Minutes of Meeting

October 22, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Participating: Joe Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke & Marie Harmon; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Clerk; Barbara Johnson, Tax Collector; Mark Greene; Doug McCown; Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; Lou Sesto; and Wes Wolfertz.

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 October 15, 2020. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

The board reviewed correspondence received. There were communications regarding a possible abandoned vehicle off Messalonskee Road. After inquiry, the owners remained on the mainland this summer due to the pandemic. The vehicle is parked on their land and its registration under the Governor's executive orders is still in effect. The board suggested that the owner and the neighbors meet to work out the issue.

This brought up the on-going problem on the island of people operating junk vehicles that would never pass a state inspection. If you bring a junk vehicle to the island, you need to get it off the island when it is no longer running.

The board discussed communications regarding the destruction of a memorial bench down front. No one has taken responsibility yet for the damage caused by a vehicle striking it.

There was also some discussion on a possible theft of lobsters from a floating cage at Mariners Wharf.

Another communication was an inquiry as to whether any town properties are available for rent. Currently there are none.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) The contractors are working today on the punch list at the emergency shelter.

2) Following up on the vacant constable position, Chebeague Island has no Constable, only their summer time contract for a Deputy Sheriff.

3) Town purchase of street light fixtures instead of using CMP singular fixture offered would make the town responsible for maintenance, install, etc. Essentially, this puts us back to the Affinity proposal for which town meeting approval is required. Options are: 1) let CMP convert using their fixture at their own expense and save about $4,000 annually or 2) hold off until town meeting approval for the Affinity proposal which allows for greater choices in fixture style as well as saving $12,000 annually.

4) I forwarded to Bob Konczal, the Assessor's Agent and Mark Greene the information on recent property valuation issues raised by a citizen.

5) I filed our 2020 LRAP report for the release of this year's $9,244.

6) Trash Truck scheduled for servicing and inspection sticker on November the 10th. Amory will take it in town on Monday afternoon the 9th and I will drive it out to O'Connors.

Amy Tierney provided updates on code enforcement. A local firm is working with the condos on a new OBD system. The DEP is involved. Still waiting for more detailed information on several building permits.

Contractor worked on the punch list for the emergency shelter project.

USM nursing students will be assisting at the Wellness Center.

Mark Greene and Ralph Sweet updated the status of the broadband contract discussions. Lisa pointed out the bank's suggestion that CCI reimbursements to the town for the construction loan be periodic and not annual. Brian noted that the contract already has monthly paybacks from CCI.

Steve Hart has scheduled the first Comprehensive Planning Committee Zoom meeting in November.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:11 PM under 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6) (A).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the Executive Session at 6:37 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is October 29, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator