

Minutes of Meeting
October 06, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke, John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; and Jim Wilber. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Ruth Clement; Melanie Nash; Steve Hart; Camille Wolfertz; Diane Watts; Paul Thornton; and Lou Sesto.

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 September 29, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications from or regarding:

- 1) An outreach from the Island Veterinary Services company looking for a facility to conduct monthly clinics.
- 2) Public comments on vacant job positions.
- 3) Updates on a street light in the Johnson Hill subdivision.
- 4) The impact of water quality on shellfish.
- 5) A clogged culvert on Beach Avenue.

- 6) A note regarding an incorrect island name on display at Casco Bay Lines as well as an update from Selectman Burke from Meredith Sweet regarding the naming of Mariner Wharf.
- 7) An update from Selectman Wallace from Dave Singo reporting that 13 deer have been taken so far in the season.
- 8) An update from Selectman Wallace that all plots at New Hill Cemetery are now sold.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Auction of Lot #431: There are many requests for information; Auction closes on October the 11th at 1 PM. Current bid at \$30,000. Mark Greene and I met with Jim Nagle, our CEO, to discuss building permit requirements. Compliance with setbacks and the new driveway standards ordinance will be necessary.
- 2) Mariners Wharf: How do we want to proceed with the lights? Do we move forward now or wait until the larger project comes together? Short term repairs: Waiting for a time schedule from CPM.
- 3) Ponce's Landing: GEI Consultants delayed their inspection until today due to the inclement weather and winds yesterday.
- 4) Waterfront Committee: Several people have expressed an interest in serving. Brian will try to coordinate an initial meeting to discuss the role of the committee.
- 5) Cemetery Committee: In addition to Meredith Sweet, Brad Brown has now expressed an interest in serving.
- 6) Parking: Draft public announcement completed.
- 7) Waiting for more information from a property owner on a possible lot swap in the Apple Tree area.

- 8) Received feedback on the Johnson Hill subdivision street light. Most neighbors are supportive of the request. Two suggested that the safety of emergency responding vehicles is important.
- 9) Required Public Hearing on adopting the 2022-2023 general assistance maximum allowances set for 5:30 PM tonight.
- 10) Held a Zoom meeting with Ed Rea, Lisa and myself to review the accounting for the ARPA grant received in 2021 and 2022.
- 11) Senator Breen is joining the Selectboard meeting next week for a legislative update.
- 12) Workers Comp renewal completed.
- 13) Employee evaluations should be completed.
- 14) Cardboard compactor service call week of October 24th.

Brian will work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for replacement lights on Mariners Wharf and the parking lot.

The board reviewed a draft of a public notice regarding parking. Brian will edit and post.

Brian will coordinate an initial discussion meeting of the Waterfront Committee.

From the CEO Office:

1. A revised draft of a Notice of Violation from town counsel was received for the three sheds on one property on Floyd Street.
2. Jim Nagle is still waiting to hear from the plumber for the 20 Eastern Avenue building permit.
3. Jim reviewed a shed permit with a property owner and had questions on type of shed and structural details.
4. Another building permit for a new shed will be amended.

5. Another building permit request for a boathouse with bunk room was received.

From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

1. There are several discharge permits to be signed.
2. The Casco Bay Lines ballots are here. State ballots should be in by the beginning of next week and then requested absentee ballots can be sent.
3. There is a total of \$20,636 in outstanding property taxes representing 29 parcels.

From the Wellness Center:

1. NorthernLight vaccinated 129 people last Thursday.
2. USM nurses will be coming out October the 13th.
3. Revision Energy expects to get a proposal out next week which could be too late for this round of coastal community grants due October the 14th. Marci Train is helping.

Selectman Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines (CBL). The new fence is installed to better protect bicycles left at the gates. The down the bay boat replacement process is underway. Passenger traffic is still running high with the fall foliage season.

Brian described the history of the proposed amendments to the town's general assistance ordinance which would increase the maximum allowance for food, housing and utilities. These maximums are

prepared geographically by the Department of Human Services and change annually.

The board then conducted a required public hearing on adopting the new general assistance maximum allowances. There was no public comment.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the 2022-2023 general assistance maximums. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board then discussed the revenues received from the collection of returnable bottles and cans. The barge service does not charge the town as the revenues go to charity. Jim Wilber noted that historically this was all done by volunteers and the revenues went to the Long Island Fire & Rescue Association (LIFRA). He also mentioned that we need more volunteers in order to continue providing this service.

Joe Donovan noted the challenges in performing this service and that a long term solution is needed. Brenda Singo said it is a nasty job and that more consistent volunteers are needed. The collection is a great service that historically yielded benefits, but that it may not be worth continuing. John Burke noted that if we don't collect the returnables as we currently do, then the zero sort dumpster will fill up more rapidly. Jay Wallace noted that the busy season is now behind us and it is a good time to try different approaches.

Paul Thornton asked about the environmental impact. It was noted that the zero sort is recycled and that crushed glass can be recycled too. Diane Watts inquired as to the Clink service and if a company might lend or lease a glass crusher to the town. Dianne will look into some options. Mark Greene said that he likes the Clink service and wishes that it and CBL could handle the year round volume.

Melanie Nash noted that the first meeting of the Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee went well.

The board then returned to Brian's previous update on Mariners Wharf and the quotes for short term repairs.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and voted to approve the quote submitted by CPM Construction for Mariners Wharf. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board reviewed the proposed contract with the State of Maine for the removal of seal carcasses from Andrews State Park (South Beach).

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the contract with the state for seal carcass removal. (Motion passed 3-0).

Selectman Donovan asked if there was an update on the remaining estimated costs for the tree canopy project. Brian said that he had reached out to Wes Wolfertz.

There were no other public comments. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator