

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Town Meeting Status

March 27, 2020

At its virtual board meeting last night on Zoom, the Board of Selectmen addressed again issues impacting our island as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. They agreed for the time being to keep Town Hall closed for public business and visitors at least until Tuesday, April the 14th.

The Board also delayed a decision on postponing the annual town meeting currently scheduled for Saturday, May the 9th. To keep that date, the annual town report must be sent to the printers within the next few days so it can be mailed in time to all residents.

While the Maine legislature passed emergency laws that now enable municipal boards to meet remotely as we did for the first time last evening, it still requires a traditional gathering of citizens to conduct the annual town meeting. The new law, however, also allows for municipalities to fund government operations at the same budget levels approved for the previous year.

Given that whatever decisions are made now are subject to change depending upon the progress of this pandemic, the Board is seeking input as to staying with the current planned town meeting date of May the 9th or postponing until a later date.

Please e-mail (selectmen@longislandmaine.org) your thoughts and suggestions on postponing for now the annual town meeting tentatively set for Saturday, May the 9th.

Also, please note that: 1) the proposed Finance Committee and Selectmen's budget; and 2) the Planning Board proposed amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are posted on the town website for your review.