

Minutes of Meeting

February 11, 2016

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

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

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

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Zoeth Rich updated the board on on-going projects and the FY 2016-17 budget.

Ralph Sweet brought in the estimate for an wrought iron fence around the new cemetery. The quote is for \$26,995.

Nancy Jordan recommended that the upcoming Maine Bond Bank spring issue include all of the funding for the Island Avenue road improvements and the new culvert. The board agreed.

It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to approve a spring application to the Maine Bond Bank in the amount of \$200,000 for the work on Island Avenue. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the status of a contract for a Road Consultant. Selectman Condon indicated that the quote the proposed consultant received for liability coverage to indemnify the Town was \$2,500 annually. This would be cost prohibitive since the annual contract fee is only for \$3,000.

Selectman Condon asked whether the Town should appoint a Road Assistant instead of a Road Consultant, with the person being a Town employee covered under the Town's insurance. Selectman Donovan was opposed to this and Chair Harmon did not participate in the discussion.

The board reviewed the draft minutes of the February 4th meeting.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. (Motion passed 3-0).

Steve Train, John Lortie and Leah Doughty met with the board to review the Town's contribution to LICLOC for the coming fiscal year. They are hopeful to get ahead of invasive overgrowth, i.e., bittersweet, and would like to see the Town's contribution go back to \$5,000 a year, up from the \$3,500 in the current fiscal year.

It was also agreed that LICLOC would give a brief summary of its purpose and work plans at the next annual town meeting.

There was discussion on the Island Institute's invasive species study. They are seeking an intern to develop an invasive species management plan. This may be tied into aquaculture, seaweed, kelp and grant writing.

Brenda Singo briefed the board on the current accounting process for the receipt of cash at the Transfer Station. Given the volume of activity when the Transfer Station is open, especially in the summer months, there was discussion that all cards, as per the original intent of the program, be purchased at Town Hall. This would relieve the Transfer Station attendants from the need to issue cards and collect monies.

Brian Dudley suggested that there might be a management software program available that people could access on-line and print out their cards. This would be more user friendly when Town Hall is closed.

This item will be further reviewed.

There was a brief discussion on the fee charges for the Transfer Station. The current fees for commercial contractors are below the cost of the containers rental and shipping fees. The board will review this in more detail with the possibility of requiring the commercial contractor to supply their own debris containers.

The board reviewed the Transfer Station FY2016/17 budget. It was agreed to increase the bargaining expenses to \$20,000 and to keep the solid waste trucking expense at \$12,000.

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting.

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- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 board meeting. (Motion recorded by Town Clerk Singo and passed 3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for February 18, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley