

Minutes of Meeting
May 26, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Attending: Marie Harmon, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke & John Wallace; Selectman-Elect Joe Donovan; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer; Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Matt Byers; Jean McAleney; Steve Hart; Rennie Donovan; David Donovan; Janice Avignon; Lou Sesto; Ed Rea; and Camille Wolfertz.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding the VFW Hall lawn; pickleball noise and hours of play; and town hall file storage. Selectman Wallace also noted the need to schedule the volunteer thank you breakfast this summer.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Brian reminded the board that there would be a discussion on the safety of LIF&R members responding to calls where there are signs of domestic violence at 5:30 today.
- 2) The bid specifications for the sale of Lot #431 are being reviewed.
- 3) Brian has returned an executed contract for the second year of the Island Fellow program with the Island Institute.
- 4) The Town's insurance package is being transferred to another carrier.
- 5) CPM Construction has moved their barge so that the floats and ramps for the east side of Mariners Wharf could be put in.
- 6) GEI Consultants, the town's marine engineering and design firm, completed an in-depth review of the Mariners Wharf underlying infrastructure following the winter storms. A formal report is being put together. Brian reiterated the need to re-institute a Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee to oversee the Mariners Wharf and Ponce's Landing projects.
- 7) Brian executed the \$50,000 grant received from the Department of Marine Resources for the engineering and design of Ponce's Landing.

Jean McAleney noted the need to obtain her state licenses prior to June 16th so she can get her FSE license approved at that time. After a lengthy discussion about the terms and dates of the recently-approved site plan review from the Planning Board, the board agreed to move up the public hearing to June the 9th. It will be advertised seven days prior to that date.

Janice Avignon suggested three specific areas that the Island Fellow could work on during the coming year: Revaluation, Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan; and a review of the town ordinances.

Mark Green noted that there are three million dollars available in grants for rental housing for Maine's fourteen unbridged island communities.

In response to some recent EMT calls for service to locations where there was suspected domestic violence involved, the board held a discussion with the Town's Fire Chief and others to review the problem. It was suggested that there may be a need to re-start the Sheriff's summer contract on Memorial Day of next year and not delay it until July the 1st. The value of a uniformed law enforcement presence around town, especially at Mariners Wharf when passengers are disembarking is tremendous.

It was also agreed that the Harbormaster boat needs to be put in the water should the need arise to transport law enforcement personnel to and from the island. Mark Greene also suggested some type of retainer contract with the local water taxi companies giving this type of transit a higher priority.

Finally, there was some discussion on the need to find a new Constable.

Joe Donovan updated the latest news from Casco Bay Lines. There is a staff shortage due to another outbreak of Covid. This may require some adjustments in the sailing schedule. Joe encouraged everyone to sign up for the texts and email alerts for future updates.

Striping of the CBL roadway and entry has been completed. Exterior plantings are underway.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, June 02, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator