 2 were not internally inspected because the covers could not be lifted. All OWS were externally inspected in 2024, and as in past years, the OWS appear to be functioning as planned for the most part.

Owning, Operating, and Managing our Property

- ☐ Boundary Survey – Boundaries were inspected throughout the year while traversing through the property and no encroachment was identified.
- ☐ Motor Vehicle Use – Signs of cars, trucks and ATVs were observed during the year, and anecdotally usage seems to be increasing. Ross Road, the main thoroughfare, is not blocked off in order to allow emergency vehicle access, so motor vehicle use is controlled through signage.

Invasive Species Management

Mowing was used to control invasive plants in 2024 as it has been in the past. This is effective at knocking back bittersweet and knotweed, the two primary species of concern. However, mowing should be repeated every year because it does not kill these plants. Total mowing costs for the past five fiscal years and current expenditures for the current year are as follows:

Fiscal Year 19: \$4,880

Fiscal Year 20: \$4,960

Fiscal Year 21: \$4,700

Fiscal Year 22: \$6,500

Fiscal Year 23: \$2,700

Fiscal Year 24: \$4,970

Fiscal Year 25: \$3,000 (through February 2025)

Trail Maintenance

- ☐ Hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing trails throughout the property are maintained by members of LICLOC. We are very appreciative of the volunteer efforts to keep these trails free of woody debris and occasionally mowed so that people can access the property.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lortie

Long Island Community Library

The mission of the Long Island Community Library is to provide the services and resources to meet the educational, cultural, leisure and health outreach program needs of the island community. Our Board of Directors, Library Directors, and committed volunteers actively demonstrated their commitment to this mission throughout 2024.

The Collection: Approximately 300 items in the form of new fiction, nonfiction, puzzles, biography and reference materials were added.

Circulation: Patrons borrowed and returned 1788 items from the collection in the 2024 calendar year.

Technology: The library provided computer workstations, printer/scanner/fax services, and access to high-speed internet for patrons and visitors. The Wifi umbrella was regularly used to provide internet access to users outside of the building, both during regular hours and when the library was closed. The library was a hub for remote work during island power outages. The conference room with its Smart TV was frequently used for public and private meetings requiring video conferencing.

Dodwell Gallery: The gallery hosted the generously donated items for the Art and Soul fundraising auction as well as a variety of creative arts throughout the year.

Long Island Community Library Activities: The library hosted multiple programs for our patrons, visitors, and the community.

- Tech help is available on Tuesday evenings
- Glass cabinet with changing displays
- Guest authors for children and adults
- Middle school book group discussions
- Friday morning summer children's hour followed by related creative activities
- Quarterly Pizza and Puzzles – a friendly competition and crowd pleaser
- Holiday Market hosted island vendors and shoppers
- Poetry writing workshop - Year-round monthly book group
- Weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Sunday mornings
- Year-round weekly knitting group on Thursdays
- “Love Letters to Long Island”, a community reading of creative expressions of love for Long Island

The Board of Directors workshopped, drafted, and finalized updates to the bylaws. Karen Boss was unanimously approved as Treasurer. The board is eternally grateful to outgoing Treasurer, Nancy Jordan, who expertly navigated the challenges of properly funding, spending and managing the finances of an organization that relies almost exclusively on donations and volunteerism. Nancy will retain a board seat. The Friends of Long Island Community Library held a successful biennial Art and Soul fundraising extravaganza on July 20 th

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Goodell & Katie Norton

Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

In August 2022, the Select Board voted to commission the new Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee with the following purpose: “To represent the community’s interests in advocating for and facilitating the implementation of the 2022 Town of Long Island Comprehensive Plan.”

The committee focuses on the top priorities determined by extensive community engagement efforts during the comprehensive plan process. These include sustaining groundwater, natural resource preservation, climate and infrastructure resilience, working waterfront, town management, and wellness/recreation. With the intense storms and damage in early 2024 there was a strong focus on projects aimed at building resilience.

Some examples of community activity in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan goals from the past year include the following:

- The Year-Round Housing Committee - secured grants, completed site work, evaluated several build and buy opportunities to secure year-round housing
- The Groundwater Sustainability grant enabled us to collect data and water samples from over 160 households and public buildings setting the stage for data compilation and analysis this year leading to recommended strategies to sustain our groundwater for years to come.
- Forward movement on waterfront infrastructure with progress on renovations to Mariner’s Wharf and Ponce Landing.
- Resilience building efforts continued with partnerships playing a key role with organizations such as the Island Institute, Community Resilience Partnership, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Greater Portland Council of Governments, Maine Geological Survey, and the Great Diamond Island Partnership. Collaboration with these groups included an educational program series in 2024 open to the public that included the Calling Your Bluff: Coastal Erosion on Casco Bay Islands Webinar in April, the Calling Your Bluff Symposium in July and the Invasives Species Workshop in August. In the fall, 5 locations on the Island were designated as Climate Ready Casco Bay Vulnerable Sites by the Greater Portland Council of Governments and the Gulf of Maine Research Center. Monitoring posts were installed on Fowlers Beach, South Beach, Front Beach, Mariner’s Wharf and Cleaves Landing to encourage citizens to upload images taken during extreme weather events.
- LICA responded to the erosion on Fowlers Beach by organizing several work parties to clean up debris, line the access paths with storm fencing and install exclusion fencing to allow the dune to rebuild. A grant from the Casco Bay Island Alliance is being used to take aerial images of Fowlers Beach over time to document changes in the dunes. Exploratory efforts to identify potential living shoreline solutions are underway and funding sources are being investigated.
- IT Advisory board continued work and research. Focus on improved communication between town and residents with email service, enhancements to the town website, and working on recommendations for the future. This board has a separate report.
- Succession planning for key positions where volunteers are rotating off years of service. This planning effort involves re-thinking job descriptions and work responsibilities.
- Wellness and recreation - exploration underway to relocate pickleball courts and improve utilization of LICLOC conservation area for recreational purposes.
- Increased capacity for project implementation with Americorps/GPCOG Resilience Fellow Emma Morgan serving a nine-month term from January- September 2024 and Resilience Fellow Bryan Wilcenski who is on board for 2025.

We are optimistic about the progress we have made as a community to address the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and move towards the vision for the future.

Despite the progress, there are gaps. We are still facing a critical shortage of year round housing which could attract young families and trades people. We are still lacking capacity to fill important roles in the town including critical positions on fire and rescue.

Town boards and committees like the Finance Committee, Select Board, and others continue to operate using guidelines and recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan. The Implementation Committee is working to help move these goals along. If you want to join us in this effort, please reach out to anyone on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Oldfield-Spearman

Maine Islands Coalition Report

2024 Annual Report

The Maine Islands Coalition (MIC) had a busy year, returning to in-person gatherings, as well as several zoom meetings. Co-chairs Ellen Mahoney and Kendra Chubbuck worked most of the year with support from Alex Zipparo who has since left for a position with the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission.

Our meetings were well attended in 2024, with state legislators, representatives from each member of the Congressional delegation (Senator Collins, Senator King, Congressman Golden, and Congresswoman Pingree), and other public officials present throughout the year. We found a mix of longer in-person meetings and shorter zoom meetings worked well for island MIC members. Aside from the topics on the agenda, we frequently discussed issues around municipal leadership capacity, transportation, housing, sea level rise, the marine economy, economic development, and emergency services.

- January 23, 2024. The meeting was held in Augusta with a tour of the building and a welcome from the state legislature. This was an in person meeting with over 40 people in attendance. Topics discussed were storm impact on islands, affordable housing, solid waste, water quality, MIC membership dues, updates and policies with legislators and state officials.
- March 21, 2024. Remote, hosted on Zoom. Topic: Working Waterfronts. There were 31 individuals in attendance. Speakers were Steve Train, fisherman and aqua culturist from Long Island; Emma Fernald, multi-generational fishing family member, stern woman, scallop farmer, and soon to be licensed fisherwoman from Islesford; and Roxanne Tolman, multi-generational fishing family member and manager of Vinalhaven Co-Op. A highly informative meeting.
- May 3, 2024. Remote, hosted on Zoom. Topic: Municipal leader engagement and capacity building, with a special focus on cyber security and digital resources. Speakers were Heather Moran, Head of Archives Services, Maine State Archives; Chris Johnson, Deputy Secretary of State for Informa on Services; Adam Fisher, Director of Collections Development, and Digital Initiatives for the Maine State Library; and Daisy Mueller, Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security. This was an informative meeting with interesting information. You can read the minutes and Maine Islands Coalition.com. Recording of this meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVCOPvUytHE>
- September 20, 2024. In-Person in Rockland at Midcoast School of Technology. Topic: Policy and Legislative Strategy. We also discussed storm impact, infrastructure damage, and funding challenges, capacity challenges. Also discussed were short-term versus long-term dilemmas, along with technical assistance and program management needs. Issues with permitting and regulation delays on some islands were identified. Island communities face outdated energy infrastructure, excessive costs, and limited capacity for sustainable solutions. Problems with solar projects and political barriers and strained relationships. Most islands have training and workforce pressures along with lack of housing. This prevents growth of the population and training of a successor, forcing islands to rely on off-island coverage. Transportation has had service disruptions which cause economic and operational impact and

EMS and emergency transport challenges with ferries. There was also a discussion around housing regarding affordability, access, cost of construction, management of properties, lack of capacity to develop housing projects and there is a huge need for funding/grant support for housing.

As we head into 2025, we are excited to bring new energy to the group of resolute individuals who represent Maine's 15 unbridged, year-round islands. Plans are being made for meeting with our constituents in different areas close to the islands in Downeast and Midcoast and Southern Maine. We are also in the process of scheduling two zoom meetings as well as co-chairs we continue a sincere attempt to visit each island community to understand the uniqueness of each island more fully while forming collaborative relationships to address the critical issues we face together.

A reminder that all islanders are welcome to our meetings. You can find the extensive minutes of all MIC meetings on the Town of Long Island website under 'community groups' here

https://townoflongisland.us/wp/?page_id=949 or available on the MIC website at:

<http://www.islandinstitute.org/program/community-development/mic>

If you have any questions, concerns, or topics you want us to address please reach out to your Island Representatives – Janice Avignon (Rep) or Mark Greene (Alternate).

We have been honored to serve as co-chairs for the Maine Islands Coalition.

Sincerely, Ellen Mahoney, Peaks Island & Kendra Chubbuck, Isle au Haut

Mapping/Assessing/Revaluation Report

With the revaluation project behind us, it is interesting to compare recent sales with the newest valuations. There are never a lot of sales for comps, but those that have happened or are happening are far above the town valuation.

After a decade or more waiting for the revised FEMA floodplain maps to be ready for Town Meeting approval, it finally happened this past year. As extreme as some of the (now decade old) flood zones seemed to appear, last years catastrophic storms showed they are real. The Town's affirmative vote to adopt these maps allows for continued participation for residents in the Federal Flood Insurance program.

The most current version of the Town's Parcel Maps and Tax Maps can be viewed on the Town's Website (townoflongisland.us). Once there, go to "Town Government and Services" and then "Maps (GIS) and Assessing" and then open the data or map files that are appropriate for your use. Curt has been updating the maps and several are still under review, but most are available. Paper copies are also at Town Hall for view. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or need for assistance. The easiest way to contact me for these topics is through the Town Clerk or maps.assessing@longislandmaine.org

Thank you to Curt Murley for his endless professional "tech" assistance in these and other projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Greene

Planning Board Report

The planning board members are Co-chairs Steve Train and Justin Papkee, Secretary Morghan Beaudoin, Paul Thornton, Michael Lingley, Doug McCown, and Peter Thornton. The planning board holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 1730 on zoom. The zoom link can be found on the calendar on the towns website. The public is always welcome to attend.

2025 Population Count AND Numbers of Households

February 12, 2025 edition.

This is the eighth “unofficial” count of folks residing on Long Island in the winter. The population counts done by Lorinda Valls and myself (Mark Greene) were recorded in the “Owners By Street Name” section of the Long Island Fire and Rescue 911 Address Assistance Manual, August 1, 2024 edition. Counting households from this data was a straightforward exercise. Margin of error remains +/-5 for population.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Households</u>
Feb. 12, 2025	210	107
Feb. 3, 2024	212	105
Feb. 7, 2023	218	102
Feb. 3, 2022	219	103
Feb. 1, 2021	239	106
Feb. 11, 2020	216	97
Feb. 15, 2019	208	95
Feb. 3, 2018	192	90

Parameters used for original 2018 census and all since:

You were counted if you were physically living here on the date of the census. This included citizens who may have been away for 30 days or less (vacation, work, etc.) or a minor school or college student living off island.

The data recorded in the 911 Address Manual lends itself to further analysis if interested or needed. A breakdown of household “sizes” is an example and there may be others.

Submitted to Select Board,
Mark Greene

Public Safety Report

The Town continued its ten (10) week contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office from July through Labor Day in 2024. The Town also relies on our citizens to monitor and report traffic offenses and potential criminal activity. Whether these are traffic, parking, fireworks or any other safety issue, we must work together.

The town’s house on Beach Avenue can accommodate housing for the assigned Deputy Sheriffs as well as overnight stays for off-island EMT’s if we run into staffing shortages. We continue to encourage more volunteers to serve in our fire and rescue department. There is currently a small number of volunteers working as medical first responders and ambulance and rescue boat drivers.

Island Speed Limit - the posted speed on the Island is 20 MPH except for a few posted areas of 15 MPH. That is the limit; it does not mean there aren’t places where even that is too fast! Use your head and encourage visitors to use theirs.

The Town has limits on when and where fireworks displays can occur. Permits are required in advance.

Pay attention to what is going on around you and if something does not appear safe, contact the Town or dial 911. You can prevent a bad situation from occurring. One of the best qualities of this small island is that residents look out for one another; it’s what makes this such a special place to live.

Please make sure your house has a clear number on it and your renters and guests are aware of what it is. Emergency personnel can respond much sooner if Dispatch can send them to the exact address. Let your visitors and guests know that 911 works here just fine, but with cell phones it is important to have an address.

Respectfully Submitted
 Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator

Long Island Sheriff's Office Calls - 2024:

911 Hangup	8	Information Report	5
911 Misdialed	1	Juvenile Problem	1
Accident w/ Property Damage	2	Lost Property	2
Alarm	1	Mental Health Event	1
Agency Assistance	3	Missing /Lost Person	1
Animal Problem	2	Parking Problem	1
Citizen Assist	5	Property Check	168
Controlled Substance Problem	1	Speed Complaint	1
Community Policing	19	Suicide/ Attempted Suicide	1
Criminal Mischief	2	Town Business	1
Death Unattended /Attended	2	Traffic Detail	22
Debris in Road	1	Traffic Hazard	1
Evidence Technician Workorder	1	Traffic Violation	12
Equipment Problem	1	Welfare Check	2
Fraud	2		
		Total Incidents	270

Long Island Fire/EMS Calls - 2024

Alarms	1	Assist law	2
Medical Emergency	39	Service Call	2
		Total Incidents	44

Recreation Department Report

Summer 2024 was lovely, led by Hazel Johnson, Tea Morini, and Sofie Greene in the Pottery Studio, Jake Thornton on the sports field, and Julie Geistert in the STEM lab! Ashley Whitehouse was a fantastic asset to us in the administration of paperwork and collection of fees. We have responded to the changing needs and demographics of the community, as well fewer staff availabilities by simplifying our programming, but were still able to create a vibrant and fun-filled summer. We culminated the summer with Wharf Street with vendors filling the Community Center with our best variety of crafts yet: baskets, pottery, clothing, jewelry, art work, shells, and more. We even had a Tarot Reader! Throughout the year, we gathered for potlucks, a wreath workshop, and after school activities. I'd like to thank the Town and all its residents and visitors who have participated in our events and programming over the years as I will not be returning as Rec Director. I've loved planning and organizing community events and finding ways to bring folks together. I'm still planning to host Wharf Street Festival on August 9th, please email me at knorton0412@gmail.com if you'd like to be a vendor.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Norton

Road Commissioners Report

The town is responsible for maintaining the roads on the island and keeping them in a safe condition. During the winter season, the town contracts out the snow plowing and salt/sanding services. The past winter snow and ice control expenses exceeded the planned budget due to the frequency of storms in January and February.

The town also contracts out the summertime road service work to clear drainage trenches, repair potholes and apply calcium chloride treatments to our gravel roads. The town does street sweeping, parking lot striping, ditch and culvert maintenance, roadside and shoulder maintenance, and brush clearing.

In 2024, several culverts were repaired and cleaned out. There are more that need additional work. The town is seeking a general paving contractor to overlay pavement on island roads.

Several areas were also damaged during the January of 2024 storms. The town continues to work with FEMA on long term repair of these roadways.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Dudley, Town Administrator

Solid Waste Report

Activity at the Transfer Station increased again in 2024. The major expense categories are Municipal Solid Waste; Construction Debris & Oversized Bulky Waste; Recycled Metal; Corrugated Cardboard; and Zero Sort Recycling.

The expense of collecting and removing these materials from the island increased significantly. This includes the transport trucks and barging as well as the disposal fees.

The Town sponsors special services and pickups to remove freon from refrigerators and air conditioners; household hazardous waste and electronic waste items. The cost for these special collections continues to increase each year along with the barging fees for transporting the vehicles to and from the island.

The Town continued to offer Zero-Sort Recycling. However, the cost for recycling is at an all time high. The board continues to monitor the expense of continuing to offer a recycling alternative.

Improvements are planned at the Transfer Station. The town will add an exit from the Transfer Station as well as pouring concrete pads for the canisters as soon as an amended operating permit is approved by the Maine DEP.

The Town continues to review the best way of handling returnable bottles and cans.

Finally, an annual reminder to please not overfill your trash bags and remember to place them in a container, preferably metal, with a lid to help keep animals and birds from stewing the trash all over our roadways.

Recycle Items:

Below are listed items that may be recycled.

Zero-Sort: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone/soft cover books, direct mail/envelops, mixed paper, milk/juice containers, glass bottles/jars, aluminum (pie plates/trays/foils), plastic (including bottles and containers #1-7).

Cardboard Recycle Items:

Clean cardboard, paperboard (i.e., cereal-like boxes), brown paper shopping bags, etc.

Non-Recycle:

Plastic bags (including grocery bags), Styrofoam, window glass, mirrors, hard plastics, light bulbs, plastic or foam packaging materials, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Dudley, Town Administrator

Superintendent of Schools Report

Our dedicated school staff and school committee have continued to support learner growth, forge connections with the community, and bring the passion of place-based education alive. It has been my pleasure to work with this very intelligent, multitalented, capable team. We are very grateful for our partnerships with the Wellness Center, Library and Recreation Department to enrich island life. Our wellness coach provided parent support for how to talk to children about risk factors like drugs and alcohol, and has created penpal relationships between students and island seniors. The craft day projects supported by community members provide wonderful creative inspiration for all. The ingenuity was taken even further through wood working projects under the expert guidance of Mike and Amber. Community participation in the Holiday House Decorating Contest and Holiday Program brings such joy with the help of our Parent's Club, who provide much more throughout the year. Our connection with other island communities through the Island Institute and Cliff Island's hosting of the annual inter-island event helped our students to maintain connections with other island children and share learning resources. Learning together as a community, from a variety of adults, is an important part of preparation for the middle school transition.

Our students did a fantastic job teaching visitors about a variety of topics from music to haiku during Back to School Night in September. They also enjoy sharing a snack and reading with seniors at regular intervals. Students and staff hiked Mt. Agamenticus while reading A Native American Year of Moons, to kick off the Wabinaki studies. Our students are also working on a combination art and literacy project about East Asian culture with a visiting artist. Manners and social norms have been demonstrated proudly while enjoying music and theater at Merrill Auditorium. Science studies were enhanced by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Our young citizens wrote thank you cards to Veterans, created a picture wall of Veterans in their lives, learned about the election process, and shared what they would strive to change if they were President of the United States. On a more detailed skill level, our small student-teacher ratio is very effective for ensuring each of our students make projected growth targets on the State's required testing.

On the fiscal front, we held several school budget work sessions with public comment periods including a separate school budget hearing. Voices were heard, and questions answered. In the end our parents support our budget with two full-time educators who will work together: to ensure our students are prepared to work with several different teachers daily in middle school; to make as many skills for each child innate as possible to

prevent future silent struggle in large classes organized by Maine learning results (Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science, Career, Engineering and Technology, World Language, Art, Music, PE, Health, and Guiding Principles); to ensure specialized instructional supports and supports to help with focus are integrated in the regular ed setting even if a very wide age range of students are enrolled; to provide transportation and school lunches; to ensure medical and physical safety; and to ensure facilities issues including security are addressed quickly. Overall, the highlights of changes in school budget expenditures for 25-26 include elimination of one full-time administrative support position and elimination of humanities stipends for Foreign Language, Art, Music, PE instructors that will now be included as part of the regular teacher Superintendent of Schools Report responsibilities, and the two educators will take on all other non-academic duties involved from student pick up to drop off. In additions, adjustments were made related to — a new more competitive Teacher Contract 2025-2028; increased special education costs as required by law; forecasted 2.5% COLA and CPI inflation rates; projected savings from heat pump and hot water upgrades completed this year, anticipation of potential new preK to early primary students and returning students in grades 3-5; a reduction in both tuition from GDI and tuition out for MS/HS; moving some existing costs to the correct school budget cost centers. Together these factors resulted in an overall 6.6% DECREASE in the school budget.

Our island children, no matter the number, deserve our commitment to maximizing each one's learning potential. We hope that you will find it in your heart to support the school budget to that end.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Arnold, Superintendent of Schools

Wellness Council Report

Established in 2016, the Long Island Wellness Council's mission is to enhance the quality of life on the Island for all residents. We are dedicated to:

- Helping residents remain in their homes and postpone institutional care as long as possible.
- Supporting caregivers on Long Island.
- Advocating for essential services, medical care, and safe housing.
- Reducing isolation and promoting opportunities for social connection.
- Encouraging civic and social inclusion.
- Developing accessible medical services on the Island.

Board and Leadership

The Council continues its work thanks to a dedicated nine-member board. We extend sincere thanks to:

- Rennie Donovan
- Paula Johnson
- Mark Greene
- Dick Emerson
- Jim Wilbur
- Judy Churchard
- Jeanne LaBelle
- Amy Tierney

We also acknowledge **Beth Marchak**, who recently stepped down after years of devoted service—thank you, Beth!

We are pleased to welcome **Tommy Marr** to the Council. A founding member of Changing Tides, Tommy brings valuable nonprofit experience and island insight to the board.

Health & Wellness Services

- **Physical Therapy:** Elizabeth Doughty (Chebeague) visits weekly on Mondays. Appointments require a physician's referral sent to covesidephysicaltherapyllc@gmail.com or faxed to **207-846-1696**.
- **Home Care Support:** In partnership with **Island Commons' Chebeague Cares**, we support caregiver services and independent living. Contact Amy for more information.
- **Primary Care:** Peggy Akers, NP (Northern Light), offers clinical care at the Wellness Center, located in the Library basement on the **first and third Wednesdays**, 9:00–11:00 AM, and conducts home visits

after. Services include lab work (with advance notice), wound care, blood pressure checks, medication reviews, and general medical advice.

- **USM Nursing Students:** visit twice a year to do health screenings including cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure. This is a great experience for the students as well as the community.
- **Dr. Ross Wadland** of Martin's Point is a Primary Care doctor specializing in geriatric medicine. He visits the island twice a year and uses the Wellness Center as well as does home visits.

Community Support & Engagement

- **Home Modifications Grant:** Funds remain from a **\$10,000 grant** for home safety upgrades such as ramps and grab bars. The majority of this is unspent. Residents in need are encouraged to apply.
- **Winter Soup Lunches & Speakers:** Throughout the winter, we hosted successful community lunches featuring guest speakers from the eldercare legal field, Cumberland County Emergency Management, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging.

Events & Highlights

- **Yoga:** Tuesday and Thursday mornings two sessions of seated yoga are held at the community center. This has become wildly popular over the winter.
- **Tacos & Trivia Night,** our annual trivia night was held March 22nd with nearly 70 community members in attendance. It was an evening of food, fun, and connection.
- **Cornhole Tournament & Pizza Night:** Scheduled for **May 4th.** Community members are invited to participate or lend cornhole boards for the event. We hope to make this an annual event as well.

Fundraising, the bulk of our fundraising occurs in our online auction in the week following Thanksgiving. This has proved to be a great success year after year and we thank everyone that donates and bids. It keeps the Wellness Council moving.

Looking Ahead

The Wellness Council remains committed to supporting the health and well-being of Long Island residents through accessible services, community connection, and strong advocacy. We welcome ideas, feedback, and new voices in this ongoing effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Tierney – Wellness Council, Chair

Year Round Housing Corporation YRHCorp / Year Round Housing Committee YRHC

This has been a very busy year for the YRHC. With the addition of Housing Director to Town Administrator Brian Dudley's duties and some "seed funds" from the reserve fund from the sale of town land, we have progressed. That being said, the challenges seem to pile ever higher.

As frequently noted, the issue of unavailable year-round housing to buy or rent at any cost will continue to strangle the future vitality of our community. Long Island, like much of the rest of the country, has a large aging population. While this is not a bad thing, the support needed to be able to stay reasonably long-term on Long Island is critically based on younger folks and working folks who can and are willing to provide necessary municipal, social, educational, health, and maintenance services we all need. Unlike in much of the rest of the country, importing evermore "outside services" to the island is difficult and expensive and rarely includes volunteers. While there are many factors that keep younger working folks from settling here, one very clear impediment is a lack of housing—affordable or otherwise.

The YRHC's main focus has been to build two duplex homes (4 units) on town land at the intersection of Beach Ave. and Fern Ave. between the transfer station and Wreck Cove. We had a conditional Maine State Housing (MSH) grant of \$840,000. Homes were designed, the property surveyed, and a myriad of details considered. The site development costs, starting with an access road, have turned out to be far in excess of what was planned. Getting firm prices for the houses and finding vendors willing to do business here has been a challenge. We have recently entered discussions with a new developer who is getting us pricing and access to a modular company that will potentially do business on the island.

In the interim, MSH imposed a deadline for having a viable project ready to go, threatening to withdraw our application for funding. We sought other possibly less-costly and more-shovel-ready options, including the Spar Condos and the use of the more accessible site at the intersection of Fowler Road and Cushing Street. The Condos option seems dead for several reasons, and the Fowler/Cushing site needs town meeting approval. The original Beach Ave./Fern Ave. site remains a valuable future asset even if not used immediately. It should be developed and made ready for other potential options beyond this proposal.

There are many issues to be resolved to move any project forward, and we are disappointed to not be further along by this year's Town Meeting. The biggest issue is ever-escalating building costs. Let's add tariff questions to all of this, too. The plan was for rental income to be set at a rate to pay the borrowing costs and the future management and maintenance costs. Constraints on rents are governed by the MSH grant requirements. Maybe a very different approach is needed with or without grant conditions. Building traditional housing—even modules—may make little economic sense for rentals if you throw in affordability. Other models, such as manufactured houses for sale with covenants to keep them affordable, may be worthy of further study, especially without significant grants or other supplemental sources.

We have had some generous contributions thus far, but much more financial support is needed if building year-round workforce housing is deemed worthwhile. The YRHC is also in need of more folks who are interested in generally helping to figure a way forward, and/or who have building, development, rental property, or fundraising experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Greene

Select Board Report

Acts of volunteerism, neighbors caring for neighbors, concern for our environment and the general belief in each other are all great examples of what a small Town can accomplish. We are, and will always be, one community made up of all our residents and visitors, and that is what makes the Island special for all of us no matter where you spend your winters. Thank you.

We continue to learn from both old and new challenges to the operation of a small rural Island community located on the edge of Maine's largest city. The situation of being an unbridged Island in Maine is omnipresent in most of these challenges. Providing leadership to maintain a viable year-round community, while maintaining the Island life style for our summer residents, is a challenge not all rural communities face. We have spent time assessing projects completed, and those that still need further work. We also encountered unexpected issues that forced us to develop policies which make clear how to go forward and improve the Town.

The following are just some issues we have had before us:

- Previously we started to meet twice a month to discuss communications to the Board, receive input from our various standing committees, and take public input on all Island matters. This schedule of the first and third Wednesdays of the month has proven to work well, and our hybrid meetings via video and in person, continue to draw good participation. The Select Board has committed to remote access to our meetings and many of our Town committee meetings are streamed as well. The meeting recordings are available through our website.
- The storms of January 2024 have placed a large burden on the Town and our shoreland property owners. We are in regular contact with our State representatives, the Dept of Environmental Protection, FEMA and MEMA plus other involved parties as we attempt to get guidance and funding for these issues. We are one of many communities facing this challenge and now wait for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a source of funding for essential municipal repairs, to release more funds. Long-term remediation and resiliency improvements are also being discussed, but answers may be a long time coming.
- The proposed Town budget for this coming year has had to struggle to maintain services, adjust for inflation, continue to maintain and improve facilities; is our best attempt to finance the Capital Improvement Plans, including those approved at previous Town meetings, as well as the current proposed. As in years past, we have made every attempt to stay within our budget guideposts, but have been unable to do so. We have not requested any increase in fees this year to allow the full effects of last years' adjustment to settle in. Unfortunately, some of the expenses continue to rise, and some are beyond our control.
- The Town Administrator continues to work successfully with Town Departments to secure more grants for the ongoing projects focusing on improved safety and cost reducing efficiency.
- We continue to work with Federal, State, regional, NGOs and other partners to increase our knowledge and funding to improve the Town. Our relationships with our State Representatives are strong and have been helpful as we negotiate issues and regulations needed to maintain a strong local government.
- The Mariner's wave screen project continues to be a challenge for scheduling due to lack of resources to perform the jobs. The project is in the MDOT 2026 master plan, and we continue to work to get it done. The damaged Wave Break for the rescue boat is scheduled for emergency repairs, and hopefully those will be underway by the time of this meeting. The Rescue boat floats are scheduled for replacement this year.
- The Phase One repairs to Ponces have been completed and this will allow the resumption of use by our local fisherman and fuel company. Vehicle loading will be restored but will continue to be restricted. This project resulted in the Town spending more than the voters approved; however, we are able to cover the overrun with existing funds. There is more work identified, and we have asked for additional funding as a CIP to complete the work.

- These Wharfs provide a vital connection to the outside world and are an important resource for our Island ocean-related businesses. The Town is committed to the wharf's upkeep. The diligent attention to these projects by the Town Administrator is greatly appreciated.
- Mariners' Parking lot, **moving** vehicles on Mariners during boat time, DownFront (on-street) parking, and South Beach parking continue to be the bane of most of us. These issues cannot be resolved without the help of all of Islanders and visitors. Lack of common sense, respect for safety, other drivers and rescue vehicles are evident every day. We plead with all drivers, when on the roads or parking, to think of these concerns. **The Town lacks the resources to enforce many of our parking violations, so we continue to ask for your help.**
- We continue to work closely with Cumberland County Sheriff's office to improve our Public Safety. We continue to work to fill critical positions such as Constable, and we have welcome on board our new Harbormaster, Jocelyn Gabriel.
- The Town's CEO position was vacated this year with the retirement of Jim Nagle after many years' service to the Town. Jim guided the town and land owners through the complexity of local and state ordinances plus regulations to maintain our town compliance with our expectations. We would also like to welcome, Jim Allaire, as our new CEO.
- This year we have reaffirmed our support for the Year-Round Housing Committee. We recognize that the Town believes in this endeavor and have given new responsibility around it to the Town Administrator. You will be asked this year to transfer land sale funds to continue this project.

The input the Board receives from the Planning Board and Finance Committee throughout the year is invaluable. We wish to thank all the Planning Board members for their time spent on these many issues. The same goes for the Finance Committee under the able leadership of Ed Rea. Ed has decided to move on after many years as the Finance Committee Chair and the town owes him a tremendous amount of thanks. He has worked diligently to maintain reasonable tax rates while monitoring and steering our lending policies as we maintain our Island community. Ed has steered the Town finances through some tough decisions and has kept the Select Board in line.

There are many more issues that we face regularly that require thoughtful discussion and management: The ongoing water study, transfer station improvements, bottles & cans, job descriptions, deer hunting, security cameras, junk cars, cemetery improvements and other small-Town issues. These are both short- and long-term requirements and we will continue to address them as best we can. We cannot express enough thanks to, not only the volunteers that take on some of these projects, but especially our Town Staff. The professionalism and knowledge that the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Town Administrator bring to the operation of Long Island should be the envy of any Town in Maine. The many hats they wear is truly appreciated.

This will be my last town meeting report as I have decided not to run for the next three year term on the Select Board. I believe it is time for one of the next generations of Island residents take up the task of maintaining our Island community. I am proud to have been of service to the Island I love and to all of my friends and neighbors. Thank you for trusting me to do this service.

Thank you all for your continued support and we are always open to suggestions for improvement. One of us will continue to be at Town Hall every Wednesday evening Zooming or we can be reached via email at selectmen@longislandmaine.org.

Joe Donovan, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
 Marie Harmon
 John Burke

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Distribution of Permits – 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

Single Family Homes: 2 (including tear downs with rebuild)

Two Family Homes: 0

Accessory Buildings: 5

Demolition: 2

Renovation, Remodeling & Additions: 6

Miscellaneous/Other Building: 0

Piers (including replacement): 0

Solar Panels and Systems: 3

Internal Plumbing Permits: 14

Subsurface plumbing Permits: 7

The Code Enforcement Office is here to assist you with your Building Permit Applications and to answer questions regarding zoning and construction issues as well as guide you through the many State and Federal laws and regulations that may be applicable to your project. This office also enforces the Long Island Land Use Ordinance, the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), and the State of Maine Plumbing and Sub-surface wastewater rules. Please call 766-5820 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the interpretation and application of the codes and ordinances.

As always, I welcome any suggestions you may have which would enable this office to further meet the Town of Long Island Land Use and Building Code needs. I would like to thank the Town's staff and the Selectmen for the support they continue to give me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Allaire – Code Enforcement Officer

Town Clerk's Report

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Vital Statistics

Births: 1
Marriages: 0 Resident / 6 Non-Resident
Deaths: 5

Licenses and Permits Issued

Dogs Licensed: 63
Hunting & Fishing Licenses: 4
1-Day Liquor Licenses: 6
Liquor Licenses: 1
Business Licenses: 7

Voter Registration

Total Registered Voters as 6/30/24: 251

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Tierney - Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024

Taxes Committed	\$	1,374,184.90
Taxes Collected	\$	1,358,685.45
Abatements	\$	0.00
Supplements	\$	0.00
Balance to Collect	\$	15,499.55
 Total Amount to Lien	 \$	 15,499.55
Off-set Amount	\$.00

Delinquent Accounts as of July 1, 2024:

#149- Kuntz, Charlotte C Heirs	\$	2,073.30
#238- Meehan, John A. & Martinez, Jacqueline B	\$	2,669.91*
#822- Bosworth, Estate of Conrad	\$	648.66
#455- MacVane, Stanley	\$	640.44*
#560- MacVane, Stanley	\$	341.89*
#740- MacVane, Stanley	\$	1,550.11*
#741- MacVane, Stanley	\$	887.95*
#891- MacVane, Stanley	\$	1,099.95*

*Taxes were paid in full before 12/31/2024

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L Tierney – Tax Collector