

**Minutes of Meeting
November 10, 2022
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair (Via Teleconference); Selectmen: John Burke, John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator. Viewing Remotely: Lisa Kimball, Treasurer; Camille Wolfertz; Mark Greene; Melanie Nash; Steve Hart; Doug McCown; Brenda Singo; Dave Singo; Lou Sesto; Toni Wilcox; Fulton Wilcox; Jeannie McAleney; Jane Oldfield; Beth Marchak; and Ralph Sweet.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business:

➤ **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 November 03, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

The Town Administrator updated the Board on the following on-going items:

1) Brian forwarded additional photos of Mariners Wharf and the parking lot area to Pine State Fire & Security for their proposal for security cameras. That proposal should be received soon.

2) No expressed interest yet to serve on the Parking Committee. A previous member declined the invitation to continue on the new committee.

3) CPM Construction is awaiting the delivery of the new gangway plate and guides. They are hoping to install before Thanksgiving as well as complete the list of other minor maintenance repairs.

New Business:

➤ Review of Communications Received:

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting.

There were communications regarding: Ecomaine and the need to review recycling issues with them. (Note: Brian will set up a future meeting.); A recognition and thanks from Selectmen Wallace for all veterans on this coming Veterans Day for their service.; and a request for reimbursement for deer reduction equipment.

The request is for \$103 to replace crossbow bolts that were damaged taking a deer as part of the ongoing efforts to reduce the deer population on the island. Chairman Donovan agreed with the great work being done, but is concerned about setting a precedent. He also noted that deer hunting is a recreational activity that comes with some expense to the person participating in it. Others noted the value of the public service as this individual has now taken 17 deer this season and the impact on the reduction of lyme Disease and other infectious diseases. There was a developing consensus to work on a future policy but in the interim honor this specific request for reimbursement.

➤ Town Administrator Updates:

1) Steve Johnson removed the floats and gangway ramps at Mariners and Ponces Landing for the winter.

2) The annual servicing of the trash truck is completed. The vehicle should be back on the island Friday.

3) Senator Breen followed up with answers to some of the questions raised during our meeting with her.

4) Persons interested in serving on the Waterfront Committee met with Brian and Selectman Wallace today. Brian summarized the composition and process for the committee. He also reviewed the current status of several waterfront projects/issues. The group consensus was that the Board of Selectmen needs to give the committee guidance as to priorities. Brian has followed up with the meeting with additional background materials. Those interested in still serving were asked to get back to Brian and he will forward a list of potential committee members to the board for appointment.

5) The Ponce's Landing inspection report is expected shortly. The inspection was completed on October the 7th.

6) The Cumberland County Emergency Services Director acknowledged the transit priorities for Deputy Sheriffs dispatched to Long Island. The first preference is to utilize a commercial water taxi, if available. This will be included in updated training of dispatchers.

7) The closing for Lot#431 is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November the 14th. The Board needs to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the documents for the completion of the sale.

8) The state has released an update for municipal general assistance ordinances. Brian will review and see if any changes are required for Long Island.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator, Brian Dudley to execute any and all documents, releases and forms required for the closing of the sale of Lot #431. (Motion passed 3-0).

➤ **Code Enforcement Office (CEO) Updates:**

1) The property owner with the three sheds on their property has requested the CEO to allow them to correct the problems this coming spring as the winter months are near.

2) A garage and a deck permit were issued as well as a permit for Consolidated Communications for a concrete pad for a generator on town property.

3) The retaining wall application forwarded to the town by NRPA is being reviewed.

➤ **Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates:**

- 1) There were 180 voters during Tuesday's elections, 56 of whom cast absentee ballots. Amy is cleaning up the voter registry lists and voter participation history.
- 2) A threatening email was received from an anonymous source which was reported to the State and the County Sheriff's Office.
- 3) The deadline to apply for the property tax stabilization program for seniors is December the 1st.
- 4) There are still 16 properties owing \$10,379 in property tax for the first half of the current fiscal year.

➤ **Wellness Center Updates:**

- 1) Starting December the 6th the NorthernLights monthly clinics will move to bi-monthly.
- 2) The Physical Therapist is out on family leave for two months. The Community Center will be opened for walking on Wednesdays and social recreation activities during the afternoon.
- 3) The third annual fundraising auction to benefit the Wellness Center takes place the week after Thanksgiving.

Lisa Kimball outlined a proposal from InforME to install a credit card payment system known as Maine PayPort at town hall. The processor assesses a 2.5% fee to users. There were some questions raised and the issue will be revisited on Thursday, November the 17th.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or public hearings this week

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Steve Hart is hoping to have a representative of the State Fire Marshal's Office participate in the November the 21st Planning Board meeting regarding the mandatory inclusion of internal fire suppression systems in any new home construction permits issued on Long island. The Hardshell cafe has requested a change in their permitted dates of operation which has triggered another site plan review process.

Mark Greene reviewed with Bob Konczal, the town's agent for tax assessments, the progress on the property revaluation process. It continues to go well. Mark also noted a request he has made to the Selectmen for seed money for year round housing initiatives. This will be reviewed in more detail by the board.

Public Comments:

Joe Donovan clarified that the Consolidated Communications permit request for a concrete slab for a generator is located on town property. Joe also noted that the Year Round Housing Committee needs members. John Wallace also thanked the participants in today's Waterfront Committee discussion.

There will be no Selectboard meeting during Thanksgiving week.

There were no other public comments. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator