Minutes of Meeting

November 19, 2015

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Chair Marie Harmon and Selectmen and John Condon and Joseph Donovan; Brian Dudley Town Administrator.

The meeting was convened at 5:15 PM with a quorum.

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Selectmen discussed the draft minutes of the previous meeting.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 board meeting. (Motion passed 3-0).

Lisa Kimball inquired as to the winter shoveling at the school. It was noted that the new snow removal contract adds the school walkways.

Selectman Donovan inquired as to the status of the school elevator project. He noted the need to appoint a lead person to obtain quotes and oversee the project. The School Superintendent is reviewing possible grants to offset the cost. There was also some discussion on the location of the elevator and its possible impact on air circulation within the building.

There was an update from Brian regarding the claim notice received from Nancy Clark regarding a 2014 incident damaging an electrical box at her property. The damage was not done by a town employee.

Chris Papkee discussed a series of issues with the board on LIF&R. Two new call firefighters are undergoing training and some regular members are going through Firefighter I training in Falmouth. Some EMTs just completed training in Rockport.

Adam Kimble is looking for departmental management software to track training.

The new fire truck has passed its pump inspection and MDOT certification. The Fire Chief is waiting for the title and stickers. The Chief will send Brian the VIN number, year and model for insurance registration. The truck should be ready right after Thanksgiving.

There was some discussion on the need to become more active in membership recruitment. Membership meetings are held on the first and the third Mondays of each month. Selectman Donovan inquired as to the value of a LIF&R cadet program.

The department's relationship with the Town of Falmouth continues to be excellent. The Selectmen acknowledged Falmouth's contributions to LIF&R and is appreciative.

There was some continued discussion on what duties are considered reimbursable versus volunteer. The board needs more input from LIF&R members.

There was some discussion on he fire station recycled fuel burner. Brian will get the building converted. It was also noted that there needs to be a plan for recycled oil from island residents.

The gas and diesel fuel pumps were discussed. LIF&R will send Brian a weekly status report on fuel levels.

Selectmen Condon and Donovan then discussed the public meeting of November the 12th regarding the appointment of a Road Commissioner. Chair Harmon recused herself from the discussion. Selectman Donovan after reviewing the comments made at the earlier meeting felt that the Town was not ready to move forward with the Road Commissioner.

Selectman Condon pointed out that the board had already voted 2-0 in favor of a Road Commissioner appointment on August 27th. The board subsequently voted at its October 21st special meeting to reconsider its vote of August 27th.

Selectman Donovan suggested that the board keep the functions of a Road Commissioner as a board responsibility for the time being. Selectman Condon suggested that the Road Commissioner position be changed from a town employee position to an outside contractor for the remaining of the current fiscal year. This contracted function would oversee on behalf of the board the summer and winter road work.

Selectmen Condon and Donovan discussed a possible motion that would have the board function as the Road Commissioner with assistance from an outside contractor, Coleman

Clarke, through the remainder of the fiscal year. This will be reviewed more thoroughly and discussed further at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for December 03, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley