MINUTES OF MEETING

March 19, 2015

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Tom Hohn, Chair, Selectmen Marie Harmon and John Condon, and Brian Dudley, Town Administrator.

The meeting was convened at 5:00 PM with a quorum.

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

- It was Moved (Hohn), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting. (Motion passed 2-0).

Brian briefed the Board on a second light pole down front that had fallen. He will reach out to Zoeth Rich to look for a temporary solution and the possible inclusion of new replacement poles in the next CIP.

John Wallace updated the Board on his discussions with the boat yard that will be supplying the new motor for the Harbormaster boat. They have agreed to a maximum cost of $10,000 and to our proposed payment terms.

He also briefed the Board on the upcoming marine survey of Rescue 3.

It was noted that effective on Monday, march 23rd, there will be no parking in the first two rows at the Community Center due to the demolition of the building and new construction to follow.

Chris Papkee met with the Board to discuss the Fire department 2015-16 budget and the upcoming public hearing. He will forward a list of used fire trucks for possible inclusion in the CIP. He also will forward the failed pump test for the truck to be replaced as well as the special reprieve letters the island has received on delinquent report filings which are the reason for his request for additional assistance.

At the Saturday budget hearing, Chris will bring copies of his budget synopsis that he developed earlier for the Selectmen to review.

Chief Papkee then discussed the proposed change in the ordinance that selects a new fire chief. He noted that Deputy Chief Tierney resigned as Deputy Chief, but will continue as a Firefighter/EMT. Chief Papkee noted to the Board that he has stayed out of the deliberations since the last annual town meeting. He noted that department morale is low and as a result, he believes it best to delay any further action on the ordinance change.

The Board discussed the issue in more detail. Chairman Hohn noted that the Selectmen nor the fire department representatives were happy with the proposed ordinance and that the latter would not support it in its current form.

It was Moved (Hohn), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to defer any further work on the ordinance which regulates the appointment of a Fire Chief. (Motion passed 3-0).

Discussion turned to the Fire Chief position. Chairman Hohn asked Interim Chief Papkee if he would take the position if nominated. He said he would.

It was Moved (Hohn), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to appoint Chris Papkee as the permanent Fire Chief for a three year term. (Motion passed 3-0).

The Board then discussed the vacancy on the Planning Board and Will Tierney's willingness to be re-appointed.

It was Moved (Condon), Seconded (Hohn) and Voted to re-appoint Will Tierney to the Planning Board. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brian then reviewed with the Board a spreadsheet detailing the results of the request for proposals for lawn mowing services for the 2015-16 year. The Board looked at the proposed frequency, insurance coverage and costs for each proposal.

Chairman Hohn felt that there was not enough difference in the two proposals to warrant a change this year.

It was Moved (Hohn), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to award the 2015-16 contract to Mark Greene. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brian briefed the Board on a discussion he had with John Norton, Chair of the CCRP. There was an option to keep the demolition debris on the island

and save $1,500 or to have it taken off the island. Due to the uncertainties of any hazardous materials within the debris, the Board consensus was to have it taken off the island.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley