

Minutes of Meeting

August 13, 2020

Board of Selectmen Town of Long Island

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Clerk; Lisa Kimball. Treasurer; Barbara Johnson, Tax Collector. Joining via video or telephone conferencing: Wes Wolfertz; Brenda Singo; Chris Papkee; Erica Papkee; Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; Kate Tagai, Island Institute; and two unidentified listeners.

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 as amended of August 06, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There were communications on recreation programs, roads and moorings. Only 50% of the listed moorings have paid their 2020 fees. In addition, there are many unregistered moorings. The Harbormaster will begin enforcing the registration requirements and recommend appropriate remedies to the Board of Selectmen.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Held a Zoom meeting with Dan Bannon to discuss the status and future direction of the Mariners Wharf wave break project. GEI Consultants are close to the 90% Plans Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) completion mark of their work. The construction oversight proportion of their contract will be deferred for the time being. Brian will forward a project update to the DEP and the Army

Corp of Engineers. Joe Donovan will forward updated photos of the existing wave break damage under Mariners Wharf.

2) I have forwarded a spreadsheet summary of the cost savings options for the conversion of LED street lights on the island. Ralph has outlined in a separate e-mail some contract issues if the town opts to go with the Affinity program for the conversion.

3) The chip sealing staging on the concrete pad in the conservation area went well. Eight tri-axle trucks unloaded their rock there. The chip sealing itself was done on Tuesday.

4) One resident sent an e-mail regarding the increased height of Island Avenue at the intersection of Doughty Lane, a private roadway as a result of the paving two years ago and the chip seal this week. Brain will look into the issue.

There was discussion on the Mariners Wharf wave break project. One possible consideration because of the lack of sufficient funding would be to include transient berthing and therefore be eligible for a Boating Infrastructure Trant (BIG). Original plan drawings in 2017 included this as a future phase of the improvements. New wave attenuation systems could preclude some of the wave break expenses of the current design.

There was also discussion on Ponce's landing and the need for all of the island lobstermen to support that facility through paid memberships and not avoid the cost by utilizing Mariners Wharf which is not intended for that type of work. Also, any island business that receives some benefit from the availability of Ponces landing for tying up, drop offs, etc., should be supporting the association.

Amy updated the board on the clerk/code enforcement/wellness center activities.

The CEO is working on an inquiry regarding the overboard discharge permit and the wells at the Spar condos. Also, a deck expansion and plumbing permit request have been received.

Maine Health is resuming its clinics at the Wellness Center on Monday, August the 17th.

The Emergency Shelter is progressing. The next major items are the installation of the floors and the two heat pumps. Brian, Amy and Joe will tour the facility on Friday the 14th.

Steve Hart noted that the Planning Board public hearing was held this week with 12 attendees as well as the Living Shorelines webinar. There is still a vacancy on the board.

John Burke said that he received a complaint of speeding trucks removing cans from the transfer station. Brian will reach out to Casella and to Lionell Plante with a cautionary reminder.

Lisa noted that she is closing on the approved chip sealing loan and is awaiting the final contract and approvals for the broadband project.

Barbara noted that the property tax bills have been sent out. Barbara will be on vacation from August 14th through the 25th.

Erica Papkee, the Recreation Director, asked if she could rent out the pottery room to family units with appropriate sanitation before and after each rental.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to allow for pottery room rentals to family units with appropriate sanitation protocols in place. (Motion passed on a roll call vote 2-1 (Harmon)).

Erica also discussed possible fall outdoor recreation programs for the island students. Joe noted that the board has still not received an update from the School Committee what their intentions are with re-opening. Barbara Johnson noted that the students will be required to wear masks and social distance even at recess. Erica stated that the recreation programs would follow school protocols. The issue was deferred until the board hears from the School Committee.

There was a brief discussion on re-opening town hall. The consensus was that the Zoom meeting format is working well and hopefully that the State will allow it to continue for future meetings as well. The board will look into options to be able to have all of the electmen be in town hall for the future meetings with appropriate social distancing.

There was a discussion on the town cemeteries. There is confusion with respect to the location of plot deeds, records, etc. Ralph Sweet noted that he turned over all of his materials after his retirement. Marie will speak with John Wallace.

There was also discussion of appointing a Superintendent of Cemeteries.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is August 20, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator