

Minutes of Meeting
February 24, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Remotely Attending: Marie Harmon, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke & John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer. Viewing Remotely: Joe Donovan; Janice Avignon; Melanie Nash; Rennie Donovan; Dennis McCann; Sam Whitener; Ed Rea; Steve Hart; and Mark Green.

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 (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve minutes of meeting of February 17, 2021. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications from the Finance Committee and residents of Beach Cove.

The CEO is being asked to look at the amounts of water supply needed for Town Hall and the Community Center under the possible CIP project for a new well.

There was also a comment asking for improved notification for the School Board meetings. Sam Whitener noted that the meetings are held

on the first of each month and that the agenda is posted on the Town's website.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- Brian there will be a budget workshop on Saturday, February the 26th at 9 AM.
- Curt has forwarded the broadband contract with Fidium, nee Consolidated Communications, for service for Town Hall and the Community Center. Brian will execute them on behalf of the town.
- Brian noted that he is working with Wes Wolfertz on the tree canopy project and will draft an RFP for work to start.
- Brian addressed the status of the car removal issue off Messalonskee Road. The family has the removal scheduled for the first trip off the island by the Clarke's in the spring. Some residents would prefer that it be done sooner.
- At Mariners Wharf, Prock Marine will begin the replacement of the three damaged pilings the week of March the 7th; Custom Floats is coming down on March the 1st to install the new replacement float; Senator Collins Office has asked for additional project detail in their efforts to secure possible funding sources; the forecast from CCEMA calls for relatively light winds for Friday's 2/25/22) storm event. Sam Whitener and Will Tierney do not foresee any problems with further damage.

Sam Whitener said that he spoke with Dan Bannon who will forward a proposal for continued engineering services.

The CEO has received a revised SSWD plan from the Bakehouse and sent it to the State DEP for review and comment. A shed building permit has been approved.

A Republican caucus will be on Saturday, February 26th.

A physical therapist will be hosting a fall prevention workshop on March the 4th.

The board briefly discussed the new compensation proposal for the Long Island Fire & Rescue Department. Since the Chief was not present, the board will review the economic impact of it during their budget workshop.

Joe Donovan asked when this proposal would be reviewed with the members of the department. Sam Whitener indicated that would be happening soon. There was continued discussion as to whether this would better motivate existing volunteers and/or increase the number of department members.

Selectman Wallace asked if this proposal could be phased in over two or more years. This will be discussed during the Saturday budget workshop. Mark Greene asked what the financial impact would be. Brian indicated that if fully implemented next year it would add \$35,000 to the budget.

Ed Rea noted that with a limited number of current department members, should we ask them directly if this proposal will make a difference in their willingness to serve.

Janice Avignon and Melanie Nash updated the work of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The draft report is circulating throughout the Long Island community and GPCOG will use some of the money it received from the State to help offset the design and production of the report. There will still be some incidental printing expenses.

Janice also mentioned the group's desire to have the plan approved at the May town meeting before submitting it to the State of Maine. There was some discussion about holding a special meeting in the summer so as to get more input from the seasonal residents. Janice noted that there has been good input from off island property owners and that the final approval can only come from registered voters. Mark Greene and Dennis McCann said we should move the plan forward for voter approval this May.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve a warrant article for approval of the comprehensive plan at the May town meeting. (Motion approved on a roll call vote, 3-0).

Joe Donovan noted that the CBITD offices are being moved back into the main terminal. There is still some delay with the new signage.

Lisa noted that the required audit presentation will be on Tuesday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 03, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator