

REVISED
Minutes of Meeting
March 03, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Attending: Marie Harmon, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke & John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer. Viewing Remotely: Joe Donovan; Janice Avignon; Rennie Donovan; Paul Thornton; Dianne Watts; Catlyn Byers; Matt Byers; Wes Wolfertz; 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 27, 2021. (Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications on ice on Mariners Wharf; lighting and a follow up to the re-sale of cemetery plots. There was also some discussion of the need to discuss further in a workshop the future of collecting returnable bottles and cans.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Lisa Kimball, Wes Wolfertz, Ed Rea and Brian followed up the Saturday Zoom meeting budget workshop with a meeting on Wednesday.
- 2) The auditors presented their findings at a Zoom meeting on Tuesday.
- 3) MMA is seeking support for legislation that requires a stable contribution from the State of Maine to county correctional facilities.
- 4) The Fidium contract was signed and returned. Curt is working on a wi-fi solution for the fire station.
- 5) Cumberland County is again seeking a change in their fiscal year. There will be a budgetary impact starting in our FY24 budget year of about \$64,000. This can be spread over two to five years.
- 6) Brian toured the town roads with Ed McAleney. Work needs to be done on some culverts and basins on Garfield as well as some ledge removal on Beach Avenue and Leavitt Street. The gravel roads need to be re-graded and crowned. Brian is working with MDOT on a road pavement management system. The gravel roads will be posted next week prohibiting heavy commercial vehicles.
- 7) The new replacement float has been installed at Mariners Wharf. The replacement pilings arrived at Prock Marine today and work to replace them is expected to begin soon.
- 8) Brian outlined a rough proposal on Ponce's Landing from a commercial entity and will follow up seeking more details.
- 9) There are two vacant positions to be filled: Cemetery Coordinator and Harbormaster.

There was a question asked about the status of the licensing for the Hardshell Cafe. It was noted that they are currently in compliance with their license for take out food only. Any resumption of seating for more than 10 people will require a site plan review before the CEO issues an approved permit

Matt Byers specifically asked for copies of correspondence between the Town lawyer and the CEO regarding the Hardshell Cafe.

Steve Hart noted that the planning Board will have a hearing on amendments to driveway improvements. A public notice will be posted in the local newspaper and on the town website. He also mentioned that the Bakehouse is now seeking a site plan review for that business.

Joe Donovan updated the status of the terminal renovations at Casco Bay Lines. he also inquired as to the town's current policy of wearing face masks. Dennis McCann noted his preference that the town wait another two weeks to see where the Covid situation is before removing the face mask requirement in its entirety.

There was also another question regarding the posting of school board meetings for the public to participate.

The board discussed the status of the Island Institute Fellowship. Several people spoke out about the great job that has been done and their desire to continue the fellowship through the second year. The board indicated that there are other competing budgetary issues that need to be vetted at the Finance Committee public hearing on March the 19th before the fellowship's second year of the Memorandum of Understanding can be included in the FY23 budget. The second year expense is \$10,000. The board is looking for feedback from that hearing to guide them as to what items will be part of the FY23 operating budget presented at the annual town meeting.

The discussion closed with further acknowledgement as to the great work and energy that the Island Fellow brings to the position as well as the professionalism that characterized the work on the Comprehensive Plan.

The board ended the public portion of the meeting.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into executive session at 6:20 PM to discuss legal matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6) (E). (Motion passed 3-0.)
- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the executive session at 6:42 PM. (Motion passed 3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator