

Minutes of Meeting
July 07, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Attending: Selectmen: John Burke, Joe Donovan and John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Matt Byers. Viewing Remotely: Rennie Donovan; Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Lou Sesto; Melanie Nash; Bill Beerman; Anne Hauk.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2022. (Motion passed 2-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding:

- 1) Island Fellow year two work projects.;
- 2) A letter signed by 12 island residents regarding the impact of the whale carcass burning and the need for policy refinements by the Long Island Fire & Rescue Department such as required wind direction prior to issuing a permit.;
- 3) The continued overloading of passengers in golf carts and their use by unlicensed drivers.;

- 4) An e-mail from Brad Brown regarding the on-going problem of unsightly and potentially hazardous junk on private property.;
- 5) A communication from Chris McDuffie regarding the posting of no parking signs for the annual Papkee Community Picnic. It was noted that perhaps one of the event volunteers could post the signs.;
- 6) A communication from the new owners of Lots #433 and 437 regarding access issues. It was noted that this is not a subdivision with approved paper streets and any access issues would require deeded easements and/or outside counsel review by the owners.;
- 7) A contribution in the amount of \$500 was received for the Community Center courtesy of Ron & Elizabeth Dubois.;
- 8) An update request from Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee as to the status of replacing three pilings at Ponce's Landing.;
- 9) The turn around area at South Beach needs additional No Parking signs.;
- 10) Selectman Burke noted that the returnable bottles and cans program is going well. He noted that there is a lot of activity at the Transfer Station.;
- 11) An island summer resident who is an architect has offered to donate his time to design the proposed new fire station. There was discussion on the need to find grant sources for the actual construction, perhaps using a Congressional Directed Funding grant from Senator Collins or King's Offices. Melanie Nash also noted that there may be some State funding grants available through the Island Institute.;
- 12) Selectman Wallace noted that the swim buoys are in and the Falmouth Harbormaster is retiring.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) The furniture for the Beach Avenue townhouse did not get shipped down to the island last week due to the inability of Casco Bay Lines to accept the delivery due to heavy July 4th activity at the terminal. Brian has arranged for a follow up delivery on Saturday July the 9th. A portable water dispensing system is also due this weekend. Brian has reached out to Will Tierney to replace the batteries in the smoke detectors using a tall ladder from LIF&R. The plan is to have Deputy Sheriff's staying a week at a time at the house.;
- 2) Brian is monitoring the Congressional approval of the appropriations legislation containing the \$477,000 grant that was approved for the Mariners Wharf wave screen project.;
- 3) Brian will reach out to Cunningham Security regarding exterior security cameras down front.;
- 4) Brian noted that there are several vacant positions: Constable; Harbormaster; Cemetery Coordinator; and Community Center Coordinator.;
- 5) Brian confirmed with Owen Haskell that the lot abutting the Appletree cemetery that the owner wanted to donate to the town, already is the town's property.;
- 6) Brian is working on obtaining a new Federal government assignment number called a Unique Entity Identification in order to receive the second tranche payment under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the estimated amount of \$12,500.;

From the CEO Office: There is a new shed permit application. The CEO states that Lots 433 and 437 are not part of an approved

subdivision with paper streets and any right of access for the property owners would be through a title easement.

There was discussion about the violations of the placement of a trailer and a tent on the Evans-owned lot. The CEO will review and force removal of the structures as well as cancel the original dated building permit.

The board opened up the meeting for public comments. There was a comment regarding the daily visits from Rippleffect with their summer campers. It was suggested that they need to keep the campers off the dock while the ferry is coming and going.

Melanie Nash noted the Coastal Community Resilience Program may be a possible source for funding of a new fire station.

Joe Donovan led a discussion on voting for a board chair for the coming year. The merits of alternating the Chair every year or keeping the same person as Chair were discussed.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Joseph Donovan as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the period of July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

There was a brief discussion on the April 22nd banking incident report. It was noted that if additional public comment and/or requests

for more information is forthcoming then the board will address the issue again.

The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 6 :06 PM. There was a discussion on executive sessions in which Matt Byers asked what the rationale was for the planned session. Steve Hart questioned if elected officials are considered personnel with respect to Maine state law. Brian will review the enabling legislation and if need be touch base with the Maine Municipal Association. All agreed that there is always a need for transparency when possible.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to enter into executive session at 6:06 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6) (A). (Motion passed 3-0.)
- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the executive session at 6:16 PM. (Motion passed 3-0)

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator