

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**August 11, 2022**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town of Long Island**

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke, John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; Dave Singo, Steve Hart, Curt Murley, Janice Avignon, Melanie Nash; Brad Brown; and Chris McGay. Viewing Remotely: Rennie Donovan; Dianne Watts; Lou Sesto; Paul Thornton; Dennis McCann; Matt Byers; and Mark Greene.

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 August 04, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding:

- 1) Input on the proposed deer and turkey hunting seasons.
- 2) Whale carcass burning.
- 3) Sheriff's House: Wi-fi and phone service re-established.
- 4) Finance committee meeting location (Community Center) for August 27th meeting.

- 5) Abatement of past three years of property taxes for Lot #841.  
(Note: Survey of lot revealed that it is town property already.)
- 6) Swim buoys in Shark Cove.
- 7) Community Center trouble alarm. (Note: technician scheduled to repair on Friday, August the 12th.)
- 8) Numbering of public buildings. (Note: Signs have been ordered.)
- 9) Proliferation of moorings, some permitted, and their placement.  
(Note: Board will continue to monitor and review non-island resident mooring requests.)
- 10) Flags have been taken down.
- 11) A public hearing on a bank stabilization project at 39 Hickok Lane.
- 12) Golf cart complaints regarding non-licensed youth drivers.
- 13) Need to replace the bulletin boards on Mariners Wharf.  
(Note: An island resident plans on building new ones.)
- 14) An update from Selectman Burke on his discussion with Ralph Sweet of the Finance Committee regarding finances for the Transfer Station.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Brian installed additional signage on the Mariners Wharf floats regarding the two hour maximum tie up rule as well as drop off and pick up only on the finger float abutting the rescue boat.
- 2) Brian met with Nate Moulton of the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss the history of Mariners Wharf improvements as well as the filing of an additional SHIP grant application. A new manager for the SHIP grant program starts on August the 22nd and Brian will meet with them again.

- 3) Brian is meeting with GEI Consultants to discuss the completed infrastructure survey of Mariners Wharf as well as the start of the design for the Ponce's Landing needed improvements.
- 4) Brian met with CPM Construction on site at Ponce's Landing to review the placement of the three new pilings and a replacement front rail. Work is scheduled to begin the week of August the 15th.
- 5) Brian reviewed the procedure for the board initiating a property tax abatement for Lot #841 which according to Owen Haskell, Inc, a Maine-based land survey firm, is town property. Under state law, the town can rebate property taxes paid by error or mistake for a period of three years after a tax commitment has been set. The rebate is estimated to be \$115.
- 6) Brian noted that the old mattresses and some furniture has been removed from the Sheriff's house on Beach Avenue.
- 7) Sign Concepts is making new signs for public buildings to facilitate emergency responses and general public information..
- 8) Brian completed the County-requested survey for their application of the second tranche of ARPA funds.
- 9) The Community Center Coordinator position has been re-posted. The position involves scheduling of events and periodic maintenance visits from outside contractors. If interested, please reach out to [townadmin@longislandmaine.org](mailto:townadmin@longislandmaine.org).
- 10) Brian met with Cunningham Security to review the placement of exterior security cameras in the front parking lot and Mariners Wharf.
- 11) Kamco has received the replacement parts for the Community Center doors and is waiting on an appointment time to install them.

The board discussed the property tax abatement issue for Lot #841.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the three year maximum property tax abatement under Maine state law for Lot #841. (Motion passed 3-0).

Lisa reviewed the 2021-2022 reserve fund balance transfers. There was discussion on the ARPA funds totalling \$25,165.76. Brian noted that the FY23 budget included \$12,583 of this amount. Chair Donovan noted that a transfer back to the operating budget of that amount is likely.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the reserve fund transfers as presented. (Motion passed 3-0).

From the CEO Office: The CEO will be out August 12th and 19th. The airstream trailer located on the Evans property on Island Avenue is scheduled to be removed by barge on August 16th. Following that the new building permit will be issued. An engineering study of the deck capacity of the Hardshell Cafe has been submitted to the CEO noting that the number should be increased from 22 to 29.

From the Clerk/Tax Collector: There was a request for a memorial bench to be placed in the cul de sac on Beach Avenue at South Beach. There was an inquiry regarding the placement of a headstone at the

cemetery. The Clerk has printed discharge permits and signage for the Deer Reduction Committee.

From the Wellness Center: Northern Lights is replacing MaineHealth, including the flu and covid vaccine clinics. There is a trivia night scheduled for August the 31st as a fundraiser.

The board opened the continued discussion on the proposed 2022-2023 deer and turkey hunting seasons. Three emails were received regarding the deer population, most supportive of increasing efforts to reduce the number of deer. Brad Brown noted his concern for the increase in the coyote population if we allow the deer and turkeys to proliferate.

Dave Singo is meeting with LICA regarding his request for a ballfield baiting station. There was discussion on hunting without the property owners permissions. It was noted that property owners should post their property if they do not want hunting on it. Dave Singo will reach out to the property owner that expressed concern.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace and Voted to approve the deer and turkey hunting seasons as presented by the Deer Reduction Committee. (Motion passed 3-0).

Melanie Nash and Janice Avignon discussed the formation of a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. Melanie summarized the purpose statement and timeline. Recruitment of

members of the committee will include both year round and seasonal residents. There will be an information table set up at the Wharf Street Festival.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the formation of a Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. (Motion passed 3-0.)

The board returned to the vacancies on the Finance Committee.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Donovan) and Voted to appoint Brian Arsenault and Robin Walker to the Finance Committee. (Motion passed 3-0.)

There was discussion on the need for a new ramp landing plate on Mariners. Brian will reach out to a contractor. There was also a brief discussion on the marine survey completed by GEI Consultants on the Mariners Wharf infrastructure conditions. Brian will forward that report to the MDOT Maintenance and Operations Division.

Selectman Wallace asked what on water public safety boats will be available for the lobster boat races. He was referred to Amy and Lisa for an update.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator