

**Minutes of Meeting
April 09, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island**

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer and Barbara Johnson, Tax Collector. Joining via video or telephone conferencing: Mark Greene; Ed Rea; Wes Wolfertz; Sam Whitener; and Ralph Sweet.

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

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 02, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. Communications regarding Covid 19 were deferred until later in the meeting.

John Burke discussed activity at the Transfer Station.

The Treasurer noted that the workers compensation audit is completed.

The Tax Collector is still processing tax payments.

Ed Rea spoke to the revised budget schedule based on a tentative change in the annual town meeting date. He will forward to Curt Murley for posting.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet discussed the status of the broadband project with Consolidated Communications. Ralph has received a generic contract from them absent the final cost numbers pending a detailed island engineering

study. Brian will discuss this with outside counsel for their initial review. There are still unanswered issues regarding the tax exempt status of the project and the timing of the payments and reimbursements.

There was discussion on the CIP items for the coming year. LIF&R has added a request for specialty equipment, a stair chair and a power stretcher system. Sam Whitener will forward a formal CIP proposal.

Mark Greene discussed the Island Coalition letter to the Governor regarding lodging for islanders who may not be able to return to their island because of delays in a ferry schedule, etc.

Amy Tierney reviewed some CEO activities. There is a pending change of use request from the owner of the Spar Condos.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) The FEMA disaster declaration for Maine has been issued. Brian will coordinate with staff to accumulate financial data on Covid 19 expenses incurred for a possible FEMA application.;
- 2) Brian has spoken with All State Material Group (ASMG) about the 2020 road schedule. Roads paved in the past two years will be sealed this year.;
- 3) Brian has completed the Cumberland County Community Engagement Survey for the town.;
- 4) Brian and Ralph are now working directly with CMP on some follow up issues for the conversion of island street lights to LED fixtures.;
- 5) Brian has received confirmation that the amended MDOT SHIP Grant filed in March requesting \$104,000 in funds for the repair and installation of wave break for Mariner Wharf and new lighting has been approved. The total budget for the project including previously-awarded state and Federal grants is now \$208,000, \$39,000 of which will be town funds.;
- 6) Brian is working with three marine engineering/design firms to oversee the project. A selection of one firm should be completed by mid-May.

Joe Donovan raised the issue again of the value of participating in InforME during these times that allows citizens to register vehicles, boats, etc. on-line as well as use a credit card for payment processing. Barbara Johnson and Lisa Kimball stated that the technology would increase their work, not diminish it. The programs need to be reviewed once again.

The board opened the meeting for public comment.

Amy Tierney discussed a Wellness Center telehealth component. This was planned for in 2021 through Maine Health Partners. There was discussion as to the possibility of some grant money being available to assist.

Sam Whitener noted that some PPE supplies had been received. No face shields came in the shipment. He is working on a follow up protocol for Covid 19.

The board discussed updates to the regular public notices. Brian will work on a revised communication to go out on April the 10th.

Mark Greene asked about VFW Hall event reservations. For the time being, the reservations will be continued.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into Executive Session at 6:14 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6)(A). (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.)
- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the Executive Session at 6:40 PM. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is April 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator