

Minutes of Meeting
July 14, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke; John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Matt Byers. Viewing Remotely: Rennie Donovan; Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Lou Sesto; Beth Limerick; Barbara Johnson; David Donovan; Rose Barter; and Melanie Nash.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 07, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Remainder of furniture for the Beach Avenue townhouse did get shipped down to the island. A portable water dispensing system is scheduled now for next week. There is still a need to find a volunteer to oversee the house.
- 2) The auditors are in next week. Lisa will review their work plan later in the meeting.
- 3) SwimRun sent in their Certificate of Insurance.

- 4) Tentatively there is a public safety discussion planned for Thursday, July 21st depending upon the availability of the Fire Chief.
- 5) GPCOG would like to attend or participate via Zoom a future meeting to discuss their work plans.
- 6) Brian and Ed Rea are meeting on to discuss Mariners Wharf financing now that the \$477,000 additional grant has been awarded through Senator Collins Office.
- 7) Brian noted that seals are washing up on public and private properties. He has reached out to Maine Marine Mammals as well as the State Bureau of Parks for input. The board needs to discuss the Town's responsibilities with respect to private property wash ups.
- 8) Brian has drafted an initial outline of issues to be addressed in reviewing the town's abandoned vehicle policy.
- 9) There was a communication regarding a property owner attempting to re-classify a portion of his property to Open Space.
- 10) One proposal from a public auction company has been received to dispose of Lot#431. Brian is awaiting a second proposal.
- 11) The 2022-23 volunteer firefighter insurance plan has been approved.
- 12) Brian discussed the contract proposal from CPM Construction for the replacement of three missing pilings at Ponce's Landing.
- 13) Casella is working on the removal of the two portable toilets on Mariners Wharf.
- 14) Brian noted that Mark Greene has drafted a notification letter regarding the planned revaluation process.
- 15) Brian met with Wes Wolfertz to review the Tree Canopy project. An extension of the grant has been requested due to

- supply chain issues as well as not having to plant the new trees during a drought. There also needs to be a final decision on adding an exit gate at the Transfer Station to improve public safety and vehicular/pedestrian flow within the complex.
- 16) Brian followed up with both Matt Byers and Steve Hart regarding their comments on executive sessions. They are allowed for elected public officials as well as town employees and appointees.

Selectmen reviewed other communications received. There were communications regarding:

- 1) Dead seals;
- 2) The whale carcass burning. Note this will be discussed further when the Fire Chief is present. Selectman Donovan noted that burn permits are available on-line through the State of Maine but Long island should find a way to opt out of that process so as to require a local written burn permit. Selectman Wallace concurred.;
- 3) There was a communication from the Fire Chief, Will Tierney, seeking input on the proposed design of a new fire station.
- 4) Inquiries asking for more documents on the April 22nd banking investigation. (The board agreed to allow for public comment during the July 21st board meeting. Summary notes of the Town Administrator and Treasurer will be made available.)
- 5) There was a request to allow a ferry boat to use Ponce's Landing for a one time event. It was turned down given the current condition of the pier.

The board discussed the Stipend for the IT/Webmaster position.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve a stipend for the IT/Webmaster position in the amount of \$5,000 per year. (Motion passed 2-0, 1 abstention (Donovan)).

The board discussed the missing pilings at Ponce's Landing. Recognizing that this is a valuable pier for the town and that a more complete rebuild of the structure could be three + years away it was agreed that the pilings should be replaced now. Brian will execute the contract proposal on behalf of the town.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to replace the Ponce's Landing missing three pilings. (Motion passed 3-0.)

The board discussed the year end budget to actual report. It will be reviewed in more detail.

More No Parking signs are needed at South Beach.

Until a new Community Center Coordinator is found, all inquiries should be addressed to town hall.

There was discussion on the proposed revamping of the abandoned vehicle ordinance and a suggestion that perhaps the Island Fellow could help with that project.

Selectman Wallace will work with Brian on security camera options.

There was a discussion of the Community Center donation funds. These will be controlled by the Selectboard.

From the CEO Office: There is a new shed permit application; two building permits fees remain outstanding still; and the CEO needs more direction with respect to the Peter Evans building permit status.

From the Clerk/Tax Collector: The annual Municipal Valuation Report (MVR) is nearly complete.

The auditors are in town hall starting on Monday, July the 18th.

The board reviewed and approved the wording of the informational letter composed by Mark Greene on the pending revaluation process.

David Donovan commented on the whale carcass burning issue noting that a faster response is/was needed. He also noted the issue of town hall coverage when staff is gone, especially during the summer months.

Steve Hart noted that there is a Planning Board meeting on Monday.

Melanie Nash reminded us of a sea rise discussion on Friday the 15th and a summer open house for the Comprehensive Plan on Monday the 8th.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator