

Minutes of Meeting
September 01, 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. Viewing Remotely: Steve Hart; Rennie Donovan; Doug McCown; Ed Rea; Beth Marchak; and Dianne Watts.

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 25, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding:

1. Unregistered vehicles and parking violations.
2. Maintenance work needed at the Library.
3. Community Center issues during the Wharf Street Festival and the Lobster Boat Races as well as some electrical work needed for the Pottery Room.
4. LICA response regarding reimbursement for dead seal removal from Fowlers Beach. (Note: Steve Hart mentioned that the LICA board was not receptive to paying for this expense.

5. Two complaints were received regarding the new LED street lights. (Note: Brian will address later in the meeting.)
6. Selectman Burke noted that it's time to explore a composting project on the island.
7. Selectman Wallace noted that there was a public meeting on a proposed kelp farm off the back side of the island. He also mentioned that there was some vandalism to the portable toilets down front.

Brain summarized the history of the street light conversion program. Most of the island had 70 watt sodium lights prior to the conversion. The LED equivalent of this is 26 watts. The replacement lights that were installed were 19 watts. The LED projects a different light than the old ones, many of which were not even working which may seem brighter. One of the inquiries received has been resolved. The second is dependent upon a return to the island by CMP after finishing the repair of the storm damages of August the 26th.

There was a choice between two fixtures. One would have been too bright and actually have cost the town more money. The second yielded an annual projected savings of \$4,000.

Dan Barton discussed his objections to the light at Johnson Hill Road. The previous street light in that area has been inoperable for some time and the newly-working LED light is too bright and does not fit in with the neighborhood. He noted that if a light is required for public safety reasons, then he would put one in at his own expense.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Expecting quotes for the replacement of the Mariners ramp landing gangway track for the float.
- 2) Ponces Landing kick off meeting for design and engineering project tentative for June 9th.
- 3) Brian, Mark Greene and Stef Keenan from Keenan Auction Company did an on site visit to Lot #431. There are some access questions that are being reviewed. The online auction is tentatively set to begin on September the 25th and closes at 1 PM October the 11th. (Note: Bids received within the last two minutes of the auction automatically trigger an additional two minute extension of the auction. Also, bidders must enter a credit card that will be charged \$5,000 as the deposit for participating. Non-successful bidders will have their deposit returned to them following the close of the auction.)
- 4) Transfer Station Fall hours go into effect on September the 19th through November the 20th.
- 5) The Library reached out regarding some facility maintenance questions. Brian has forwarded those to the Manager of Buildings & Wharves.
- 6) Final quotes expected for possible paving in early October. Asphalt prices have been growing so there is a possibility of deferring this until 2023.
- 7) Wes Wolfertz has been working with the State on the Project Canopy grant for the Transfer station and Cemetery on Cushing Avenue.
- 8) Brian discussed the special materials pick ups at the Transfer Station. Due to the cumulative volume of items, the electronics pick up will continue this fall and the hazardous materials pick up will be scheduled for 2023.

From the CEO Office: The CEO will not be in the office on Friday. A building permit for 65 Island Avenue has been issued. There are some septic system questions being reviewed at 62 & 64 Eastern Avenue. Peter Evans has requested a foundation inspection.

From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Coordination with the Parking Constable continues to identify the number of outstanding parking tickets by vehicle owners. A total of \$218,159 in property tax has been received so far. September 14th is the due date.

From the Wellness Center: Tentatively NorthernLights will be doing a flu and a Covid vaccination clinic on September 29th. Trivia night raised \$1,000.

Joe Donovan updated the work at Casco Bay Lines. Discussion on the replacement vessel for the Maquoit will likely be in late fall. Staffing shortages continue. Board elections for the Peaks Island and the At-Large seats will be in November. More electronic signage will be installed.

Steve Hart discussed the state grant opportunity for expenses incurred in complying with the new affordable housing law. The town has asked its outside counsel to track their expenses for this separately.

There was a brief discussion on the need to review commercial use of the Transfer Station. Items to be reviewed include a fee structure, either by the load or a periodic usage fee.

The board discussed the current position vacancies on the island. It was decided to publish the job descriptions for them on the website asking for input from the public as to functions, requirements and suggestions for filling the positions. One possibility might be to combine several of them into one position, i.e., a new Public Safety Coordinator replacing the current Harbormaster, Constable and Shellfish Warden positions and possibly the summer Deputy Sheriff contract; and/or merging the Buildings/Wharves Manager , the Cemetery Coordinator and the Community Center Coordinator positions, or some variation of that.

Another idea would be to explore sharing positions with Chebeague Island.

Beth Marchak offered to look at the positions in light of the recently completed Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, September 08, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator