

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 27, 2022**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town of Long Island**

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke, John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator. Viewing Remotely: Jeannie McAleney; Mark Greene; Melanie Nash; Steve Hart; Diane Watts; Paul Thornton; Curt Murley; Rennie Donovan; Lou Sesto; and Senator Cathy Breen.

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 October 20, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

Brian updated the Board on on-going items. Additional quote(s) will be asked for the installation of security cameras in and around the Mariners Wharf area for the spring. There will be an introductory meeting with people who have expressed an interest in the formation of the new Waterfront Committee. Brian will outline the purpose and future meeting details. Those individuals still interested in serving following that introductory session will be presented to the Board for approval. There are currently 12 people interested and the committee which will likely comprise 4 to 6 members.

Selectmen reviewed communications received. There were communications regarding: Street Lights on Apple Tree Lane and their need and year round use; Servicing of the compactors at the Transfer Station; The HVAC system at the Community Center; An inquiry as to any vehicle weight restrictions this time of the year (Note: Posting of road restrictions is in the springtime.); Current position vacancies and their job descriptions. (The Board continues to review the functions and the citizen feedback that has been received. The Harbormaster position may also be tasked with enforcement of the 2 hour tie up limit at Mariners Wharf.); Possibility of solar panels at the Transfer Station; An update on the deer reduction season. The count is now at 21.

Selectman Wallace was asked if there were any more details on the home bre- ins he reported during the previous meeting as some residents have expressed concern There were no updates.

Brian briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Brian and Curt Murley discussed the addition of a town Listserve for communications.
- 2) Brian reached out to Mike Hedge on the Community Center HVAC services.
- 3) The MDOT SHIP program would like to see estimates for the new street lights planned for Mariners Wharf prior to the formal submission of a grant application. Brian will begin working on the bid specifications. Brian has also contacted Efficiency Maine for input and funding sources.
- 4) Brian and Ed Rea met to review the funding and status for approved capital improvement projects.

Senator Cathy Breen conducted an overview of activities of the past legislative session. A powerpoint slide show illustrated the many new initiatives, including the new property tax stabilization program for seniors, the increase in the state education aid funding and the housing law allowing for Accessory Dwelling Units. (Note: The Town received \$20,400 more in state education aid this year.) Comments included the length of time for a community to receive the state reimbursement for the property tax stabilization law as well as how small communities can benefit from the Federal infrastructure monies flowing into the state. Following her summary, members of the board and the public thanked her for her service.

From the CEO Office:

1. The owner of the property with three sheds filed a permit application which has been denied. Fines will be levied for their placement on the property. Legal fees already exceed \$500 for the review of this land use violation.

2. The plumber for the 20 Eastern Avenue project will file the appropriate building permit application.
3. A deck/shed addition permit was approved.
4. A permit for a garage project has been withdrawn.
5. Another property's garage permit application has been approved.

From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

1. The deadline for the State Property Tax Stabilization program is December the 1st. A copy of the application was mailed to 33 qualified property owners.
2. The general election is November the 8th and 45 absentee ballots have been issued.
3. Dog licenses are now due.

From the Wellness Center:

1. The third annual virtual auction will be the week after Thanksgiving.
2. The soup lunch had 40 people attend on Monday, October the 24th.
3. The physical therapist will be on family leave likely until January.

Steve Hart updated the board on a new summary document on the state housing initiative from Bernstein Shur.

Mark Greene updated the board on the continued progress of the property data gathering phase of the revaluation process. The site visitation work should be completed soon. Photos are being taken and will be part of each property record. The Island Institute meeting on the impact of the proposed new regulations on the lobster industry went well. Evidence presented supported the lobster industry's arguments that it is not endangering the right whale species.

Joe updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. The quiet room is open but additional amenities such as privacy screening are still needed. The Maquoit replacement vessel process will be starting soon. It is hoped that the problems arising with the Machigonne

replacement vessel now costing almost \$25 million dollars can be avoided. There is a vacancy at CBL for the Finance Director position.

Selectman Donovan noticed that the annual Shellfish Warden training is in March.

There were no other public comments. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, November 03, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator