

**Minutes of Meeting  
May 07, 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; Steve Hart; Paul Thornton; David Donovan; Lou Sesto; Peter Thornton; Wes Wolfertz; Sam Whitener; Ralph Sweet; Doug McCown.

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 30, 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) Southern Maine Managers Zoom Meeting on Covid-19.
- 2) MMA webinar with Commissioner Heather Johnson, Department of Economic & Community Development.
- 3) FEMA webinar scheduled for May 8th.
- 4) Conference call with MDOT on successful contract award of \$134,000 for Mariners Wharf wave break repair/addition project.
- 5) Update with Treasurer on cemetery loan amount.
- 6) Posting of openings for the vacant Community Center Coordinator and Recreation Director positions.

- 7) Zoom meeting with Town Clerk and outside counsel on request for a consent decree for property on Garfield Street. Town lawyer will communicate directly with petitioner's counsel.

Amy Tierney reviewed her e-mail summarizing Clerk, CEO and Wellness Center activities. CDBG CV grant application nearly complete for a telemedicine program. Amy will forward a draft to Brian for review and submission. Amy mailed the last Covid 19 update to over 400 property owners on the island.

Town report has been sent to the printer.

Brian briefed the board on the need to formally approve the submission of the CDBG CV grant application.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the submission for a telemedicine program at the Wellness Center. (Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0).

Brian requested board authority to submit two grants for the needed repairs to Ponce's Landing. These will be the start of the funding for the project with subsequent grant applications to MDOT SHIP and the CDBG grant programs.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the submission of a Harbor Management Access grant application in the amount of \$15,000 for Ponce's Landing. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).
- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the submission of a Shore & Harbor Planning grant application in the amount of \$30,000 for Ponce's Landing. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Brian briefed the board on the request for proposal process for an engineering/design firm for the Mariners Wharf wave break project. Two proposals were received that were very close in cost. The board believed that the firm with the previous Mariners Wharf Phase I project manager brought more value to the project.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to award the engineering/design contract for the Mariners Wharf wave break project to GEI Consultants. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Brian notified the board that the MDOT SHIP amended grant application that was approved is ready to move forward and needs to be accepted.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to accept the \$134,000 MDOT SHIP grant award for Mariners Wharf. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Brian reviewed the previous board discussions on the proposed changes to the permitting of fireworks. These discussions were the direct result of the illegal use of fireworks without permits and on dates other than those allowed. There is a public safety risk associated with these acts and access to Front Beach by emergency personnel is limited.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to delete Front Beach as an allowable location for fireworks. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Brian briefed the board on the acceptance by the County of the Town's request to delay the start of the Deputy Sheriff contract until June 29, 2020. This will save the town about \$10,000.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a revised contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for summer deputy patrol services starting on June 29, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board discussed re-appointments. Brian will reach out to current committee members and positions to see if they are interested in being re-appointed.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the board on the broadband initiative. Jeff Nevins of Consolidated Communications will meet with the broadband Exploratory Committee at the end of the month. In the interim, the engineering review process is underway.

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

- The July 4th events are canceled, including the road race and the parade..
- Thursday curb side trash and recycling only pick ups will continue throughout May.
- Property rentals are still an area of concern given the 14 day quarantine requirement for out of staters. It is difficult for property owners that rent their properties to give guidance right now with the uncertainties still involved with the pandemic and the Governor's Office guidance/executive orders.
- Beaches are closed to all except island residents. Social distancing is still required. Marie asked about the status of South Beach. Brian will reach out to the Maine Bureau of Parks.
- A question arose about how we distinguish from a family member or friend visiting for less than 14 days. The assumption is that they would self-quarantine for the time that they are on the island.
- Joe Donovan mentioned that he had reached out to CBL requesting an end to the combined trips with Peaks Island. The number of passengers getting on the boats that stop on at Peaks Island are large and prohibit social distancing. Sam Whitener noted that the Maquot is not back from repairs/servicing yet.
- There was discussion on out-of-state visitors coming down to the island and making no attempt at self-quarantining. Someone inquired as to whether these people were approached about the state rules. No one was sure if that had happened.
- A new Covid 19 update was distributed this week, including a direct mailing to property owners.
- Brian noted a communication he had sent to our state representatives asking for the ability to conduct a safe, socially distanced town meeting in lieu of a proposed absentee ballot which makes it difficult to answer important questions about warrant articles.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is May 14, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley  
Town Administrator