Minutes of Meeting

September 24, 2015

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Chair Marie Harmon (6:20 PM) and Selectmen and John Condon and Joseph Donovan; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator.

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

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Zoeth Rich updated the board on several projects:

1)He has received a proposal from Johnson's Boatyard for hauling the Marriner's Wharf floats and the Harbormaster boat. Zoeth is seeking another quote.

2) Zoeth has spoken with Vincent Minuti of MDOT regarding the conditions at Marriner's Wharf.

3) Zoeth also briefed the board on the revised estimate for repairs to the VFW Hall deck following its partial collapse at a recent event. The estimate is now at $4,000, up from the previous $2,000.

4) The Marriner's Wharf floats need to have a broken hinge replaced. The materials are also in for a new non-skid surface for the ramp.

5) Zoeth has spoken with the propane company and they will coordinate with Benchmark Construction on the new Community Center'

6) He is still working on finding a contractor to re-point the fire station and the marine building.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to amend the contract with Colonial Woodworks to repair the deck at the VFW Hall not to exceed $4,000 with a $1,000 deposit upon receipt of a certificate of insurance. (Motion passed 2-0).

The board reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting of September the 10th meeting.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2015. (Motion passed 2-0).

Selectman Condon led Selectman Donovan and Brian Dudley on an inspection tour of the new Community Center noting project issues that are still being worked out.

Brian updated the board on:

1) The preparations for the upcoming snow plowing season. Shark Cove will begin loading sand and salt into the garage after the Columbus Day holiday. Brian is working on a new contract with Shark Cove;

2) Brian will work with Brad Brown on getting a replacement trash truck driver for Monday, September the 28th as Brad is unavailable that day;

3) Brian informed the board that he had responded to the Freedom of Information request from the law firm of Curtis Thaxter on behalf of John Norton regarding the hiring of a new Road Commissioner. Brian will begin assembling the appropriate documents and information;

4) There was discussion on a property damage claim from Nancy Clarke. More information on the date of the claim is needed before further consideration.

The board reviewed weekly correspondence. A letter was received from Nancy Clarke regarding a downed wire incident in February of 2014. Brian will follow up with the winter contractor at that time.

Brian updated the board on the final contract with Gorrill Palmer for engineering services for the replacement culvert on Island Avenue. The revisions to the contract recommended by legal counsel have been accepted by Gorrill Palmer.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to approve the revised contract with Gorrill Palmer for engineering services. (Motion passed 3-0)

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to accept the recommendation of town counsel to have Ralph Sweet review the final HVAC, mechanical and electrical designs for the Community Center for appropriateness for the Board of Selectmen. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brenda Singo, the Town Clerk, then addressed the board expressing her opposition to the recent appointment of a new Road Commissioner.

Nancy Jordan then read a statement that was received earlier by the Board of Selectmen from John Norton opposing the appointment of the Road Commissioner.

Nancy Jordan then read highlights of her statement expressing opposition to the appointment of the new Road Commissioner. The remarks were a reiteration of her public statement to the board at its meeting of September the 3rd.

The written statements of these three people were read to the board. Copies will be available at Town Hall.

The board then discussed a policy form contacting Town legal counsel by both the board and employees. This will be further reviewed.

Selectman Donovan will follow up with town counsel regarding the process for them hiring of a Road Commissioner.

Selectman Donovan will chair the ad hoc committee to oversee the replacement fire truck project approved at the annual town meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for October 1, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley