Minutes of Meeting

June 06, 2019

Board of Selectmen

Town of Long Island

Present: Chair, Joe Donovan and Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator.

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

Selectmen reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2019. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board reviewed its weekly correspondence. There was a communication regarding the need for additional American flags on parts of the island.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to purchase 25 additional American flags for island roads. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board met with George and Kerry Reed regarding access to their property following the new septic system installation at the VFW Hall. Chair Donovan indicated that the files and land deeds show no vehicular easements, direct or otherwise across that property, but that the VFW Hall has extended its permission for pedestrian access only. Vehicular access has been specifically prohibited in various correspondence between the parties over the years.

The board also pointed out that they would need access across their neighbor's property as well. This issue will be further reviewed with the VFW Hall directors.

VFW Septic System project and vehicular access. There is no vehicular access across any of the VFW property and no town permissions have ever been extended to do so.

The board discussed the July 4th road race and parade. In light of LICA's decision to no longer sponsor these two events, the Board re-affirmed its support for both.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted for the Town to sponsor the July 4th road race and parade. (Vote passed 3-0).

Brian briefed the Board on the following issues:

1. Brian is working on the annual solid waste DEP report due in July.
2. Brian has been in touch with Casella regarding the acquisition of totes for the collection of returnable bottles and cans.
3. A meeting with All State Material Group regarding the upcoming paving will be set up to finalize the scope of the paving project.
4. The volunteer accident insurance coverage for members of LIF&R has been renewed.
5. Brian spoke with the program director at the Department of Marine Resources who confirmed that the $30,000 grant application from the Town for the wavebreak project at Mariners Wharf has been approved. The funding for this project now totals $89,000 (a $20,000 CDBG grant, a $15,000 Submerged Lands grant, this $30,000 DMR grant and Town-approved funding of $24,000). The next and final grant application for this project is a SHIP grant from MDOT in the amount of $89,000.

The board re-visited the request to vacate a portion of a paper street in the Fern Park sub-division. This item had been deferred from board action at a meeting in April. After conformation of the appeals process, the board felt comfortable in moving forward.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to partially vacate a portion of the paper street running through the Fern Park sub-division as presented by a petitioner.

There is an opening on the Planning Board. Anyone interested in serving should contact Brian (townadmin@longislandmaine.org).

The board met with Craig Stewart to discuss the status of Ponce's Landing. The temporary repairs to the missing piling nearest the shore side of Ponces have been completed. The larger more permanent repair project will require outside grant support. Craig has already had contact with the Department of Marine Resources. Brian will call about a working waterfront grant.

It was also stressed that all users of Ponces Landing should be supportive through a paid annual membership. There are currently 8 paying members at $300 per year. Any utility/fuel company using the pier should also become a member to help support the maintenance of the pier.

The board discussed again the upcoming resurfacing of the tennis court and the addition of a pickleball court to expand recreational opportunities for island residents. After reviewing a large amount of e-mails on the subject, the board focused on starting with a smaller pickleball court in the already paved back space behind the tennis court outside of the fence.

Brian will reach out to the contractor as to feasibility.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to site a pickleball court behind the tennis court. (Motion passed 3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is June 13, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator