

**Minutes of Meeting
April 30, 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; David Donovan; Lou Sesto; Rennie Donovan; Ed & Jean McAleney; 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 (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 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 discussed the draft contract for the landscaping of the new cemetery.
 - It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the contract with McAleney & Company for the cemetery landscaping. (Motion passed on a roll call vote, 3-0).
- 2) Brian attended the weekly Zoom conference of public managers in Southern Maine regarding Covid 19. There is a growing consensus that

- more needs to be done statewide for how to handle elections and town meetings.
- 3) Brian confirmed that the MDOT SHIP grant program has absorbed the \$30,000 Maine Coastal Program's previously granted award for the Mariners Wharf new wave break. MDOT has also approved the amended application seeking an additional \$15,000 for the Mariners Wharf replacement lights. The total approved grant is now \$134,000. The total project budget is \$208,000 of which \$39,000 is town funding.
 - 4) Brian noted that the proposal deadline for design/engineering services for the wave break phase of Mariners Wharf is Friday, May the 1st.
 - 5) Brian reached out to Barbara Powers regarding possible state funding sources for an engineering study of the school.
 - 6) Brian discussed a revision to the contract for the summer time Sheriff's Deputy. Brian will seek further revisions to the contract by delaying the start date.
 - 7) Brian spoke with the paving contractor regarding chip sealing the island roads that were overlaid the past two years. They are working on a proposal and scheduling.
 - 8) Brian noted that he had forwarded the Consent Decree for the lots on Garfield Street to outside counsel for review.

Amy Tierney reviewed CEO activities.

Amy also noted that the walk in clinics will hopefully re-start sometime in May. She also described the special grant application that the Wellness Council, she and Brian are working on through the Community Development Block Grant program for a telemedicine component. There would be no additional staffing required for this.

Brian and Mark Greene summarized their discussion along with Lisa Kimball with outside counsel on the proposed Consolidated Communications broadband project. The warrant language has been finalized. Jeff Nevins at Consolidated is fast tracking the engineering review. This important initiative will be placed before the voters at the planned June the 13th town meeting.

Brian reviewed the letter sent by the Maine Municipal Association to the Governor regarding possible options for town meetings during the declared state of emergency associated with the Covid 19 pandemic. Brian has discussed with

another Cumberland County town their plans to hold a town meeting using two different locations connected by monitors and using Co-Moderators. For now, the Long Island town meeting is still rescheduled for Saturday, June the 13th.

Ed Rea reviewed some budget impacts and associated reductions and additions. If necessary to maintain a no tax rate increase for the coming year, the minimum balance set aside of \$7,500 and/or the start of the phase-in expense for the County fiscal year change could be deferred for one year.

There was discussion on the increased expenses at the Transfer Station. The fees need to be adjusted. Brian will draft a Warrant increasing all fees by 5%, rounded to the next dollar.

There was discussion on the need to put the harbormaster boat in the water to save the annual \$3,500 expense. It was agreed to allow the boat to be put in for now. Lisa, Sam and Barbara, all island volunteer EMT's, noted that you never know when the boat could be needed.

It was noted that Kate Norton is resigning as the Recreation Director. The board will ask the Recreation Committee for input on programs and staffing while the board looks for a new Director. Also, Rennie Donovan is stepping down as the Community Center Coordinator. Brian will post this position opening as well.

The board thanked both Kate and Rennie for their work.

Mark Geene discussed the VFW Hall reservations for the summer/fall. Cancellation of the events will mean a loss of budgeted income.

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

- The July 4th events are questionable right now.
- All passengers on Casco Bay Lines must now wear masks.
- Thursday curbside trash and recycling only pick ups will continue throughout May.
- Property rentals are a concern given the 14 day quarantine requirement for out of staters.

Paul Thornton, Ed & Jean McAleney and Lou Sesto weighed in on the rental impacts of Covid 19 and the uncertainties. These create a hardship for property owners trying to keep their renters informed.

David Donovan noted that the Town is doing a good job communicating with the island residents.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is May 07, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley

Town Administrator