Minutes of Meeting

September 03, 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. Joining via video or telephone conferencing: Wes Wolfertz; Liam Hartland Lee; Brenda Singo; Ralph Sweet; Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Doug McCown; and Dennis McCann

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 27, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There was a communication regarding culverts on Eastern Avenue. Dennis McCann asked for the town to consider rebuilding the culverts. Joe Donovan said that the town is looking at all culverts. Culvert projects will need to be funded.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) Received notice from our insurance carrier regarding the lightning strike at the Sheriff's House. It is a covered peril except that there is a $2,500 deductible. The cost to repair was under that amount.

2) The town's attorney is on vacation and is not able to respond to the ability of the Board of Selectmen to approve a street light conversion project.

3) Pine State Services is working on the scheduling date on the install of the emergency shelter heat pumps. Those and the flooring installation are the last major items for completion, prior to the final punch list for the contractor.

4) There are two interested parties for the Planning Board.

5) We need to vote tonight on the Federal payroll tax deferral program option.

6) An estimate is being prepared on leveling off that upper bank by two feet at the cemetery. Spoke with the family that owns the outer edge plot on the current bank about their intentions and the possibility of re-locating the plot or refunding their purchase price.

7) Captain Kerry Joyce replaces Scott Stewart at Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. He reached out to introduce himself. I reminded him of our desire to have off season visits.

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

No updates on the Spar Overboard Discharge permit. Two building permits were approved. Permits for a deck and a porch have been received.

The CEO spoke once with Peter Evans regarding building activity on his property without any permits having been filed, but has been unable to re-establish contact with him on some follow up issues.

A flu clinic is tentatively scheduled for September the 21st. In addition, Maine Health will be providing flu shots during their regular visits to the Wellness Center. A possible Covid 19 testing program on the island is still being worked on.

Consolidated Communications still working on revisions to proposed broadband contract.

Lisa Kimball discussed the payroll tax deferral option. Most municipalities are declining the option.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to not participate in the Federal payroll tax deferral program. (Motion passed on a roll call vote, 3-0).

The board discussed mooring registrations and parking lot enforcement with John Wallace. He will forward an activities report. Anyone with a mooring is encouraged to register it before it is removed.

There is concern that the revenues for moorings are declining and there are many unregistered buoys. Brenda Singo suggested consideration of changing the expiration date for the mooring permits to sometime in the spring.

Steve Hart noted that there are seven people interested in serving on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Joe Donovan noted how fortunate we have been getting through the summer during the Covid 19 pandemic. This is a direct result of everyone that is part of the Long Island community being responsible by wearing masks and social distancing.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 02 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is September 10, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator