Minutes of Meeting
May 14, 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; Tony O'Donnell; Jim Donovan; Ellen Harford; Lou Sesto; Peter Thornton; Sam Whitener; 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 May 07, 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.

Steve Hart confirmed that the shoreland zoning amendments as well as lot frontage and driveway standards will be deferred to a future town meeting.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Southern Maine Managers Zoom Meeting on Covid-19 and town re-openings on a limited basis.

2) Street lighting LED conversion status. Ralph Sweet and Brian will review the two options now available.

3) The conference call with MDOT on the Mariners Wharf wave break project went well. The project needs to be out to bid by September. Brian has negotiated the price from GEI Consultants for the design/engineering services. The final cost will be $2,500 less than originally proposed.

4) Outside counsel is still working on the Garfield Street consent decree.

5) The HMA grant application for Ponce's Landing has been submitted. Brian will coordinate the site visit.

Amy Tierney reviewed her e-mail summarizing Clerk, CEO and Wellness Center activities.

- There was an e-mail received informing the Town that a rental property on VRBO was listing a Long Island location that could sleep 22 people. Given the Covid 19 pandemic this is a concern as well as the impact on the septic system there.
- Only 8 property owners have responded to the rental registry request. This is being done so LIF&R will know which properties are rented out in the event of an emergency.
- The telemedicine project CDBG CV grant was submitted.
- A contractor will be visiting the island next week to review the emergency shelter project next to the Wellness Center.

The board discussed re-appointments. Brian confirmed the request to continue for seven re-appointments. He will reach out to other expiring terms this week.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Will Tierney as Fire Chief and Emergency Preparedness Agent. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint John Wallace as Harbormaster. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint John Wallace as Constable. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Jim Nagle as Code Enforcement Officer. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Curt Murley to the Planning Board. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to-reappoint Steve Hart to the Planning Board. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the board on the broadband initiative. They had a conference call with Jeff Nevins of Consolidated Communications. The proposal is to replace all of the existing cable and install new along 13 miles on the island. This will be a high speed fiber optic cable system. Mark and Ralph have some follow up questions on ownership of the infrastructure. The cost of the project will be paid by a subscriber infrastructure recovery fee.

Consolidated is in the process of undertaking 6 similar municipal projects in New Hampshire.

Lisa Kimball noticed that there was no update to the possible cancellation of the lobster boat races. It is not known if the Coast Guard will issue a permit for the event. Other coastal communities have cancelled this summer's races.

There was a discussion about Rippleffect and whether they will hold their summer camps this year. Brian will reach out to them and discuss Covid 19 protocols in the event that the camps are on and they still intend to make daily kayak trips to Long Island.

There was discussion on when to put in the Mariners Wharf floats. Sam will check with Steve Johnson. There was also an inquiry as to the status of the Linda Papkee picnic.

Tony O'Donnell asked who would be monitoring the self-quarantining of out of state visitors. The answer is that it is hoped that there will be voluntary compliance. A better definition of self-quarantine is needed.

The board discussed a draft letter from the School Superintendent on needed votes at a town meeting for school budget approvals. The board agreed that the letter should be sent with the appropriate Long Island information incorporated into it.

The board agreed to hold a workshop next week at 4 PM to further discuss the re-opening of town hall and other facilities.

Joe Donovan asked Barabara Johnson to review again the addition of Rapid Renewal as a means to re-register vehicles and to see how island use only vehicles would be handled under the program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is May 21, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator