

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 17, 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: John Davis; Rennie Donovan; Will Tierney; Joe Donovan; Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; Mark Greene; Dianne Watts; Matt Byers; Catlyn Byers; and Doug McCown.

The meeting was convened at 4:00 PM with a quorum.

**Budget Workshop**

The first part of the meeting was a budget workshop with members of the Finance Committee. Wes Wolfertz reviewed the current draft of a fiscal year '23 budget along with a list of program options for the Board's consideration.

These included funding for: annual stipends for appointed positions; retention of the Island Fellow; start of a property revaluation process; an increase in the stipend for the Wellness Center Coordinator; a change in compensation for LIF&R; the design of a replacement fire station; the local match for a Ponce's Landing grant application; a deferred loan for road paving in 2023; the loan amortization for Mariners Wharf in 2023; improvements to the water supply for the Community Center and Town Hall; and a minimum balance set aside.

There was discussion on the proposed water quality study with a consensus forming that it should be undertaken in the coming year. The estimated cost is \$7,000.

The projected mil rate increase now stands around +4.2%, down from earlier projections of +13%.

Work will continue on the refinement of the draft budget.

There was discussion on the planned public hearing on the budget that was scheduled for Saturday, March the 19th. A communication was received indicating that more public notice should be provided as well as a brief summary of some of the key components of the budget.

While some members of the Finance Committee felt that the notice was adequate, it was agreed to defer the meeting until Saturday, March the 26th.

John Davis asked that during the design phase of a Ponce's Landing project that consideration be given to accommodation of other non-commercial uses.

### **Regular Selectboard Meeting**

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 10, 2022 as amended. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding the New Hill cemetery and the Hardshell Cafe.

Selectman Wallace noted that Dave Singo wants to brief the board on the deer reduction season results and plans for the coming year. Brian will schedule him in.

There was also a request for the purchase of a town-owned lot.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Wes Wolfertz, Ed Rea and Brian met on Wednesday to continue work on the preliminary operating budget for FY23.
- 2) Brian has received a request for a letter of support for a planned Portland Harbor dredging project. He will forward a letter for the grant application.
- 3) Brian noted the request to defer the Finance Committee operating budget public hearing to a future date so as to allow for more notice and preparation. After consulting with the Chair of the Finance Committee, Brian responded on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.
- 4) Brian has been in touch with Hattie Train, the Acting Harbormaster regarding some proposed aquaculture leases within Long Island waters.
- 5) Brian spoke with the Maine Department of Marine Resource (DMR) regarding the grant process for an engineering/design study of Ponce's Landing. It was decided to submit a new grant application seeking \$50,000 from DMR with the town contributing \$12,500 in addition to that amount. Brian has already begun the grant application which is due March 31, 2022.

- 6) Brian held a Zoom meeting with Dan Bannon at GEI Consultants regarding their proposed work plan for Mariners Wharf. A survey and dive team will be coming down to inspect the damage to the infrastructure from the winter storms.

The CEO and the Board received a communication from the Hardshell Cafe; a request for a Certificate of Occupancy is still being processed; the request for the opening of a paper street will require copies of the property deed before any approval; there is preliminary discussion on a cottage being converted from seasonal to year round.

From the Clerk's/Tax Collector's Office, Mark Greene and Bob Konczal will be reviewing open building permits in April; Amy has attended a records management class as well as one on the new MOSES system for registering boats/ATV's and for the issuance of hunting/fishing licenses. She noted the requirement that all elected officials be certified in the State Freedom of Information Act. There will be additional classes forthcoming; The town report is coming along. There are still some outstanding departmental reports due in. The town meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th.; There is still \$65,720 dollars in uncollected property taxes.

At the Wellness Center physical therapy will start the first Friday in April and the nurses are still coming on March 27th for a health forum with the island's fishing community, as well as on April 7th for a health fair and soup lunch.

Steve Hart discussed the proposed state legislation that would ease requirements for accessory units and quadplexes which could have an impact on the island.

Joe Donovan filled the board in on the proposed pump and housing for the Town Hall and Community Center water supply. The original estimate of \$23,000 is dated now.

Joe Donovan updated the status of the terminal renovations at Casco Bay Lines. No significant changes since last week. Focus is now on the parking lot. Joe noted that the freight area will increase in size as a result of the renovations.

Joe also voiced his support for the water quality study noting that many seasonal cottages have been converted to year round homes which impacts the wells and septic systems on the island.

Brian asked the board for approval of a grant application to the Department of Marine Resources.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve a grant application requesting \$50,000 from the Maine DMR Ship & Harbor Planning Grant Program to be matched by the town in the amount of 12,500. (Motion passed 3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator