Minutes of Meeting
April 23, 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; Steve Hart; Paul Thornton; John Davis; Lou Sesto, Will Tierney; Wes Wolfertz; Brad Brown, Doug McCown, 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 (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 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.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Brian noted the video conference meeting he, Lisa Kimball and Mark Greene had with Bernstein Shur regarding the financing, warranty language and proposed contract with Consolidated Communications.
2) Brian attended a videoconference of public managers in Southern Maine regarding Covid 19. Most communities are anxious to begin the re-opening phase of the state of emergency. It was the conclusion of most that there needs to be some guidance from the Governor's office.
3) Brian attended a virtual County Municipal Oversight Committee meeting called to discuss the special round of funding from the Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for projects related to Covid 19. He has shared that information with the Wellness Committee for a possible application for a telemedicine program on the island.

4) Brian received back some minor edits/recommendations from Bernstein Shur on the proposed Planning Board draft changes on shoreland zoning. They have been forwarded to the Planning Board for further review.
5) Brian clarified the insurance billing invoice for the rescue boat and the Harbormaster boat. The premiums listed for each were reversed. It was also noted that the insurance company paid a large claim in 2019 for damage that resulted from a lobster boat fire on the Mariners Wharf float. This claim was over and above the still unreimbursed $1,000 deductible that the Town paid.
6) There was a special meeting of the County CDBG Municipal Oversight Committee that Brian attended via videoconferencing. The applications for the round of funding from CDBG for Covid 19 will be out on April the 24th. Amy and Brian are working on a possible grant submission for a telemedicine component to our Wellness Center.
7) Brian is working on the selection of a design/engineering firm for the wave break phase of Mariners Wharf. A Public Notice was published in the Portland Press Herald seeking proposals from marine engineering firms.

Amy Tierney reviewed CEO activities.

There was discussion on the Planning Board proposed amendments to the shoreland zoning ordinance. It may be better to postpone a discussion and vote to either a special town meeting or defer until the 2021 annual town meeting. There is no set deadline from the state for compliance and it is a lengthy and detailed set of proposed changes.

There was discussion on changes in the fireworks permitting. There were violations last year both on July the 4th as well as on other dates in the summer. At a minimum, fireworks will not be allowed on Front Beach for public safety reasons and fines for violations will be increased.

There was additional discussion on the proposal from Consolidated Communications to bring broadband to the island. Additional input from them

is needed. Mark and Ralph will develop a detailed list of items that Consolidated needs to address.

Brian and Ralph discussed the conversion to LED street lights. Selectman Donovan hopes that the town would have some say in the selection of the replacement fixtures.

The board discussed the impacts of Covid 19 on the island.

It was felt that a registry needs to be established that lists the rental properties on the island and the details of any scheduled rentals so that the LIF&R can be better prepared for a possible emergency call for service. Rentals will bring in a population that has not been as quarantined as island residents have been for the past several weeks.

The board discussed possible re-opening strategies. It was the consensus that more guidance is needed from the Governor as well as the hope that re-openings can be consistent and coordinated with other communities. Installation of a protective plexiglass shield at the Town Hall counter will be explored. Registrations are now being handled via mail. People should first reach out via e-mail to Barbara Johnson (taxcollector@longislandmaine.org) for amounts and other information.

Comments from the public viewing the meeting included the need to prioritize public health, better define rentals, protocols for cleanings, and the fact that things could change soon.

The Community Gardens were discussed. It was felt that they could be used this spring/summer provided that social distancing guidelines are still in force.

Steve Hart inquired as to the use of the tennis and pickleball courts. No decision was arrived at with respect to opening them up for now. This will be re-visited in the near future.

Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed possible budget impact areas as a result of Covid 19. The current fiscal year should see minimal, if any impact. There is more concern for the next fiscal year budget, especially if the annual town meeting is delayed further. Tax collections have improved in the past two

weeks. The thirty day delinquency notices required by state law are down to a total of $14,000. It may be necessary to defer some CIP projects.

The board discussed with Brad Brown the spring turkey season and the Covid 19 pandemic.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to ban turkey hunting for the 2020 spring season and no discharge permits will be issued. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board opened the meeting for public comment.

Wes Wolfertz asked where to send suggestions for re-opening town hall and other operations. All suggestions should be sent to the Town Clerk.

Marie Harmon reminded the entire board of the need to move forward with the new cemetery improvements.

Lisa Kimball noted that some loan requirements for planned projects will need to be updated. The proposed facility study of the school for a possible CIP item was discussed. There was a question as to whether there might be some grant programs for this. Brian will check with Barbara Powers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is April 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator