Minutes of Meeting

November 19, 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; Mark Greene; Dennis McCann; Doug McCown; Lou Sesto; Ed McAleney, David Donovan; Sam Whitener; and Wes Wolfertz.

The meeting was convened at 5:00 PM with a quorum. (NOTE: Due to late publication of the meeting agenda, the Board opted to hold a workshop only with no formal votes taken.)

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed correspondence received. There was a communication on erosion at South Beach and an inquiry regarding cemetery plots.

There was another e-mail regarding the availability of cemetery plots. Brian will respond.

The school has sent out a notice regarding moving to temporary remote learning as a preventive measure following an exposure to the virus.

Selectmen Burke noted that he had received a noise complaint about the pickleball court.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

1) FEMA Covid 19 grant meeting held this past Friday. Additional meetings scheduled weekly until grant is awarded or denied. Will add the Victory sanitizing system to the list of expenses for PPE on the FEMA grant portal. Amy will handle the on-line order.

2) Met Friday with Craig Stewart, Mike Floyd and Dave Johnson to discuss Ponce's Landing and reason for grant applications not being approved. The granting agencies require proof of local match before awards can be made. This will likely happen at the next town meeting. The group will be encouraging other lobstermen on the island to join the association for support.

3) Met with Wes Wolfertz to discuss CIP planning. He and Peter Lamontagne on behalf of the Finance Committee are working on a long range capital planning system. Wes and I will follow up every two weeks for the time being.

4) Freon was removed on Tuesday from the 25 accumulated refrigerators at the Transfer Station.

5) The Covid 19 update that I had circulated following our board meeting last week was released.

6) Spoke with Lisa regarding her recent training on tax lien procedures. While we avoided one this past month, she and I agreed that we need to make sure we are all on the same page with respect to the protocols. I'll try to set something up soon for Barbara, Lisa and I to discuss further.

7) Spoke with Ed McAleney about some ledge pushing through the pavement on the Beach Avenue Hill across from the church. He has initiated the repair before plowing season.

8) Received an inquiry regarding a purchase of a cemetery plot. Have reached out for additional information.

9) Received a follow up e-mail regarding the portable signs in the parking lot down front being blown over in the heavy wind. They have been removed.

10) Spoke with John and Jim regarding signage at the Transfer Station.

Amy Tierney noted that there are no updates on pending code enforcement activities since last week. Additional information is still required for Ferguson, Hale, and Gilbert properties.

Two recent septic system projects were completed before any final approvals. Owners did not follow proper procedure for abuttor's notifications and permit issuance.

Jim Nagle will continue to review and take appropriate action. The board and staff will also look at the entire process in an effort to make it more efficient and enforceable.

There is a request for review of the removal of two trees on the Front Beach banking before they collapse the entire bank.

Amy updated the board on the Wellness Center. She is looking for temporary emergency housing in the event that an islander is exposed to the virus and needs to be quarantined. Two island property owners have responded so far. Maine Health has some additional high dose flu vaccines available. There is currently an on-line auction underway through November 27th for the Wellness Center.

Amy has sent out information on how to register dogs.

Mark Greene noted that there are no updates on the broadband contract discussions.

The board discussed the use of the Sheriff's House for quarantining of island residents that have been exposed to the virus. Dennis McCann outlined the need for quarantining after exposure for the individual as well as the family. This will be an on-going issue for the immediate future. Thanks was expressed to Dalmation oil for filling the Sheriff's House oil tank.

Brian, serving as the Town Health Officer, will work with the Wellness Council on developing a future policy for emergency housing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM. The next remote broadcast meeting of the Board is December 03, 2020 at 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator