

**Minutes of Meeting  
December 15, 2022  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Long Island**

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.**

**Attending:** Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen: John Burke, John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator, Amy Tierney, Town Clerk. Viewing Remotely: Melanie Nash; Doug McCown; Barbara Johnson; Ralph Sweet; Meredith Sweet; Camille Wolfertz; Ed Rea; Mark Greene; Toni Wilcox; and Lou Sesto

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 December 08, 2022. (Motion passed 3-0).

➤ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting.

There were communications regarding: Heat pumps at the School pre-application for CDBG funds approved for final submission; Wellness Center Memorandum of Understanding as drafted by the Finance Committee agreed to; A second aquaculture farming scoping session is scheduled for January; There was a question on association members use of Ponce's Landing and the clarification that no vehicles are allowed on the structure.

➤ It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as drafted by the Finance Committee for the Friends of the Wellness Center. (Motion passed 3-0).

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

1) New Committee Updates:

Parking Committee: No additional volunteers. Five people interested in serving. (Doug McCown, Deb Wallace, Christian Lamontagne, Jeannie McAleney and Brad Brown.);

Cemetery Committee: No additional volunteers. (Meredith Sweet and Brad Brown. Meredith noted that John Davis and Ed McAleney might be interested in serving);

Waterfront Committee: Met today. Reviewed various projects. Extended discussion on Ponce's Landing and potential options available.

2) Mariners Wharf: CPM Construction tentatively scheduled to begin short term repairs on Tuesday, December the 20th. MDOT is doing repair work today on the lower ramp.

3) Ponces Landing: Working on DMR reimbursement for engineering invoices.

### **New Business:**

➤ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Deer reduction letter received from Dave Singo.

2) Winter storm Friday, December the 16th: Reached out to Will regarding the need to lift the ramp; Plowing contractor all set. Plenty of sand/salt in storage.

3) Beth Marchak seeking additional information for use of a proposed town Listserv.

4) Waiting for a quote from Seacoast Electric for the cardboard compactor electric box rebuild.

5) Gulf of Maine Research Institute conducting a climate change project. Forwarded to Melanie Nash.

- 6) Efficiency Maine sent out a Funding Opportunity Notice. Will reach out to see if school/library heat pumps are eligible.
- 7) Corrected the invoicing issue with last year's Sheriff's contract.
- 8) Spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer about winter hours. Working on a potential new system.
- 9) Cumberland County Keeping Warm project informational meeting Monday, December the 19th.

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

- 1) The CEO will be in the office on Friday, December the 16th, but out on December 23rd and 30th.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates:**

- 1) Dog registrations are due January the 1st. Dog owners on the island are about 40% compliant so far. A reminder will be sent out.
- 2) There is a BYOB application for a cookie exchange to be signed by the Selectmen.

➤ **Wellness Center Updates:**

- 1) Northern Light will be back on December the 20th.
- 2) The online auction raised \$10,069.
- 3) Amy went to Chebeague to meet with a St. Joseph's Doctor, a few of their Council members and Island Commons staff regarding the planning grant. They were hesitant to put the work into this grant and the deadline has passed. Amy will stay in touch with the Doctor and see what we can do in the future.
- 4) The Wellness Center is hosting a cookie exchange on December the 22nd at the Community Center.

**Meetings/Hearings:**

There were no meetings or public hearings this week

### **Board/Committee/Project Updates:**

Mark Greene noted that the property revaluation data gathering phase of the project is nearly complete.

Melanie Nash briefed the board on the climate ready project of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and their planned site visits to Long Island. The project is funded through GPCOG and will include storm surge, sea level rise and shorelines within its scope. The town will receive a comprehensive data set in a common format with other towns and governmental entities.

Joe Donovan noted the continuing problems with public safety issues at Casco Bay Lines with the homeless, drug overdoses and harassment, especially in the public restrooms. People are encouraged to report issues as they witness them.

Joe noted the Transfer Station solar panels as a possible future project,

### **Public Comments:**

Meredith Sweet asked about the status of the repairs to the eaves at the Community Center. A contractor has been found and it should be fixed shortly.

Doug McCown expressed his concern with unlicensed drivers, especially during the winter months.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM. There will be no board meeting on Thursday, December the 29th.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator

