

Minutes of Meeting
March 10, 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; Ed McAleney; Lou Sesto; Steve Hart; and Doug McCown.

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 March 03, 2022 as amended. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications on a paper street opening which was referred to the CEO. Selectman Wallace filled the board in on his discussion with the Maine Recycling Center and also confirmed with Hattie Train that she would be willing to serve as the Acting Harbormaster.

Another communication was from Dennis McCann indicating that based on the latest Covid data, the town could enter into an optional mask wearing stage.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to make the wearing of masks optional in public buildings. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Lisa Kimball, Wes Wolfertz, Ed Rea and Brian met again on Wednesday prior to the scheduled Finance Committee meeting to further refine the preliminary operating budget.
- 2) The Finance Committee met on Wednesday night and reviewed a reduced option operating budget. Some board input is still needed prior to the public hearing.
- 3) Roads have been posted banning large vehicles over 23,000 pounds from the gravel roads until further notice.
- 4) Brian complied with the Freedom of Information Act request for correspondence regarding the Hardshell Cafe.
- 5) Brian received a nice communication from Casco Bay Lines citing the humanitarian act by Steve Train with one of their passengers suffering a medical condition.
- 6) Brian will be attending a NIMS Management System webinar so as to keep the town eligible for future Federal grants.
- 7) The three new pilings were put in place by Prock Marine at Mariners Wharf; The temporary ramp used to bridge the two long floats for three weeks is available for sale. CPM is still working at Great Diamond Island, but should be starting soon on the replacement wave screen project. The contract proposal from GEI Consultants is ready for approval.

There was continued discussion on the financial liability for the damages that happened at Mariners Wharf during the two January storms. Joe Donovan reiterated that the State is responsible since they removed the wave break when they installed the new pilings in the fall

of 2021. It was suggested that all of the interested parties meet to discuss the issue and where we go from here with improvements.

Doug McCown suggested that there are a lot of issues that the town is dealing with currently and that a protracted dispute with the state may not be fruitful.

The CEO informed the board that the SSWD permit for the Bakehouse has been denied by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

An outline of the approved uses for the Hardshell Cafe has been sent to the State. The CEO has also received a request for a Certificate of Occupancy.

From the Clerk's Office, department head reports are due Friday, March 11, 2022. The Town Clerk will be attending programs on records management, election security and tax lien procedures this coming month.

There is a total of \$190,000 still outstanding for property taxes.

A fall prevention workshop was held last week at the Wellness Center. A health forum with the island fishing community is still planned on March 27, 2022. There will also be a health fair and soup lunch on April 07, 2022.

There was a discussion on the preparation of the Transfer Station for the new tree plantings as well as the creation of an exit so as to improve the safety for the users and the staff.

Joe Donovan updated the status of the terminal renovations at Casco Bay Lines. The waiting area is now being worked on for the next

month; offices have now completely moved back inside the building; the parking lot will be finished when the asphalt plants open up; there will be modern signage and clocks at the gates; and the overhaul of the Maquoit is progressing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator