

Minutes of Meeting

July 11, 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 (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2019. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed with the Treasurer a request from Gorham Savings Bank to authorize the limits for town credit cards for the Town Administrator, the Treasurer and the Tax Collector.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to approve a \$4,000 limit for each card. (Motion passed 3-0).

There was a discussion on board leadership for 2019-2020.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to elect Joe Donovan as Board Chair for the 2019-2020 year. (Motion passed 2-0, (1) abstain Donovan).

The board reviewed correspondence received on recreation department salaries, a parking violation and an island visit by the Irish Ambassador to the United States.

It was noted that the 2019-2020 budget has already been passed. The board asked Brian to respond on its behalf to the recreation department salary issue as well as respond to the use of the Community Center for town events.

Brian updated the board on:

- 1) The tennis court resurfacing project. Prep work starting in July with resurfacing shortly thereafter. A separate pickleball area will be added in the back of the tennis courts;
- 2) A preliminary response from MDOT indicating that the Mariners Wharf grant application in the additional amount of \$89,000 will be contained in their next round of funding projects. This brings the total for this phase of the project to \$178,000, of which the Town is supplying \$24,000.
- 3) The Town has received notice of its FY20 Local Road Assistance funding from the State in the amount of \$9,244.
- 4) Brian is working with the State and with GPCOG on sand and salt prices for the coming winter season; and,
- 5) Brian has met several times with a paving contractor for this year's road improvements. A final tour of the island will be conducted to establish the paving schedule for this season. Due to scheduling and staging needs, the work may have to be done in August.

The board met with Leah Doughty on the projects at VFW Hall. There was also discussion on the new totes for the collection of bottles and cans. Everyone is reminded that you can no longer drop off bags with a mix of cans and bottles. They must be separated into the proper tote. Containers are at the Transfer Station, South Beach and on Mariners Wharf.

The board discussed a request from the SwimRun event organizers to meet with the town on Monday, July the 15th to review this year's schedule and continue to seek improvements in quality and public safety. That meeting will be in town hall at 6:30 PM.

The board met with the Sheriff and the Constable to review this year's fireworks issues. Complaints were received for an unpermitted display on Fowlers Beach which caused a small fire. Both Front Beach and Fowlers Beach were littered with discarded fireworks materials.

There was discussion on the need to tighten up the permit application in the event that fireworks are allowed to continue on the island. Site cleaning, duration and the transit of fireworks to the island will be addressed.

The board discussed the damage to the harbormaster boat as a result of a fire on another vessel tied up next to it on the float . Brian spoke with the insurance company and the adjuster. The Harbormaster brought the boat to town to meet with the adjuster.

The board met with the Treasurer and discussed the mil rate for the FY20 year as well as the policy for balance carryforwards. Due to a lower total appraised value than estimated, the mil rate needs to be adjusted.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted barring any further adjustments to set the mil rate at \$7.94/\$1,000. (Motion passed 3-0).

No final decision was arrived at for the balance carryforward issue pending additional input from the Finance Committee.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is July 18, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator