Town of Long Island
2017 Annual Town Report

NEW ENGLAND TOWN MEETING IS PROBABLY THE

PUREST FORM OF GOVERNMENT TODAY.

PLEASE HELP TO PRESERVE TOWN MEETING BY

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TOWN MEETING.

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Tax Bill Due Dates:

September 15th and March 15th
Interest starts accruing Sept. 16th & March 16th
If payments are sent after due dates, contact Tax Collector for payoff amount

NOTE:

If doing any transactions or requesting information by mail, please make sure to enclose a "self addressed stamped envelope".
Thank You.

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPEED LIMIT 20 MPH - Except where posted at 15 MPH

Following Ordinance applies to all vehicles including Golf Carts & ATV's

Municipal Parking Area Ordinance

(Chapter 17 – Art. IV)

1. **Requirement to Display a Valid Parking Permit.** All vehicles parked in any Town of Long Island Municipal Parking lot must display a valid Parking Permit.
2. **Parking Permits.** Parking Permits will be issued as stickers and must be permanently affixed to the driver side lower corner of the vehicle windshield. Each vehicle must have a valid Parking Permit before parking in any municipal lot. Parking Permits are valid for a one-year period commencing on the date the Parking Permit was purchased.
3. **Permit Fees.** Vehicles for which owners have paid current excise tax on valid registration to the Town of Long Island are entitled to a free Parking Permit for the vehicle. Vehicles for which owners have not paid excise tax to the Town of Long Island shall be required to show current registration and pay $75/year or $20/month for a Parking Permit.
4. **Violations and Fines.** Vehicles parked in any Town of Long Island Municipal Parking Lot not displaying a valid Parking Permit shall be fined $20.00 per ticket. Vehicles violating these regulations three or more times shall be temporarily incapacitated through the application of a parking boot or towed to a designated impoundment area. To secure the release of booted or impounded vehicles, owners must first pay the Town in full all outstanding fines and/or towing charges.
5. **Availability of Town Parking Areas.** Parking areas within Town lots are limited and parking for vehicles with Parking Permits is on a first come, first served bases. The purchase of Parking Permit does not guarantee the holder will necessarily find that spots are available.
6. **ATV's.** Due to the State of Maine not requiring payment of excise tax on ATV's, owners are allowed free parking permits for ATV's that register with the Town of Long Island and a $75.00 fee per year or $20.00 per month for those ATV's registered elsewhere to be consistent with the existing Policy dated April 4, 2006. (May 13, 2006)
7. All Parking Violations, issued from June 1, 2006, must be paid before receiving a Parking Permit for any vehicle. Permits are non-transferable to other vehicles (Updated Jan. 26, 2017)

****PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISLAND AVENUE FROM GARFIELD ST. EASTWARDLY, TO BOSTON SAND & GRAVEL****

Leash Law

Ordinance Ch. 5 – Sec. 5-5 Dogs Running at Large Prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to be at large within the Town. (Sec. 5-3, *At large* shall mean and include any of the following: (1) On public streets or publicly owned property including beaches, wharves, floats, and cemeteries unless controlled by a leash or other tether of not more than eight (8) feet in length; (2) In a motor vehicle parked and not restrained from projecting its head from the vehicle).Anyone whose dog, while at large and without provocation, assaults any person shall be subject to a penalty of double the otherwise applicable penalty.

Fire – Burn Permits

Long Island requires a burning permit for any kind of open burning, even a campfire on the beach. Permits can be obtained from Long Island Fire Department Officers, who are also Town Fire Wardens: Will Tierney @ 317-1577, Sam Whitener @ 838-6376 and Justin Papkee @ 781-956-0879.

Mandatory Septic Inspections at Time of Property Transfer

To avoid a $500 fine, be advised that the Town requires a septic inspection to take place prior to title transfer and the inspection report to be filed within two weeks at the Town office pursuant to "Chapter 14 Land Use Ordinance, Article 7 Townwide Performance Standards, Section 7.16 Septic Inspection Required at Title Transfer". This Ordinance was made public to all property owners in the May 2001 Annual Town Report and was adopted by the voters at the May 5, 2001 Annual Town Meeting. Printed in Annual Reports since 2009.

This is to include *ALL TRANSFERS* (interfamily – trusts – LLC's – etc.)

Officers
Boards and Committees

Selectmen and Assessors:
Marie B. Harmon - Chairman
John M. Condon
Joseph B. Donovan

Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Admin. Asst., Registrar of Voters:
Brenda L. Singo

Treasurer:
Lisa A. Kimball

Town Administrator:
Brian Dudley

Office Asst/Dpty. Treasurer:
Vacant

Acting Fire Chief:
Will Tierney

Assessor's Agent:
Robert Konczal

General Assistance
Emily Jacobs

Animal Control Officer:
Vacant

Code Enforcement Off.:
James Nagle

Local Health Officer:
Emily Jacobs

CBITD Representative:
Bill Overlock

Harbormaster:
John (Jay) Wallace

Acting EMA Director:
Will Tierney

School Committee:
Lisa Kimball – Chair
M. Anne Donovan
Tammy Hohn

Constable:
John (Jay) Wallace

Selectmen Sub-Positions:

School Sperintendent:
Barbara Powers

Solid Waste: Brian Dudley
Parklands/Beaches: Leah Doughty
Public Safety: Selectmen
Tax Maps/Assessing: Mark Greene
Road Commissioner: Selectmen

Moderator
Mark Greene

Planning Board:
Brad Brown – Chair
Curt Murley - Vice Chair
Paul Watts – Secretary
John Paul Thornton
Michael Lingley
John Billings
Vacant - 1 member

Appeals Board:
Edward McAleney - Chair
Justin Papkee
Diane Watts
Bill Crone - alternate
Vacant - 2 regular members
Vacant - 1 alternate

Islands Coalition Reps.:
Mark Greene

Recreation Committee:
Katie Norton - Director
Jim Wilber
Kay Johnson
Towanda Brown
Marie Harmon
Diane Watts
Tom Hohn
Vacant - 2 members

Ponces Wharf Comm.:
Jane Conley
John Mahany
Michael Floyd
Erhard Griffin
Willy Hickok
Tom MacVane
Richard Norcross
Craig Stewart
Randy Wood

Finance Committee:

Ed Rea – Chairman
Ralph Sweet
Rod Jacobs
John Norton
Al Hemond - Vice-Chairman
Jim Wilber
Paul Watts
Vacant - 2 members

Library Board of Directors:

Paula Johnson - Co-Director
Annie Donovan - Co-Director
Patricia Temple - Chairman
Nancy Noble
Nancy Jordan
Kathy Johnson
Bettejane Fitzgerald
Kathy Kellerman
Katie McGarry

Year Round Housing Corporation (YRHCorp):

Mark Greene – Trustee, President
Tammy Hohn – Trustee, Vice-President
Leah Doughty – Secretary
Stephen Train – Treasurer
Amy Tierney – Trustee
Mary McAleney – Trustee
Marie Harmon – Selectman Trustee

Broadband Exploratory Committee (BBEC)

Mark Greene
Curt Murley
Pierre Avignon
Ralph Sweet
Doug Grant
Angelique Williams - Island Inst. Fellow
Joe Donovan - Selectman Advisor

Aging in Place Committee

Amy Tierney - Chairman
Angelique Williams - Island Inst. Fellow
Paula Johnson
Mark Greene
Lisa Kimball
Rennie Donovan

Island Institute Fellow

Angelique Williams

Island Institute Representative

Nathan Johnson

Long Island Community Land Operating Company, LLC (LICLOC)

Stephen R. Train - President
Paul Riley - Treasurer
Joel P. Greene - Secretary
Leah Doughty - Selectmen appointed seat
John Lortie - Selectmen appointed seat

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL REPORTS

Select Board Report

Over the past year, the official opening of the Community Center, the new float and ramp and the upgrades to the Storage Buildings are a display of your property taxes at work in the Down Front District. Upgrades to the Fire Station and VFW Hall have also been done to help preserve for the future. Additional work to be done this year for handicap accessibility at the VFW Hall.

A Down Front issue that will continue to be a problem will be the lack of sufficient parking spaces due to the influx of the summer residents and the growing number of golf cart rentals. There is no easy solution for this problem.

Projects that will continue over to this year will be completing the cemetery and the installation of the new culvert on Island Avenue. Work will continue regarding Aging in Place, towards completion of the Health Center/Shelter and Broadband. Thank you to all Committee Members.

The Select Board faces a constant challenge of balancing Town needs/improvements with the ever increasing compensation of Town Officials and people. Volunteerism needs to continue regarding all aspects of the Town Departments and filing of boards.

Actions speak louder than words means, don't just say what needs to be done, VOLUNTEER. The Town thanks you.

Select Board

Public Notice

While the Town Clerk of Long Island is the proper official to file all applications within the municipality of Long Island, neither the Town Clerk nor any other Town official has the authority to answer questions or provide information, upon which an applicant may rely. Only the board or officer, who will grant or deny the applications, can do so. Applicants are hereby notified that any reliance on information other than from the proper authority is done so at their own risk and shall not be binding on the municipality.

General Assistance & Social Services Report

General Assistance program information is available at Town Hall on the outside bulletin board. Food Provisions are available at the Evergreen Methodist Church Parsonage. If you are in need, please don't hesitate to use this facility. One way to help the food bank is to consider buying an extra item when you shop and donate it. Also, when the summer season comes to a close you can donate your left-over non-perishable items to the food bank. Please contact Pastor Norm Boulay or Alanna Rich if you have any questions regarding the food bank.

The Social Service program loans appliances out to those recuperating at home from an operation or rehabilitation. We have wheel chairs, a transportation chair, walkers, crutches and some personal products. I will gladly accept donations on a small scale.

Please remember, any communication you have concerning these programs are provided through General Assistance and Social Services are kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL.

Emily C. Jacobs - Director

Local Health Officer Report

We had another successful Flu Clinic in October. Thanks to everyone who came to get vaccinated. We may not have the Public Health nurses this year due to severe budget cuts in Portland. I have, however, spoken to the instructor for St. Joseph's nursing program, and she is very sure we can make an arrangement to the student nurses come this year for a Flu Clinic.

I attended the CDC Infectious Disease Conference in November. This conference has numerous speakers dealing with the various medical issues of the State and local municipals as well. There are many break-out sessions and I attended a few of them. Opioids, of course, became a focal point of discussion with individual experts explaining the problems and their hope for much needed funding for medical clinics to be set up to help those affected.

It seems, to me, we did not have many residents infected with Lyme's Disease during the year (2016). I am going to attend (March 2016) a CDC and Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency event entitled "Mosquito and Tick Training". Perhaps I will learn more about our friends, the tick, and bring this information to you.

I am happy that the LICA newsletter articles that I write have been received well. Again, if you have a request for medical information on a particular issue, let me know and I will gladly do some research and share this information with you and will include this in the newsletter.

I am sure that most of you are aware of the Aging in Place Committee by now. That committee is going to oversee a proposed Health Clinic and Telemedicine Center in the basement of the Learning Center. This committee has applied for grant money to get this very exciting endeavor off the ground. We will keep everyone informed as to the status of this project when it begins.

The ticks are out….so do use insect repellent and watch yourself.

I wish you a healthy and safe year ahead.

Emily C Jacobs – Local Health Officer

Mapping/Assessing Report

It is the task of this position to keep the Town's maps and related assessing data and 911 addressing data all current and to assist citizens with questions on any of these topics. Major map revisions to reflect ownership changes, parcel splits or mergers, paper street changes, etc. are generally done as a group after April 1 of each year. A tour of building activity and permits also takes place with the Town Assessor after April 1.

The long awaited new FEMA floodplain maps still are in the final development stages following years of appeals and revisions. Unless something surprising happens in the next month before 2017 Town Meeting, we should see them come forward for Town Meeting adoption in 2018. I predicted that last year and was wrong! Future insurance and re-building issues need to be noted by residents in those flood zones.

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. Paper copies are also available for view at Town Hall. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or need for assistance. Easiest way to contact me for these topics is via the Town Clerk.

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

Mark Greene – Facilitator/Assistant

Year-Round Housing Corporation Report

At this time I know of 3 young couples with deep island roots looking for rental housing. Most other year round islands would love to have that problem of younger folks wanting to stay or return. We have such folks but they cannot stay here due to housing shortages. The potential for future children for the school, young backs to join the Fire and Rescue and basically join and keep our community vibrant is lost with this housing shortage. As our population becomes ever more senior, the benefits to making affordable rental housing more available for younger folks should be clear.

The high rate of seasonal home ownership on Long Island (75% or more) makes it difficult for working families to find affordable housing. The trend in housing sales and turnover tends to be more and more seasonal. From the 2015 *Island Journal: "* This is the paradox of living year-round on an island in Maine: Housing is everywhere, but very few homes are affordable or even available to year-round residents. Most of the islands have a nonprofit or community group dedicated to creating affordable houses to rent or sell. The properties benefit longtime island residents and bring in new people." We on Long do have the organization, the YRHCorp, but not quite yet the will to bring forth the housing success that most of the other year round islands have enjoyed.

The YRHCorp worked hard several years back towards that end to secure rental housing with grant assistance. It was not enough to succeed. We tried to do this without any tax help from the Town and that was a mistake. It is a great thing that has happened here in the last 24 years with the creation of the new Town, but there needs to be more commitment in my opinion to tackle this housing issue. It is great that we have the second lowest tax rate in the State of Maine, but is that our only goal? Of course not! We have done much to improve this community. We must, however look beyond this housing issue as being something we personally were able to figure years ago for ourselves and others should do the same as we did. It will not work that way today to solve this issue. This year round community will wither in time without bold initiatives.

I have made an annual plea in this report for others to become involved. Although I will not be the one to head another charge I am happy to help a new committee get rolling. I recommend the following unsolicited idea as just one possible approach. Build 3 or 4 modest modular rental homes (2 bedroom) on the 5 or so acre Town owned parcel to the SE of the Transfer Station (off Beach Ave). This project should have flexible rental policies so that they stay as fully rented as possible (even short term) and stay available as needed to keep on and attract families to Long Island. They would be Town/YRHCorp owned and managed. They could include senior units if needed and available. There would be no guarantee that the loan money needed to build them would be fully paid back with rents, but that would be a fine goal. If that is a primary goal, it will hobble the project. I would also recommend that no State grant monies be used. These grants became a great hindrance in building costs and rental conditions on our last housing attempt.

The good news is that the YRHCorp maintains its 501c3 status which is big and means a legal tax free organization exists and is able to hit the ground running if given some purpose, manpower, and funding.

We remain fortunate to have a half dozen or so houses and generous landlords that do rent for a full year at a time, but any of those could change quickly. We have seen enough instances of that in the recent past. Often they get sold and become summer homes. No matter what, there are not enough of them and they turn over very rarely.

A new and expanded commitment needs to be made to attract more interested individuals to the YRHCorp to seek new rental housing solutions like the one above or others. The option to continue deferring housing solutions runs the risk of our becoming yet another island struggling to rebuild its lost diversity as a year round community. We need to explore some zoning changes for the few larger parcels with Municipal ownership to make sure that those lands can be used to maximum public benefit without destroying the overall character of the island. We very much need more citizens to step forward and become involved in this endeavor.

Mark Greene – President

Recreation Department Report

We are making our way through the first year with our new building! It has certainly gotten a lot of use, despite the majority of its months in action being fall and winter months! We've had pot lucks (with kids pottery and activities by Towanda), After School Programs (under the kind leadership of Amy Tierney), Wharf Street Festival, adult pottery, a birthday party, a Halloween party, Teen Nights, Community Soup Lunches (sponsored by the Aging in Place committee), a record swap, CPR training (LIFD), yoga (with Leslie Hartwell), Wreath Making, Pottery, Rescue Training (LIFD), pancake breakfasts (LIFD and the Sap Program) and committee meetings. We are still learning the best ways to navigate and use the space, and yet it has already become a home for community gatherings. A strong community needs a space to gather together, and this island has many!

While the new building has become the centerpiece of the Rec Department, there are other happenings all over the Island. The school and library building continues to be a gracious host for our Thursday knitters, After School Program and gymnastics (thank you Marci!). We participated in sap collection again this year, wandering through the woods on the New Hill to tap trees and gather sap. We worked in the community garden as well as the school garden, under the guidance of Alanna Rich, Penny Murley and Katharine Stewart, adding to the sustainability of this little Island.

As the promise of Spring and warmer weather grows stronger each day, we have begun to plan our Summer Program. We will be operating out of the Community Center this year, and though we are excited to have a true 'home base', we are grateful for the use of the VFW over the past years, and will miss that warm and inviting space. The return of the Pottery Program is upon us, and Towanda has been busy planning, dreaming, and configuring schedules and she is excited about a fresh space, new curriculum and new and returning staff! We will offer pottery for islanders and visitors of all ages in a variety of classes. Adventure Club is being revamped and reconfigured as well, and you can expect to see drama, soccer, archery, music and writing on the schedule! As far as adult classes go, look for basketry, pottery, cooking, yoga, varied art classes, and exercise. If you ever have any suggestions about what you'd like to see in the summer, PLEASE email me at knorton0412@gmail.com….I love to hear from people, and work hard to make sure that we are filling the needs and satisfying the wants of the community.

I'd like to thank my committee: Jim Wilber, Kay Johnson, Amy Tierney, Diane Watts, Marie Harmon, Tommy Hohn, and Towanda Brown for being a part of this organization, and for all of their help and ideas. I'd also like to thank this incredible town for contributing time, donating supplies and money, and most importantly for showing up. "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." ~African Proverb

Katie Norton – Director

Superintendent's Report

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to again update you on the status of Long Island School. Finishing two large capital improvement projects has been gratifying and we remain appreciative of your support. The new elevator is in place and working beautifully, and the heating system upgrade has provided much more reliable and even heat as well as better efficiency with our oil use. THANK YOU!

We were fortunate to retain many members of the regular staff as school opened and also to entice others to join us. Katie Norton has been a terrific addition to our teaching staff, where she now works primarily with our younger students (K-2) while Marci Train accepted responsibility for both the intermediate aged children (Gr. 3-5) as well as the role of Teacher Leader. In addition, we welcomed Wayne Dorr as our Special Education Director and Rodney Jacobs in part-time custodial and maintenance services. Yarmouth Elementary School's nurse, Christina Truesdale, was enthusiastic about visiting the island this past fall for required health checks and records review, and I appreciated that district's willingness to lend us her expertise. How fortunate the community and the school are to have such a professional and friendly presence on a daily and part-time basis, from the classrooms to the office to the cafeteria and the bus as well as those who support student learning through the arts, Spanish, and helpful learning interventions.

LONG ISLAND SCHOOL STAFF:

Name	Position
Barbara Powers	Superintendent/Principal
Marci Train	Lead Teacher; Grades 3-5 Teacher
Katie Norton	Grades K-2 Teacher
Towanda Brown	Ed Tech; Art
Lisa Fabiano	Ed Tech; Spanish and Music
Cindy Perkins	Guidance Services
Wayne Dorr	Special Education
Judy Stewart	School Secretary
Paula Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Alanna Rich	Food Service/Custodian/Bus Driver/School Librarian
Rodney Jacobs	Custodial/Maintenance
Katie Norton	Recreation Director
Amy Tierney	After School Program Leader
Curt Murley	Tech Support
Christina Truesdale	School Nurse

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year has been a consistent 14 children here at the island school, with ten Grade 6-12 students attending King Middle School and Portland High School. There are also two Long Island students who attend a private high school.

I can now even more confidently assure you that the children of Long Island have age appropriate instruction towards learning targets that include not only a solid core curriculum in all basic learning areas of reading, writing, math, science and social studies, but also a very enriched schedule of art, music, physical education, and Spanish. Following curriculum work last summer in collaboration with Chebeague Island, teachers now have greater clarity about learning goals in English language arts and math in keeping with the Maine Learning Standards, and parents are now receiving clearer feedback on revised progress reports based on those standards.

Other enrichment activities include a wide variety of field trips, special speakers, and guidance services designed to support the social and emotional well being of all students. Technology is integrated effectively and used both to enrich and to instruct.

As part of their ocean studies in science this past fall, regular water quality testing took place on Fowler's Beach in order to explore the children's hypothesis about oxygen levels and the impact on plant life. In fact, our 4th and 5th grade students are going to be featured in an upcoming documentary movie entitled "Ocean Frontiers III: Leaders in Ocean Stewardship and the New Blue Economy," with a special showing planned for the island later this spring. Stay tuned for the date and place!

Key to many of the extras enjoyed by the children is the Parents' Club. This group deserves our thanks for the time and effort it takes to raise money and fund a variety of initiatives and special programs. For example, children have, or by the end of the year will have, attended the both a Portland Symphony Orchestra performance and an Ovations performance of Chinese acrobats at Merrill Auditorium, traveled to Legoland in Boston for a very special follow up to their Lego Robotics studies, and also plan to take part in the Portland Water District's special program this spring regarding water quality and Casco Bay.

Plans are also underway for a visit to the Southworth Planetarium at USM as a culminating field trip following an integrated study of Greek mythology and Greek Week activities planned for the week before February break.

The proposed budget being presented at the Town Meeting this year has been developed based on my experience with budget oversight to date, always placing the needs of the students first. This year's proposal represents a 5% decrease, primarily because of adjusted salaries, and also because hours and thus costs for other support positions were carefully budgeted based on experience and efficiencies. Federal REAP funds will continue to allow us to offer appropriate levels of learning support and hopefully reinstitute the pre-school enrichment program next fall. I also want to again remind the community that the school's budget also covers heating and electricity costs, as well as cleaning and maintaining the Long Island Library facility, so your support of the school budget is appreciated for many reasons.

I'd like to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to School Committee members Lisa Kimball, Chair; Annie Donovan; and, Tammy Hohn for their efforts on behalf of the Long Island students. They have ably assisted in supporting facility needs; contributed ideas and grant writing for the new handicap accessible elevator; and, been supportive of the school's response to multiple initiatives at the state level as well as the federal school lunch program and special education services audits. I'd also like to thank our new Special Education Director for his leadership of the federal audit of that program.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May Town Meeting and thank you in advance for your support of the FY17 school budget.

Barbara S. Powers - Superintendent of Schools

Maine Islands Coalition Report

In 2016, the MIC convened and hosted yet another dynamic quartet of discussions. In February, we met in Augusta and focused on Workforce Housing. There is a very serious need for more year-round housing on most of Maine's islands. For some decades, the stock of winterized houses, once homes for generations of fishing families, has declined and too many have ended up as second homes. This trend has affected not only overall island populations but especially school pupil counts.

Long Island remains one of the few islands that has not had a housing project for year round use come to fruition.

In May, back at the Island Institute in Rockland, we invited the year-round islands' Historical Societies to make presentations. It was exciting to learn what so many island communities have accomplished with compiling and memorializing their histories. Meredith Sweet, Kathy Stewart, and Karen Rea represented Long Island's Historical Society. Activity in this realm is clearly increasing as Maine islanders look more and more to their heritage - even while strategizing for their futures.

In August, appropriately, our topic was (seasonal) Tourism and related etiquette. It was interesting to contrast the different islands' experiences and trends - stretching from Peaks (waaaaay too much!!) to Frenchboro (could use some more!). Long Island was warned that the tide enveloping Peaks, Diamond Cove and the Portland Waterfront will increasingly envelop us and that is already apparent. On some the islands, public restroom facilities are often one of the larger challenges.
In November, our keynote topic was Early Childhood and Afterschool Programming. Sue Reid, from the Maine Department of Education was helpful in describing available state resources and mandates relative to our small schools. There are only about a combined five hundred students on these fifteen islands.

The Maine Islands Coalition (MIC) was officially formed in March of 2004 to represent and advocate for the concerns and interests of the fourteen year-round Maine Coast Island communities. Each island's municipal governing body or primary civic organization sends an elected or appointed representative to the quarterly meetings in Rockland or Augusta.

There are two constant components on each Meeting's agenda. The first – and most popular - is *Island Check-ins*, wherein we each speak at some length about current matters, issues and events on our own island and field questions from other island representatives; it is an invaluable exchange of information. The second is *Legislative Check-ins*; there are usually a couple of legislators present and they inform us about anything happening in Augusta, which could affect our communities. Often there is at least one legislator from the House and one from the Senate; also, often there is both a Republican and a Democrat, so that we can enjoy both comprehensive and balanced reporting from the Capitol.

As always any questions about what happens with MIC as well as suggestions for what needs addressing from a Long Island viewpoint will be welcome. Extensive minutes of all meetings are available at http://www.islandinstitute.org/program/community-development/mic.

I would love to have a second person join me as alternate or Co-Rep.! If interested, please contact me.

Mark Greene – Representative

Public Safety Report

The Town continues to have the same areas of concern year after year, as most communities do, regarding personal responsibilities and attitudes toward private and public safety. ***These issues require a repeat of last year's report as they still exist.***

The Town continues to rely on the Cumberland County Sheriff Department, our local Constable and our citizens to monitor, report and/or enforce State laws and local safety ordinances. Whether these

are traffic, parking, fireworks or any other safety issue, we must work together to keep the Island safe. Overall we do a pretty good job but there are always areas of concern.

- **Golf Carts**-this wonderful, economical, compact means of transportation has been a safety concern since their use started on the Island roads. Whether it be unlicensed, underage, inexperienced drivers, alcohol affected drivers, overloaded carts or just flat out stupidity, Golf Carts can be dangerous. We encourage residents and visitors to use your heads when traveling in Golf Carts or ATVs. Yes they are fun and part of summer life, but treat them with respect as you would a car, especially when children are riding.

    - Remember they do not have seat belts!
    - If your cart does not have a rear view mirror, get one. They are inexpensive and help keep you aware of your surroundings; plus they might let you know when your kid fell off! Children should never ride unattended in the back of the cart.
    - **No front and rear lights? Don't use at night!**

- **Bicyclists and Pedestrians-** on Long Island we try to respect the rights of those walking and biking and defer to their rights to the roads. Please be conscientious and slow down and give them plenty of opportunity to let you pass.

- **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.
    - TAKE IT EASY, TAKE IT SLOW-IT'S AN ISLAND, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO?
- **Fireworks-**most of us like to watch good ones, even though our pets may not. Respect your neighbors, follow the Town Fireworks Ordinance and get a permit. *Enough said*.

- **Stay alert** we know many of you are here on vacation and wish to let the world go on without your input, but… Pay attention to what is going on around you and if something does not appear safe, contact any Town authority or dial 911. You will feel better for it and may prevent a bad situation from occurring. One of the best qualities of this small island is that residents look out for one another, that's what makes this a special place to live.

- **Please, Please, Please** make sure your house has a clear number on it and your renters are aware of what it is. Yes we are a laid back Island community, but your Emergency Personnel can respond much sooner if Dispatch can send them to the right place. Let your visitors and guests know that 911 works here just fine, but with cell phones it is important to have an address.

Relax and enjoy your friends and family but STAY SAFE.

Joe Donovan for the Board of Selectmen

Long Island Fire/EMS Calls - 2016:

Alarms - 12
Assist Law Enforcement - 4
Citizen Assist/Service Calls - 12
Desk Box Other - 2
Electrical Hazard - 4
Medical Emergencies - 49
Mutual Aid/Assist - 1
Outside Fire - 11
Structure Fire - 1
Water Rescue/Accident - 2
Total Incidents: 94

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office - 2016:

911 Cell Hang Up - 3
911 Hang Up - 2
911 Misdial - 1
Agency Assistance - 7
Assault - Simple - 1
Burglary - 1
Citizen Assist - 6
Community Policing - 2
Court Service - 1
Criminal Mischief - 1
Custodial Interference - 2
Disturbance - 1
Domestic Assault - 1
Domestic Verbal Argument - 1
Found Property - 1
Fraud - 1
Harassment - 1
Information Report - 3
Lost Property - 1
Threatening - 1
Unsecure Premise - 1

Total Incidents: 39

Road Commissioners Report

The Road Commissioner's function has continued to be performed by the Board of Selectmen this year. The Board has used professional road consultants, contracts with mainland and on-island contractors, working with our Town Administrator, to maintain the roads. This includes winter snow plowing and seasonal road maintenance.

This coming year will commence road repair and culvert replacement on Island Avenue in the area of the Gores' and Marrs'. The permitting process is completed and we will be working through the process with Gorrill-Palmer Engineers and McAleney and Co. There will be some traffic disruption around the Old Cove but should be well managed. In addition, targeted repairs on gravel roads and paved areas as needed.

Please continue to notify the Town Office of any road condition you feel should be addressed so we may maintain the roads in a reasonably safe and serviceable condition.

Board of Selectmen

Fire & Rescue Report

It has been some time since there has been a report from the Fire Department and a lot has happened since then. We've lost a lot of people over these years, but we have gained and are still gaining new members. We sent another fire engine to live out its days at the boatyard and said hello to a new (not so new) pumper and tank truck to lead our water supply. And all the while we have been assisting our neighbors in their times of need. As a department we have stood strong and continued to provide emergency response service to our town and neighboring islands.

Over the last several years we have been fostering a relationship with Falmouth Fire & Rescue. They have been very generous with training opportunities and access to their paramedics and medical transport. During the summer months most of our EMS transports go to Falmouth Town Landing. We can get our patients to paramedics in 12 min. from Long. With enough notice, Falmouth paramedic crew will board their inflatable speed boat and can get to Mariners in 5 min.

Last summer we had the opportunity to return the favor and assist Falmouth EMS with a rescue of a cardiac patient who had been sleeping on a sailboat in the mooring field off Handy Boat. We responded with Engine-3 to the sailboat, where we met paramedics and transported the patient to the mainland. We are blessed to have Engine-3, and thankful that the townspeople have always supported her needs. She is the backbone of our rescue and gives us all a certain sense of security. No one likes to not see Engine-3 not at her berth but unfortunately due to servicing or taking shelter from the weather the Rescue boat does have to come out of service. It is our policy to get Engine-3 back as soon as possible.

Two years ago we welcomed two new EMT's into our service. Lisa Kimball and Sam Whitener took a Hybrid class through Atlantic Partners doing their practical class time on Vinalhaven to complement the online and book work. We are pleased to be sending three new students to a similar program being hosted on Chebeague

taught by Lisa Israel and Mark Minkler. Current rescue driver Barbara Johnson is joined by new member Diane Watts and returning member Amy Tierney. Keeping EMT numbers up is a constant battle and helps prevent provider burnout.

Last spring we graduated four firefighters through a FF I&II class in Falmouth. Sam Whitener, Justin Papkee and Joe Miller and I traveled to Falmouth Monday nights with full bags of gear, and many times air packs as well. Fire Fighter I&II is a Pro board certified curriculum and evaluation program, which is the standard throughout the country. The class focused on basic and advanced firefighting and rescue tactics, and culminated with live fire drills and a state fire run practical skills exam.

This spring the same four members are excited to begin the process of obtaining a Fire Officer certificate by taking the basic fire officer class through Falmouth and Maine Fire Service Institute. We are all grateful for the opportunity to expand our knowledge and leadership skills to bring home and better our department.

Maine Department of Labor has a long list on compliance directives including mandatory safety programs, trainings and inspections. We have been working hard to incorporate these requirements into our training program. An increasing amount of any Fire Department's time these days is devoted to maintaining standards created by the Bureau of Labor Standards, OSHA and NFPA. With guidance of Safety Work (a Maine Municipal Association program), these programs are implemented by every department. Thankfully the townspeople have financially supported these efforts over the past few years. Some of these expenses will go away once programs and policies implemented. Other expenses will continue indefinitely through record keeping, safety programs and yearly inspections.

For many years we have been trying to fill an administrative assistant position. For a brief time we were happy to have Mel Smith fill in and help to develop this position and, she made good progress. The amount of paperwork required by the department, as well as required inspections and maintenance, has steadily increased over the years. Filling this position will go a long way in allowing members to focus on Fire & Rescue skills and training with our equipment.

With the support of the Select Board, and the Fire Association, we are currently directing funds to replace our firefighters Self Contained Breathing Apparatus systems. The current SCBA we have has served us well but has seen better days. The packs were made in 1982 and were the top of the line at the time. Unfortunately, NFPA regulations state the suggested life of this type of equipment spans through four model updates averaging every four years. This means ours have been out of compliance for quite some time. The regulators for these packs are no longer made, so repair and replacement has become difficult at best. Of the many packs we have had, we are down to the minimum of one per riding seat on each attack engine. The replacement is a tricky process because new and old packs are not interchangeable and it is important to have a fully integrated and compatible system.

There are many benefits to this new system, with weight being a major one. The new packs will weigh about ten pounds less and are less bulky. They will be equipped with an integrated PASS alarm, which activates a loud unmistakable alarm if a firefighter stops moving for any reason. This will alert other firefighters to the downed member and initiate rescue operations.

At the moment we have five full time Interior firefighters living on the Island. This low number greatly reduces the options we have to enter a burning building. As well as trying to recruit and train more firefighters, we realize that preventing fire and getting folks out of the house in the event of fire will be our most powerful lifesaving methods.

We have initiated a public safety campaign and will continue to expand safety and fire preventions programs. On March 11th we offered a pancake breakfast focusing on smoke detectors and evacuation routes. Daylight Savings Time is a good reminder to "change your clocks, and change your batteries in your smoke detectors". We gave away 8 carbon monoxide detectors and handfuls of batteries. We have still have two CO detectors and plenty of batteries for disbursement as well as 25 new smoke detectors compliments of the American Red Cross which we can install for you for free. Please call if you need any of these items or are interested in a home safety inspection. My cell is 317-1577 and I will be happy to arrange this. For those who are not lucky

enough to spend the winter months here on the island, don't feel left out by missing this event we are planning another after memorial day and hope to have many more in the future.

Starting in April we will be offering home inspections, including home heating safety audits. We will be joined by a Master Licensed gas and oil heating expert to help make sure your home heating system is as safe as possible. Do you ever smell gas or seem to use more than you should? Are your fuel tanks on a solid base and not tipping over? Is your exhaust up to current code and safety standards? Remember, one ounce of prevention is worth ten firefighters after a fire has started. Please call me if you are interested in a free inspection.

With summer closing in our thoughts turn to camp fires and the dry season. We will be finalizing a town policy in regards to burn permits, camp fires, and limitations. It is our intent to allow for the enjoyment of household fire pits while still protecting the rights of neighbors and minimizing threats to property. As with everything in life, with privilege comes responsibility. By educating people on state regulations, and safety considerations we hope to have freedom to enjoy the outdoors while maintaining public safety.

In closing, I would like to extend our ongoing recruitment effort to the community. We are always in need of additional support from our neighbors. From becoming a fire fighter to simply driving a tank truck in emergencies, we need positions filled. Driving the ambulance is a great way to give back and help support our EMS providers. We recently welcomed Joe and Rennie Donovan, Mark Greene, Dick Murphy and Barbara Johnson into this role. We are proud of Barbara who has chosen to advance her skills and is working toward her EMT-B license. We are proud to welcome Alec Cunningham to the department as a new fire fighter. Unfortunately he is in the same boat as many young couples of the past and is searching for year round housing rental. If anyone has an idea to help keep a young couple who is trying to become active in our community here please let me know. Something for the summer is a great start.

I am proud to be asked by my fellow members to step into the Chief position when Chief Papkee retired. I feel I have a lot to offer them in return for their trust and support. I hope that I continue in this role but will faithfully serve this town in whatever manner I am asked.

William Tierney - Interim Fire & Rescue Chief

Solid Waste Report

The Transfer Station saw a 6.5% decrease in 2016 in total tons collected in solid waste and recycling.

The Town continues to offer Zero-Sort recycling, which alleviates the hassle of separating recyclables and, again, helps to control costs. Also, the Long Island Fire and Rescue has continued to collect returnable bottles and cans as a fundraiser for the Fire Association, which helps to support community volunteer efforts. The Town urges residents to continue to recycle as well as to compost kitchen waste, which helps to keep unnecessary waste out of the household trash as well as provide nutrients-rich materials for gardening.

The FY18 budget is premised on a change in either the issuance of building permits whereby contractors will be required to supply their own disposal container or an increase in the commercial disposal fees. Construction waste containers brought down to the island are being filled rapidly by commercial projects. The revenues received are far less than the expense of the container and barge fees.

Waste Hauled in 2016:
Municipal Solid Waste (household trash): 131.15 tons
Construction Demolition Debris: 96.14 tons
Zero-Sort Recycling: 28.32 tons
Recycled Cardboard: 14.07 tons
Recycled Metal: 21.93 tons

Recycle Items:
Below are listed items that may be recycled.

Zero-Sort: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone/soft cover books, direct mail/envelops, mixed paper, paperboard (cereal boxes or shoe boxes), pizza boxes (as long as all food remnants have been removed), milk/juice containers, glass bottles/jars, aluminum (pie places/trays/foils), plastic (including bottles and containers #1-7).

Cardboard Recycle Items:
Clean cardboard, paperboard, 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.

Brian Dudley - Town Administrator

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board is again looking to address concerns about the setbacks and lot coverage requirements. Based on conversations with the Code Enforcement Officer and the Appeals Board we felt that we should continue to pursue these changes as spelled out in the write ups that were published by the Board. Also this year we are proposing to remove the issuing of Conditional Use Permits from the authority of the Appeals Board and place it back under the Planning Board where it was before the revisions to the ordinances were done in 1996 and 1997. This is also explained in a write up done by the Board and discussed at the Public Hearing in April and will be again at the Town Meeting.

We wish to say that we would not propose changes to our ordinances if we did not believe they were necessary changes to make thing work better for everyone to be able to use the land they own. As always we encourage the public to attend our meetings. We now meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6: 30 PM in the small meeting room at the Long Island Learning Center. Our primary mission as the Planning Board is to "develop, write, and maintain'' the Town ordinances to be in compliance with State Law and in legal workable language that serves all residents or our Town.

The following information is being presented here by the Planning Board to better inform the public about the changes to the land ordinances we will be bringing to this year's Town Meeting regarding setbacks and lot coverage requirements. In this way we hope that the voters will be more receptive to changes that the Board believes must be made to help the land owners to be able to enjoy the land they own without having the burden of meeting restrictive requirements that only effect the smaller size lots on the island and only make it more difficult for some to achieve their dream of having a home on Long Island.

Reasons for proposed ordinance change: At last year's Town Meeting the Planning Board had proposed changes to the setbacks and lot coverage ordinances in Chapter 14 land Use Article 3 Zoning Standards. Unfortunately it did not pass because we believe people did not fully understand why we had proposed the changes that we did. Here are some reasons why we believe that these changes are necessary.

1. Two years ago the Chairman of the Long Island Appeals Board sent a letter to me, Chairman of the Planning Board, requesting that we look at changes to the setbacks and lot coverage ordinances due to the number of appeals they were seeing requesting setbacks and or lot coverage variances. It is important to note that many of these request involved small amounts of footage to resolve most of the request which are caused mostly due to the many small but buildable lots on the Island.

2. Another concern that was brought to the attention of the Planning Board, are issues with Sub-Surface Waste Disposal Systems. After meeting with the Long Island Code Enforcement Officer, we learned that the CEO, has in the last five years, granted 63 request for variances to the setback requirements for sub-surface waste disposal systems and the setbacks from wells. Here again in dealing with the many smaller but buildable lots on the Island.

3. Another effect of this, as mentioned by the CEO, people are having to redesign their homes from their original desired size to smaller dimensions be able to meet the setback requirements this often costly and an unfair burden not to be able to build the home you want on land that you own.

4. The Planning Board believes that the proposed changes would not affect the larger lots on the Island and for the most part would only apply to lots under forty thousand (40.000) square feet in size.

5. At the time of the Town Meeting in 1996, the major concern was about ground water and its sustainability for the future and what affects more building would have on the water aquifers under it. The Gerber Report, which was done by the city of Portland in 1985, was used extensively as a tool to push for larger lot buildable lot sizes and bigger setbacks but due to the fact that many lots that already existed before the new ordinances were passed and became lots of record they are still buildable and therefore their owners must be allowed to use the land they own.

6. One other miss-conception, at the time, is the fact that it was stated over and over again in arguments made for larger lot sizes, was that in order to meet set back requirements for wells all sub-surface waste disposal systems would have to be placed in the center of all lots. This is of course false because as we know we live on an Island that is mostly rock and because of this a sub-surface waste disposal system must be installed where a soil analysis determines it should go and this greatly affects where a home can be placed and is why in some cases the current setback cannot be met on some lots. One more fact that is important to know and understand when the Gerber Report was done in 1985 it concluded that Long Island and its aquifer could accommodate one single family dwelling per acre of land on the Island. This is something that will never occur on this Island due to the large amount of open protected land and the many large parcels of privately owned land on the Island.

Brad Brown - Planning Board Chair

The following are comments from the Long Island Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) regarding proposed changes:

Regarding Conditional Use Review Authority: Conditional Use review is normally a Planning Board function in most Maine communities. The Board of Appeals (aka Zoning Board of Appeals) function is to hear variance requests and hear appeals to decisions made by the CEO and the Planning Board.

Regarding Set Backs & Lot Coverage: Over the years many permit applications for additions to existing buildings or out buildings have been denied because set back requirements/lot density could not be met

James Nagle - Code Enforcement Officer

Harbormaster & Constable Report

I am pleased to submit this annual report to the Town of Long Island as the Harbormaster / Constable for the period of April 2016 through March 2017. It is with great pride that I have the privilege to serve the citizens of Long Island.

Every year there is an increase in request for services and emergency responses. This last year I responded to 91 calls for service. Not included in these numbers, I met 84 arrivals and departures of the Casco Bay Lines ferry, assisting the traveling public, the boat crews and observing the comings and goings at Marriner's Landing and parking lot.

I have had the privilege to work with some of the best and most dedicated public safety servants in the area. Inter-agency assist or requests for mutual aid were received from Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Coast Guard, the City of Portland, the Town of Chebeague, and the Town of Falmouth.

Educational opportunities on the safe and illegal operation of golf carts continue to abound. Last year I had the chance to discuss the State of Maine laws pertaining to the operation of golf carts on a public way with many individuals. Underage drivers or those without a valid license also resulted with a talk with the parent or adult guardian. As a reminder, Deputy Joe says besides having the cart insured and legally registered, you must possess a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart on the road. Young drivers with a Drivers Learner Permit must be accompanied by a licensed driver. Numerous times last year, children under age 15 were observed driving by citizens and mentioned it to me well after the fact. If you see it; report it then. Long Island safety is everyone's business.

With last summer's lack of rain, the concern with bon fires and camp fires safety was elevated. There was a rash on unpermitted burns. All open fires require a burn permit. Last summer, all illegal open fires, with the exception of one, were quickly extinguished once the parties were made aware of the regulations. Thank you for your cooperation. There was one very large unpermitted and unattended fire on Fowler's Beach. This resulted in the Fire Department being called to extinguish it. The fire fighters quickly put it out, however this unattended fire could have resulted in a disaster. Please contact the Fire Chief or a Fire Warden for details on obtaining a permit. Also, if you are renting your property, please let your renters know that if they wish to have an open fire, they need to obtain a permit.

This past winter, I conducted periodic, random property checks. I am happy to report that all was found in good condition with the exception of two alarms sounding, several doors blown open, with no apparent damage and two suspicious lights. The properties were checked / secured and the respective owners were contacted.

As predicted, with the reduction of tanker traffic in Portland Harbor, we experienced a significant reduction of ships visit to the Hussey Sound Anchorage.

This past summer Long Island hosted a portion of the First Annual Run/Swim Event. Much of the logistics and planning of Long Island public safety was coordinated through the Harbormaster's Office. Several swimmers asked to be removed from the Hussey Sound portion of the swim. But other than that request, all went without a hitch. I want to thank the Falmouth Fire Department for bolstering our EMS response during the event.

The Lobster Boat Races, once again was a wonderful and safe event. With a record spectator fleet present, I would like to thank all the neighboring municipalities, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, the State of Maine Marine Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard who assisted on the race course and Falmouth EMS for their shoreside support.

As in past years, the Selectmen have demonstrated a true commitment to the Island's public safety. They have devoted time and resources to ensure that the town's public safety is a priority. They have an understanding of the Constable's and Harbormaster's role and needs, and have been instrumental in helping me serve you.

John Wallace – Harbormaster/Constable

Broadband Exploratory Committee (BBEC)

We have come to a point in our 18-month Broadband research mission where we feel we have a lot of information that is useful for moving forward. All of our research clearly indicates that to meet our goals of serving everyone at the most reasonable cost is a fiber based system that will not become obsolete.

As recommended clearly at our public meeting in December we have been seeking design cost proposals from as many vendors as will respond. This part of the project is to get engineering study costs in hand that will tell us what it will take to build the system. These estimates have varied, with many conditions not the least of which is an engineering study from one company may not be useable by another. Decisions also need to be made as to whether a Broadband system will be a Town owned utility or whether to turn it over to a private utility like Fairpoint.

Significant questions remain as to what the federal and state governments will bring forth for underserved places (like Long Island). We are very unclear as to Fairpoint's changing willingness to improve service to rural parts of Maine and in what time frames.

There are a myriad of other details to decide and understand as we watch other communities move forward with Broadband. All of these details will be better understood before the voters would be asked to approve a Broadband system for Long Island. While a CIP request to give us hard data to continue this research would be desirable, we have decided to hold back and come forth next year with a broader review of the options and potential costs. This approach may seem too conservative to those folks whose needs are being unmet now with our present limited DSL, but this does not diminish the need or importance of this project for the future well being of the community.

We are aware that some folks do not even have Internet access and do not want it. However, the potential cost of high speed broadband may be cheaper per household than what many folks are now paying for landline phone, satellite TV, and/or Fairpoint DSL. Broadband has the potential to deliver these services to your home for less cost at lightning speed and higher quality and with more choices.

As noted in the recent *LongIslander,* we also need to stay focused on the other major component of why we are researching this and recommending a fiber based Broadband system. If we are to improve our chances of remaining an attractive, viable year round community where folks want to stay and live, this is going to be a critical part of the future mix, as surely as dependable electricity and water. Communities large and small across the country (and world) are scrambling to figure this out so they can be on the "have" side of a present and growing digital divide. We must continue to invest in those things (schools, transportation, public safety, employment, health, housing, broadband to name a few) that will keep our Island community from withering to yet another summer only destination.

A Long Island broadband system will take several years to design, fund and build even if everyone decided that they wanted it now, so delay is not in our planning, but getting it right is.

Mark Greene - Committee Member

Aging in Place Report

Long Island's newest committee is Aging in Place. The committee is continuing to build on the work being done by the Town Health Officer to develop Aging in Place programs and on-island medical access.

Our mission statement says we are dedicated to helping the Town's seniors remain independent as long as possible and will strive to lead the community to;

- Enhance the quality of life on the Island for everyone.
- Help people stay in their homes and postpone costly moves to institutions as long as possible.
- Provide support to caregivers of Long Island's senior residents.
- Advocate for needed services, medical care, and safe housing for Long Island's senior residents.
- Provide ways to reduce isolation and promote opportunities for Long Island's senior residents to socialize with other residents.
- Promote an atmosphere that respects and includes our older residents in the Town's social and civic life.
- Develop medical services on Island for all Island residents with a focus on senior care

We have been busy this winter working towards these goals. We have been hosting bi-weekly soup lunches open to everyone. They have been incredibly well attended and well received. A typical lunch has forty five or more people. It has been a great way to get people out of their houses and socializing in the dead of winter and enjoying a good meal.

We are working on community education. We have provided two CPR classes in partnership with the Long Island Fire & Rescue and Falmouth Fire & Rescue. We are working on providing other activities like seated yoga or Tai Chi to benefit the mobility of our senior population.

We've started a relationship with Chebeague Cares, the in-home care portion of the Island Commons. We are helping to facilitate Long Islanders getting in-home care through their organization.

Our most ambitious goal is building a clinic space with handicap bathing facility in the Learning Center basement. With the installation of the elevator we now have handicap access to the basement. The clinic space will have one exam room, a telehealth room, and a bathing facility. The clinic and bathing facility will be available for any Island resident in need of medical assistance. We have been working with some folks from MaineHealth on the design and needs of the space. We also have asked the Planning Board to put a warrant in to amend the Town Ordinance to allow clinic space on the island.

We've created a relationship with the Nurse Practitioner (NP) who runs the clinic on Peaks Island and she is helping with our clinic space. She has also connected us with the director of MaineHealth's Telemedicine department. They both have been invaluable resources and are excited to see clinic space on Long Island take shape. We are part of a monthly meeting with MaineHealth including folks from Cliff and Chebeague who are exploring an actual clinic and telehealth space on Long Island. The NP is putting in a proposal to start doing home visits on Long Island one day a week, hopefully starting in March. This will lead in nicely when she can start to do clinic visits at our clinic.

We are working on the funding of the clinic through several grants as well as submitting a CIP to the Town. Unfortunately, we will not know if we have all of our grant money until after Town Meeting. We have asked the Town for $95,000 in the event we do not receive all grant monies. The expected cost of the facility will be approximately $100,000 to build. The operation of the clinic will fall under MaineHealth and be operated like any in-town clinic accepting insurance or working with un-insured individuals to apply for free care.

Amy Teirney - Committee Member

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Distribution of Permits – FY 2015/2016

Single Family Homes: 5
Accessory Buildings: 4
Renovation, Remodeling & Additions: 7
Miscellaneous/Other Building: 12

Internal Plumbing Permits: 6 Subsurface plumbing Permits: 13 Electrical Permits: 11

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), the National Electric Code 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.

Jim Nagle – CEO

Town Clerk's Report

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Vital Statistics

Births: 2
Marriages: 2
Deaths: 5

Licenses and Permits Issued

Dogs Licensed: 40 Liquor Licenses: 0
Hunting & Fishing Licenses: 14 Business Licenses: 4
1-Day Liquor Licenses: 11

Voter Registration

Total Registered Voters as 6/30/16: 230

Brenda L. Singo – Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report – FY Ending June 2016

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance June 30, 2015	**$ 411,365**
Revenues	
Property Taxes	$1,195,448
Excise Taxes	$ 56,812
Interest on Taxes	$ 1,456
Town Clerk Fees	$ 978
Mooring & Anchorage Fees	$ 5,270
Parking Permits	$ 2,380
Code Enforcement Fees	$ 8,387
Federal Grants	$ 13,543
State Grants	$ 3,313
State Revenue Sharing	$ 4,241
State School Lunch Reimbursement	$ 537
State School Subsidy	$ 8,867
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	$ 2,318
DOT Block Grant	$ 9,224
Sheriff's Dept. Income	$ 1,325
State Park Fee	$ 3,426
Veteran's Reimbursement	$ 79
Tree Growth	$ 95
Transfer Station	$ 15,338
Miscellaneous Income & Donations	$ 4,957
Student Lunch Payments	$ 3,497
School Tuition	$ 9,500
Library Donations and Fundraisers	$ 2,262
Library Fees and Fines	$ 530
Recreation/Teen Center	$ 15,439
Cemetery and Perpetual Care	$ 1,950
Animal Control Officer	$ 216
Property Rental	$ 8,705
Cash Management Income	$ 457
Total Revenues	**$1,380,550**
Total Expenditures	**$1,574,855**
Transfers (To) From Other Funds	
Minimum Balance Set Aside	$ (7,500)
Cemetery Perpetual Care	$ (1,800)

Total Transfers (To) From Other Funds	**$**	**(9,300)**
Transfer from Special Revenue Funds		
Capital Reserve Fund	$	3,540
Proceeds from Long Term Debt	**$**	**425,000**
Fund Balance June 30, 2016	**$**	**636,300**
All Funds June 30, 2016		
General Fund	$	636,300
Capital Improvement Reserve	$	0
Cemetery Perpetual Care	$	24,561
Minimum Balance Set Aside	$	72,000
FEMA Legal Reserve	$	30,000
Car Disposal Fund	$	9,365
Special Projects	$	119,139
Total All Funds June 30, 2016	**$**	**891,365**
FY 2015/2016 Grants		
Community Development Block Grant for Public Shelter Elevator	$	50,150

The audited Fiscal-Year Financial Statements for the Town of Long Island are available at Town Hall for viewing. They are prepared by Runyon, Kersteen and Ouellette, 20 Long Creek Drive, South Portland, ME 04106.

Lisa Kimball – Treasurer

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

Taxes Committed		$1,193,051.75
Taxes Collected		$1,184,238.87
Abatements	$	1,521.06
Supplements	$	0.00
Balance to Collect	$	7,291.82
Total Amount to Lien	$	7,291.79
Off-set Amount	$	.03

Delinquent Accounts as of July 1, 2016:

#525 – The Evans Family Trust	$	2,762.19
*#705 - Horr, Sharon L. Jts.	$	1,261.03
*#635 - Lovely, Richard C.	$	36.47

* **Taxes have since been paid or abated to the Town**

Brenda L. Singo – Tax Collector

Finance Committee Report

Over the past year, the Finance Committee has worked closely with the Select Board and School Board/School Superintendent in reviewing budget estimates and preparing the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. The proposed budget funds essential programs and needed Capital Improvement Projects while keeping the tax rate the same as this year: $7.694 per $1,000 of assessed value.
Year over Year Budget Change:

> Non-Property Tax revenues up 15%
> Budgeted use of prior-year surplus & reserves down 43%
> Budgeted additions to reserves up 73%
(replenishment of the snow removal reserve, addition to CIP reserve)
> Town Positions/Professional & Government expenses up 2%
> Education expenses down 4%
> Public Safety expenses down 8%
> Solid Waste expenses down 3%
> Public Works down 4%
> Recreation & Community Center expenses up 44%
(first full year of operation)
> Insurance expenses down 12%
> Direct funded CIP & Debt Service expenses down 22%
> Cumberland County Tax up 8%

Major Impacts:
> Prior year surplus, which offsets expenses, down $64 thousand
> Town and School employee compensation down $12 thousand
> +2% annual increase except:
> Hours adjusted for some employees to reflect actual hours spent
> Second of 3 year phased increases for Town Clerk,
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Administrator, and Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer
> Net Portland school tuition down $24 thousand
> Direct funded Capital Improvement Projects down $59 thousand
> Debt service up $31 thousand
> Snow removal reserve up $15 thousand to maintain $20 thousand in reserve

Capital Improvement Projects:
> No direct funded projects proposed in Budget
> Loan financed
> Emergency shelter bathroom and Medical screening room: up to $95 thousand
> Option for addition to base budget, Trash truck replacement: $100 thousand

The Finance Committee continued work on a 15-20 year capital and long term budget plan to assist the Town in considering the long-term financial implications of ensuring that our infrastructure meets the community's needs and is kept in good repair. The Committee also began a study to compare Long Island's budget with the budgets of other Maine island towns. The intention is to assess how other, similar towns provide services to their constituents and whether there are any improvements we can make in the way we do business.

Ed Rea - Chairman

SPECIAL NOTE

THE FOLLOWING IS ONLY THE "PROPOSED WARRANT"

AS MUCH AS THE SELECTMEN & OTHER DEPARTMENTS TRY TO HAVE ALL OF THEIR WARRANT ARTICLES READY FOR THE TOWN REPORT PRIOR TO GOING TO PRINT, THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHERE LEGALLY THERE COULD BE WARRANT ARTICLES ADDED OR EVEN DELETED FROM WHAT'S BEEN PRINTED IN THE "TOWN REPORT".

Therefore:

PLEASE CHECK LEGAL POSTING OF WARRANT
SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO
TOWN MEETING
OR
THE TOWN'S WEBSITE: townoflongisland.us

Brenda L. Singo
Town Clerk

<u>Proposed</u>
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Saturday, May 13, 2017

To: David Singo, Citizen of the Town of Long Island, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

Greetings… In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Long Island in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Long Island Community Center** in said Town on Saturday, the **13th of May, A.D. 2017**, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the **Articles 1 through 63**.

Article 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff's Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2017 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2017 and March 15, 2018 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 7% per year.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds provided that such grants, funds and other revenues do not require expenditure of Town funds not previously appropriated.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2017-2018.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into multi year contracts with various service providers, for a period not to exceed 3 years.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers, Appointees, and Professional Assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Selectmen (3)	$ 9,900
(Chair)	$ 2,030
Parklands/Beaches	$ 817
Wharves/Floats/Public Buildings	$ 3,100
Assessing/Map Updates	$ 1,107
Town Clerk	$16,626
Treasurer	$17,795
Tax Collector	$16,626
Office Assistant/Deputy	$ 7,500
Administrative Assistant	$ 2,955
Town Hall Employee Benefits	$ 5,000
Code Enforcement Officer	$11,123
Animal Control Officer	$ 1,059
Harbormaster	$ 1,059
Town Meeting Moderator	$ 100
Social Services Director	$ 264
Recreation Director	$ 4,434
Payroll Taxes	$12,102
Town Administrator	$16,066
Health Officer	$ 264
Island Fellow Contribution	$ 8,000
Town Annual Audit	$ 9,000
Town Counsel	$11,000
Tax Assessor	$ 2,000
Additional Professional Assistance	$ 4,000
Lawn Mowing Contract	$10,900
LICLOC	$ 5,000
TOTAL	**$179,327**

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Government Administration	**$111,454**

Articles 14 through 24 Authorize Expenditures in Education Cost Center Categories.

Article 14. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $324,051

Article 15. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SPECIAL EDUCATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $30,257

Article 16. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $0

Article 17. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **OTHER INSTRUCTION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $0

Article 18. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $10,500

Article 19. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $35,170

Article 20. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $20,195

Article 21. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $22,400

Article 22. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $42,417

Article 23. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **DEBT SERVICE.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $0

Article 24. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend $9,845

ARTICLES 25 AND 26 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 25. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State Recommends **$230,804.87**) and to see what sum the Town of Long

Island will raise as its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, section 15688.
The School and Finance Committees Recommend $225,834.87

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars minus General Purpose Aid, which this year is projected to be $4,970.

ARTICLE 26 IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACCURATE RECORDED HAND COUNT

Article 26. Shall the Town of Long Island raise and appropriate **$229,100.13** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **$269,000.13** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School and Finance Committees recommend **$219,100.13** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **$264,030.13**: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a K-12 educational program, such as: (1) Special Education cost (2) transportation and bus costs and (3) escalating fuel and electricity costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 27 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 27. Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **$494,835.00** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools?
The School and Finance Committees Recommend $494,835.00.

*Explanation: This is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of **$494,835.00**. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money*

Article 28. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles? Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	$36,233
Tuition	$21,000
REAP Federal Grant Funds	$18,000
School Nutrition Revenues	$ 450

State School Nutrition Reimbursement	$ 400
General Purpose Aid (estimated)	$ 4,970
Total	**$81,053**

The School and Finance Committee Recommend Adoption

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Long Island Community Library operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 5,000**

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Insurance	**$ 29,869**

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Police	$ 36,045
Fire and EMS	$124,123
Rescue Boat	$ 11,691
Emergency Preparedness	$ 2,250
TOTAL	**$174,109**

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Public Works	**$122,900**

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Solid Waste	**$ 92,526**

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Services	**$ 1,250**

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 23,350**

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Center facility costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 13,230**

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery operations.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 8,300**

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Debt Service.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Capital Debt Service	**$ 93,735**

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2017 and ending 30-June-2018, all revenues, grants, fees and undesignated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2017-2018 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Revenues, Fees & Grants	**$155,779**
Audited 15-16 Surplus	**$ 54,548**

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that it be used to maintain the mil rate established at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 7,500**

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Service Referrals.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Service Referrals	**$ 0**

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize 2016-2017 CIP Surplus to be transferred to CIP Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the CIP Reserve Fund and appropriate for 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 0**

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 5,800**

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital spending.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 0**

Article 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Teacher Deferred Compensation Fund.

The School Committee and Finance Committee Recommend:	**$ 1,500**

Article 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from the Animal Control Officer Fund and appropriate for 2017-2018 Animal Control Officer Expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 250**

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Snow Plowing Reserve that can be used for snow plowing in FY 2018 should the FY 2018 plowing costs exceed budget. Any funds remaining in the reserve after the winter of 2018, will remain in the reserve.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 15,000**

Recess: President of LICA will present the 2017 Francis "Tiny" Murphy Civic Award

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Town of Long Island Municipal Fees to be effective July 1, 2017: (note: strikethrough text would be deleted - underlined text to be added)

****COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING****

Historical Society Space (per year)	$700
Pottery Room Rental (per year)	$200

Rental Fees:

~~Town Depts./Associations/LICA & Island Non-Profit Groups~~	~~No Fee~~
~~Rental Deposit~~	~~$50~~
~~Private Events/Off Isl. Groups~~	~~$200~~

Non-Commercial/Community Purposes

Rental $300 1st Day/$150 Additional Days
(may be waived or reduced by the Board of Selectmen for charity/community events)
Cleaning/Mgt. $150/Day

Wedding – Resident/Property Owner

Rental $1,000 ~~1st 2 days~~/~~$150~~ $250 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $250

Wedding – Non-Resident/Non-Property Owner

Rental $2,500/$250 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $250

Non-Island Users

Rental $400/$150 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $150

Commercial Users

~~Negotiable up to~~ $1,000/Day
Cleaning/Mgt. $150

Late cleanup fee $150

Additional Fees:

~~Day-before Event Fee~~	~~$25~~
~~Day-after Event Fee~~	~~$25~~
Optional Table & Chair Set up/breakdown fee	$75
Tables (per table)	$5
Metal Chairs (per chair)	$1
Padded Chairs (per chair)	$2
~~Clean Up Fee~~	~~$75~~

Program Fees:

TBE by Recreation Director

****TOWN VFW HALL****
Non-Commercial/Community Purposes
Rental $300 1st Day/$150 Additional Days
(may be waived or reduced by the Board of Selectmen for charity/community events)
Cleaning/Mgt. $150/Day
Wedding – Resident/Property Owner
Rental $1,000 ~~1st 2 days~~/~~$150/~~ $250 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $250

Wedding – Non-Resident/Non-Property Owner
Rental $2,500/$250 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $250

Non-Island Users
Rental $400/$150 Additional Days
Cleaning/Mgt. $150

Commercial Users
~~Negotiable up to~~ $1,000/Day
Cleaning/Mgt. $150

Late cleanup fee $150

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Town of Long Island Transfer Station Fees to be effective July 1, 2017: (Note: strikethrough text would be deleted and underlined text to be added)

Wood/Const. (per cy) – Commercial ~~$55~~ $80
Metal/Debris (per cy) – Commercial ~~$33~~ $50

Article 51. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement of the former Generator Building located at 470 Island Avenue in an amount of $25,000? **The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.**

Explanation: The "Generator Building" is a 3,500 sq. ft. cement block constructed building circa 1943 with a wood-framed roof. The exterior has no doors or windows (boarded up). The interior is poured cement floors with pits from the generators and piping that has been removed. There is no insulation, power, water or septic. At the 2014 Town Annual Meeting, the voters authorized through Article 55 the Board of Selectmen to solicit proposals for the Wharf Street Garage Bays, the Marine Building and the Generator Building.

Municipal Resources, Inc. of Concord, NH assisted the Town with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Two letters for the Generator Building, indicating an interest with unspecified terms, were received. One of those two people subsequently withdrew from further consideration in the disposal process.

In October of 2016, the remaining interested party submitted a bid in the amount of $25,000. Sale of this property would relieve the Town of any maintenance responsibilities and future liabilities, as well as return the property to the tax rolls.

Article 52. Shall the Town vote that if the above **Article 50** passes and the sale of property goes through, to have proceeds from this sale be placed into the CIP Reserve Fund?

Article 53. Shall the Town vote to a) approve a **handicapped bathing facility and clinic space construction project in the basement of the Long Island Learning Center, at a cost not to exceed $95,000**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **$95,000** to meet the cost; c) and fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **$95,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a 'YES' vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 04/01/2017

1. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:
      1. Cumberland County $127,200
      2. School Lighting $ 5,000
      3. CCRP #1 $138,000
      4. CCRP #2 $252,000
      5. Misc. FY2015 Projects $208,000
      6. Roads Project $200,000
      7. Misc. FY 2016 Projects $285,590

      (#2-#7 reflect the amount of principal still outstanding on loans)

   B. Bonds to be issued if this Article
      Is approved: **$ 95,000**

2. Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of **3.5%** for **20 year maturity**, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$ 95,000
Interest	$ 35,000
Total New Debt Service	$130,000

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Article 54. Shall the Town vote to a) approve the **purchase of a trash truck at a cost not to exceed $100,000**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **$100,000** to meet the cost; c) and fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **$100,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommends a 'NO' vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 04/01/2017

4. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:
      1. Cumberland County $127,200
      2. School Lighting $ 5,000
      3. CCRP #1 $138,000
      4. CCRP #2 $252,000
      5. Misc. FY2015 Projects $208,000
      6. Roads Projects $200,000
      7. Misc. FY 2016 Projects $285,590
      (#2-#7 reflect the amount of principal still outstanding on loans)

   B. Bonds to be issued if this Article
      Is approved: **$100,000**

5. Costs:
At an estimated interest rate of **3.5%** for **10 year maturity**, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$100,000
Interest	$ 14,000
Total New Debt Service	$114,000

6. Validity:
The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Article 55. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land Use" be amended by adding the underlined language to "Article 7: Townwide Performance Standards - Section 7.16 - Paragraph A" as shown below?

7.16 Septic Inspections required at time of property title transfer. (Adopted May 5, 2001)

A. Prior to any title transfer of ownership of a lot containing a Subsurface Wastewater Disposal (SSWD) system or a structure connected to a SSWD system, the present owner of the property shall comply with the standards established in this section. A licensed Site Evaluator (SE) shall be hired, not at public expense, to test the SSWD system. The SSWD system will be tested with a standard die test, and the system evaluated to determine if it meets the standards in the Maine SSWD rules. The SE shall issue a written report of the findings, and a full copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Town <u>by the seller/current owner</u> within two weeks of the title transfer.

Article 56. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land Use" be amended by moving jurisdiction for granting and denying applications for conditional uses from the Board of Appeals to the Planning Board by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type as shown below?

ARTICLE 3: ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

Section 3.2.C. Conditional Uses:

The following uses are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the ~~Appeals Board~~ Planning Board, subject to the provisions of Article ~~13~~ 14(~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board) of this chapter and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below: …

Section 3.3.C. Conditional Uses:

The following uses are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the ~~Appeals Board~~ Planning Board, subject to the provisions of Article ~~13~~ 14(~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board) of this chapter and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below: …

Section 3.8.C. Conditional uses. The following uses are conditional uses in the recreation and open space zone, subject to approval by the ~~Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board. …

Section 3.8.D. Standards for conditional uses. In addition to the criteria listed in Article ~~13~~ 14(~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~Planning Board), the Planning Board ~~board of appeals~~ shall consider the following criteria when reviewing conditional uses in the recreation and open space zone: …

Section 3.9.C. Conditional Uses:

The following uses are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the ~~Appeals Board~~ Planning Board, subject to the provisions of Article ~~13~~ 14(~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board) of this Chapter and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below: …

Section 3.10.C. Conditional uses: The following uses are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the ~~Appeals Board~~ Planning Board, subject to the provisions of Article ~~13~~ 14(~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ Planning Board) of this ~~article~~ chapter and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below: …

ARTICLE 7: TOWNWIDE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Section 7.10.D. A home occupation that is not listed in paragraph (C) of this section but is similar to and no more objectionable than those home occupations listed in that paragraph, shall be permitted as a conditional use subject to the requirements of this Article 7 (Townwide Performance Standards) and Article ~~13~~14 (Planning Board ~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~) of this chapter. This provision shall not include veterinarians, kennels, animal raising, funeral homes, retail uses including antique shops, restaurants, dancing studios, towing services, repair and painting of automobiles as home occupations.

Section 7.23.B.7. Prior to permitting an Accessory Dwelling Unit in either an existing structure or a new structure, the Board of Appeals shall require the applicant to hire a licensed Site Evaluator (SE), not at public expense, to certify that any existing subsurface wastewater disposal system (SSWD) proposed to be used, or a new system to be built, meets or will meet the current standards of the Maine State Plumbing Code Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules for the number of bedrooms being proposed for the structure. A full copy of the results shall be included in the Conditional Use Permit Application and submitted to the ~~Board of Appeals~~Planning Board.

ARTICLE 13: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

13.1 Jurisdiction and authority.

The board of appeals shall have the following jurisdiction and authority:

A. Subject to the provisions of section 13.4, to hear and decide appeals from, and review orders, decisions, determinations or interpretations made by the building authority;

B. Subject to the provisions of section 13.5, to hear and grant or deny applications for variances from the terms of this article;

C. ~~Subject to the provisions of section 13.6, to hear and grant or deny applications for conditional uses, as specified in this article;~~

C. ~~D.~~ To initiate changes and amendments to this Article 13.

13.3 Conduct of Hearings

C. Public hearings.

(2) Notice.

(b) In the case of hearings related to a use variance, or a nonconforming use~~, or a conditional use~~ involving a particular parcel or tract of land, by mail to the owners of all the property within five hundred (500) feet of such parcel or tract;

~~13.6 Conditional uses~~

~~A. Authority. The board of appeals may, subject to the procedures, standards and limitations set out in this section, approve the issuance of a conditional use permit authorizing development of conditional uses listed in this article.~~

~~B. Procedure:~~

~~(1) Application. Applications for conditional use permits shall be submitted to the building authority. A nonrefundable application fee, as established from time to time by the selectmen to cover administrative costs and costs of a hearing, shall accompany each application. The application shall be in such form and shall contain such information and documentation as shall be prescribed from time to time by the code enforcement officer but shall in all instances contain at least the following information and documentation:~~

~~a. The applicant's name and address and his or her interest in the subject property and a copy of the deed;~~
~~b. The owner's name and address if different than the applicant;~~
~~c. The address, or chart, block and lot number as shown in the records of the office of the assessor of the subject property;~~
~~d. The zoning classification and present use of the subject property;~~
~~e. The particular provision of this article authorizing the proposed conditional use;~~
~~f. A general description of the proposed conditional use;~~
~~g. Where site plan approval is required by Article 10 (Site Plan Review), a copy of a site plan application that has been determined by the Planning Board to be complete as defined by Article 10 (Site Plan Review).~~

(Amended May 14, 2011)

(2) Public hearing. A public hearing shall be set at a reasonable place and time (not to exceed 60 days from receipt of a completed application for conditional use), advertised and conducted by the board of appeals in accordance with this Article 13 (Zoning Board of Appeals).

(3) Action by the board of appeals. Within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, the board of appeals shall render its decision, in a manner and form specified by Article 13 (Zoning Board of Appeals), granting the application for a conditional use permit, granting it subject to conditions as specified in subsection (d), or denying it. The failure of the board to act within thirty (30) days shall be deemed an approval of the conditional use permit, unless such time period is mutually extended in writing by the applicant and the board. Within five (5) days of such decision or the expiration of such period, the secretary shall mail notice of such decision or failure to act to the applicant.

C. Conditions for conditional uses:

(1) Authorized uses. A conditional use permit may be issued for any use listed as a conditional use in the regulations applicable to the zone in which it is proposed to be located.
(2) Standards. Upon a showing that a proposed use is a conditional use under this article, a conditional use permit shall be granted unless the board determines that:

a. There are unique or distinctive characteristics or effects associated with the proposed conditional use;
b. There will be an adverse impact upon the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the surrounding area; and
c. Such impact differs substantially from the impact which would normally occur from such a use in that zone.

D. Conditions on conditional use permits. The board of appeals may impose such reasonable conditions upon the premises benefited by a conditional use as may be necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects therefrom upon other property in the neighborhood. Such conditions shall be expressly set forth in the resolution authorizing the conditional use permit and in the permit. Violation of such conditions shall be a violation of this article.

E. Effect of issuance of a conditional use permit. The issuance of a conditional use permit shall not authorize the establishment or extension of any use nor the development, construction, reconstruction, alteration or moving of any building or structure, but shall merely authorize the preparation, filing and processing of applications for any permits or approvals which may be required by the codes and ordinances of the town, including but not limited to a building permit, a certificate of occupancy, subdivision approval and site plan approval.

F. Limitations on conditional use permits. No conditional use permit shall be valid for a period longer than six (6) months from the date of issue, or such other time as may be fixed at the time granted not to exceed two (2) years, unless the conditional use has been commenced or is issued and construction is actually begun within that period and is thereafter diligently pursued to completion; provided, however, that one (1) or more extensions of said time may be granted if the facts constituting the basis of the decision have not materially changed, and the two-year period is not exceeded thereby. A conditional use permit shall be deemed to authorize only the particular use for which it was issued and such permit shall automatically expire and cease to be of any force or effect

~~if such use shall for any reason be discontinued for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more.~~

~~G. Appeals from board decisions. Appeals from any decision of the board of appeals or, where applicable, the planning board respecting a conditional use permit shall be to superior court.~~

ARTICLE 14: PLANNING BOARD

14.4 Conditional uses

A. Authority. The Planning Board may, subject to the procedures, standards and limitations set out in this section, approve the issuance of a conditional use permit authorizing development of conditional uses listed in this article.

B. Procedure:

(1) Application. Applications for conditional use permits shall be submitted to the building authority. A nonrefundable application fee, as established from time to time by the selectmen to cover administrative costs and costs of a hearing, shall accompany each application. The application shall be in such form and shall contain such information and documentation as shall be prescribed from time to time by the code enforcement officer but shall in all instances contain at least the following information and documentation:

a. The applicant's name and address and his or her interest in the subject property and a copy of the deed;
b. The owner's name and address if different than the applicant;
c. The address, or chart, block and lot number as shown in the records of the office of the assessor of the subject property;
d. The zoning classification and present use of the subject property;
e. The particular provision of this article authorizing the proposed conditional use;
f. A general description of the proposed conditional use;
g. Where site plan approval is required by Article 10 (Site Plan Review), a copy of a site plan application that has been determined by the Planning Board to be complete as defined by Article 10 (Site Plan Review).

(2) Public hearing. A public hearing shall be set at a reasonable place and time (not to exceed 60 days from receipt of a completed application for conditional use), advertised and conducted by the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions in Article 10, Section 10.3(D)(10).

(3) Action by the Planning Board. Within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, the Planning Board shall render its decision granting the application for a conditional use permit, granting it subject to conditions as specified in subsection (d), or denying it. The failure of the board to act within thirty (30) days shall be deemed an approval of the conditional use permit, unless such time period is mutually extended in writing by the applicant and the board. Within five (5) days of such decision or the expiration of such period, the secretary shall mail notice of such decision or failure to act to the applicant.

C. Conditions for conditional uses:

(1) Authorized uses. A conditional use permit may be issued for any use listed as a conditional use in the regulations applicable to the zone in which it is proposed to be located.

(2) Standards. Upon a showing that a proposed use is a conditional use under this article, a conditional use permit shall be granted unless the board determines that:

a. There are unique or distinctive characteristics or effects associated with the proposed conditional use;
b. There will be an adverse impact upon the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the surrounding area; and
c. Such impact differs substantially from the impact which would normally occur from such a use in that zone.

D. Conditions on conditional use permits. The Planning Board may impose such reasonable conditions upon the premises benefited by a conditional use as may be necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects therefrom upon other property in the neighborhood. Such conditions shall be expressly set forth in the resolution authorizing the conditional use permit and in the permit. Violation of such conditions shall be a violation of this article.

E. Effect of issuance of a conditional use permit. The issuance of a conditional use permit shall not authorize the establishment or extension of any use nor the development, construction, reconstruction, alteration or moving of any building or structure, but shall merely authorize the preparation, filing and processing of applications for any permits or approvals which may be required by the codes and ordinances of the town, including but not limited to a building permit, a certificate of occupancy, subdivision approval and site plan approval.
F. Limitations on conditional use permits. No conditional use permit shall be valid for a period longer than six (6) months from the date of issue, or such other time as may be fixed at the time granted not to exceed two (2) years, unless the conditional use has been commenced or is issued and construction is actually begun within that period and is thereafter diligently pursued to completion; provided, however, that one (1) or more extensions of said time may be granted if the facts constituting the basis of the decision have not materially changed, and the two-year period is not exceeded thereby. A conditional use permit shall be deemed to authorize only the particular use for which it was issued and such permit shall automatically expire and cease to be of any force or effect if such use shall for any reason be discontinued for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more.

G. Appeals from board decisions. Appeals from any decision of the planning board respecting a conditional use permit shall be to superior court.

Article 57. Shall an ordinance entitled “Chapter 14 Land Use” be amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type to Article 3: Zoning District Standards, Section 3.2 IR-1 Island Residential Zone, Paragraph E. Dimensional requirements,- subparagraph 3 as shown below?

(3) Minimum yard dimensions: yard dimensions shall mean setbacks of structures from property lines:

a front yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Thirty (30) feet~~ Twenty five (25) Feet
b. Rear Yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Thirty (30) Feet~~ twenty Five (25) Feet
c. Side yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Twenty (20) feet~~ Fifteen (15) feet.
d Side yard on side streets: Principle or accessory structures: Twenty (20) feet.

Article 58. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land Use" be amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type to Article 3: Zoning District Standards, Section 3.2 IR-1 Island Residential Zone, Paragraph E. Dimensional requirements, subparagraph 4 as shown below?

(4) Maximum lot coverage: the combined area of all structures, including accessory structures shall not cover more than ~~15~~ 20% of all contiguous area of the lot which is to be built upon or otherwise improved.

Article 59. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land Use" be amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type to Article 3 Zoning District Standards, Section 3.3 IR-2 Island Residential Zone-Paragraph E. Dimensional requirements, subparagraph 3 as shown below?

Front yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Thirty (30) feet~~ Twenty Five (25) Feet
Rear yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Thirty(30)Feet~~ Twenty five (25) Feet
Side yard: Principle or accessory structures: ~~Twenty (20) feet~~ Fifteen (15) feet.
Side yard on side streets: Principle or accessory structures: Twenty (20) feet

Article 60. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land use" be amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type to Article 3: Zoning District Standards, Section 3.3 IR-2 Island Residential Zone,-Paragraph E. Dimensional requirements, subparagraph 4: Be amended as indicated below?

(4) Maximum lot coverage: The combined area of all structures, including accessory structures, shall not cover more than ~~15~~ 20% of the contiguous area of the lot which is to be built upon or other wised improved.

Article 61. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 14 Land Use" be amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the language in strikeover type to Article 3 - Zoning District Standards - Section 3.2 IR-1 Island Residential Zone - Paragraph C. Conditional uses - (2) Other - "o" as shown below?

3.2 IR-1 ISLAND RESIDENTIAL ZONE

C. Conditional uses:

The following uses are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the Appeals Board, subject to the provisions of Article 13 (Zoning Board of Appeals) of this chapter and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below:

(1) Institutional: **(Amended May 14, 2016)**
a. Schools and other educational facilities including seasonal day camps other than campgrounds;
b. Churches, or other places of worship;
c. Private clubs, fraternal organizations, excluding yacht clubs and marinas;
d. Municipal uses, provided that outside storage and parking areas are suitably screened and landscaped to ensure compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood;

Such uses shall be subject to the following standards:

i. In the case of expansion of existing such uses onto land other than the lot on which the principal use is located, it shall be demonstrated that the proposed use cannot reasonably be accommodated on the existing site through more efficient utilization of land or buildings, and will not cause significant physical encroachment into established residential area;
ii. The proposed use will not cause significant displacement or conversion of residential uses existing as of July 15, 1985, or thereafter; and
iii. When more than one of the conditional uses exists, the applicable minimum lot sizes shall be cumulative.

(2) Other:

a. Utility substations including sewage and water pumping stations and standpipes, electric power substations, transformer stations, buried and underwater electric and telephone transmission cables (entering the Town of Long Island from the ocean only), telephone electronic equipment enclosures, and other similar structures, provided that such uses are suitably screened and landscaped so as to ensure compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood;
b. Nursery schools, kindergarten, and day care facilities for seven (7) or more children;
c. Cemeteries;
d. Raising of domesticated animals, excluding swine and reptiles, with no animals kept on any lot less than three (3) acres or closer than one hundred (100) feet to any street or lot line, and provided that such use will not create any odor, noise, health or safety hazards, or other nuisance to neighboring properties; except domesticated fowl as regulated in Ch. 5 Animals and Fowl – Article III Keeping of Domesticated Fowl.
This ordinance, to include all of the above text, does not apply to cats and dogs. **(Amended May 14, 2011)**
e. Wharves, piers, docks, or landing ramps;
f. Bed and breakfasts
g. Handicapped family unit, as defined in Article 2 (Definitions) for handicapped persons, plus staff.
h. Lodging houses, with more than two (2) but not more than nine (9) lodging rooms.
i. Wireless Communication Facilities that comply with standards herein.
j. Limited Bed and Breakfast Restaurants that comply with standards herein.
k. Accessory Dwelling Units. **(Adopted May 12, 2007)**
l. Agriculture **(Adopted May 14, 2016)**
m. Aquaculture **(Adopted May 14, 2016)**
n. Material Storage Area **(Adopted May 14, 2016)**
o. Medical Clinic

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE & SELECTMEN ELECTION ARTICLES

Article 62. To elect by written ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2017 to 06/30/2020.

Article 63. To elect by written ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen (those elected shall also serve as the assessors and overseers of the poor), for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2017 to 06/30/2020.