

Minutes of Meeting

December 17, 2015

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Chair Marie Harmon, Selectmen John Condon and Joseph Donovan.

Members of public present: Dick Murphy, Judy Paolini, Meredith Sweet and Ralph Sweet.

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

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Selectmen Condon and Donovan discussed the Road Commissioner Consultant contract.

Warrants were reviewed, approved and signed; including the year end Fire Department participation bonus.

Judy Paolini discussed options with the Selectmen concerning changes to the Board; including increasing to 5 members or possibly a Town Management form of government. The Board recommended Judy and others interested gather more information and reminded them this type of decision would have to be by a Town wide vote.

The citizens present asked for more information on trash pickup in the winter months.

John Condon reproached the Board for approving previous minutes by quorum without all the selectmen present.

Jim Wilbur spoke to the Board requesting assistance in contractors over loading the transfer facility with construction waste. It was suggested that building permits include trash disposal plans for waste might be a way to deal with the problem. To be discussed with the CEO.

Selectmen Donovan explained to those present the next two votes by the Board concerning the Road Commissioner. Selectmen Donovan and Condon worked together to attempt to move a very divisive Town issue forward in a positive manner.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to retain the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Road Commissioner with the Board of Selectmen. (Motion passed 2-0 (Harmon abstained)).

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There was discussion on a proposed contract for a consultant to advise the Board of Selectmen/Road Commissioners. Public comment supported this concept as a good move forward.

- It was Moved (Donovan) and Seconded (Condon) by Joe Donovan and Voted to retain an outside consultant to advise the Road Commissioners and to execute a contract with Coleman Clarke, running from 01/01/2016 through 06/30/2016, for that purpose. The proposed contract is part of these minutes. (Motion passed 2-0 (Harmon abstained)).

The Board thanked former Selectman Dick Murphy for his assistance on the Road Commissioner issue.

- It was Moved (Condon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to extend the Bow Hunting season until 01/30/2016. (Motion passed 3-0).
- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to amend the Selectmen Minutes of November 12, 2015 to include the following statement by Joe Donovan, to be inserted after the question about access to confidential information by Town office employees: "Selectmen Donovan reminded the meeting that Thursday night Selectmen meetings are open to the public and the Town office staff are usually present. (Motion passed 3-0).
- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the minutes of December 3, 2015 board meeting (Motion passed 2-0 (Condon not present)).
- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to authorize the Broadband Research Committee to use the Town computer system for research. (Motion passed 2-0 (Condon not present)).

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2015.