

Minutes of Meeting

June 02, 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.

The board reviewed its weekly correspondence.

The board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2016.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2016. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the recent meeting with the Treasurer regarding Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). It was noted that the board has also agreed to include \$47,000 in the BAN for the heat project at the Learning Center. The board also noted that the excess property valuations above those presented at the town meeting could be used to either reduce the property tax rate or used to establish a fund balance.

Selectman Donovan informed the board that a Department of Agriculture Maine Coastal program grant has received preliminary approval for the Mariner's Wharf project for planning and engineering in the amount of \$30,000

There was discussion on the Memorial Day holiday problem with trash being left on Mariner's Wharf. The board asks that islanders not dump their household trash in the bins there. Trash should be taken to the Transfer Station or taken off the island. The amount of trash left outside the full barrels was unsightly and a poor reflection on the island.

Brian updated the board on recent transfer Station activity. Even as the summer is just beginning, the containers are filling up rapidly and requiring the expense of new empty containers and the associated barging fees.

There was some discussion, to be continued, about doing a survey on how best to handle trash and the lowest cost possible.

It was noted that the grant for the elevator in the school in the amount of \$51,000 has received preliminary approval.

Selectman Donovan updated the board on the status of the new Community Center. Painting is still not finalized. There is hope that the volunteer labor can happen in July for two weeks. There are revised quotes for the landscaping based on the input from the original design of the facility. The board hopes to receive flooring prices soon. Zoeth is working on the glass doors.

The board then reviewed recent correspondence from LIF&R regarding departmental compensation. This issue will be reviewed further.

The board met with Dick & Robin Clarke. Dick expressed his concern with public statements made by two town employees regarding the process this past fall on the appointment of the Road Commissioner. Brian clarified for the board the exact statements that were being referred to and that the minutes of the board for that meeting indicated that the statements had been referenced in the board meeting minutes with a note that they were available for review at town hall.

Dick Clark indicated that he wanted a formal acceptable public apology from the two employees and appropriate personnel action by the board for the statements. Dick indicated the possibility of involving the Maine Human Rights Committee with his complaint. He also requested that the board hire an outside firm to develop a personnel policy, if it has not already done so.

Ed McAleney briefed the board on the revised costs for the landscaping for the Community Center based on the recent changes. The board asked Ed to submit a formal proposal.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Condon), and Voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Section 405 (^6)(A) at 7 PM. (Motion passed 3-0).
- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Condon) and Voted to come out of executive session at 7:25 PM. (Motion passed 3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Board is June 9, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L. Dudley