Minutes of Meeting
January 12, 2023
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. Viewing Remotely: Ralph Sweet; Mark Greene; Matt Byers; Steve Hart.; Jeannie McAleney; Paul Thornton; Rennie Donovan; Peter Thornton; Beth Marchak; Doug McCown; Diane Watts and Jim Schine.

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 January 05, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting.

There were communications regarding: Town Hall records storage and security.;WiFi at the Community Center.; Harbormaster training in March.; The Finance Committee meeting.; Island Institute regarding Ponce's Landing.; and Changing Tides has been approached regarding feral cats.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: CPM Contractors have the refurbished gangway guide. They hope to install it next week. Senator Collins Office reached out to confirm some grant details on the $477,000 approved for the Mariners Wharf wavescreen.

2) Ponces Landing: Dan would like to receive feedback from the new Waterfront Committee on some conceptual sketches for Ponce's that he is working on. The required DMR progress report for the $50,000 grant received for engineering and design of Ponce's Landing has been completed and submitted.

3) New Committee Updates: Next meeting of the Waterfront Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February the 16th. Meeting notices emailed to those on the Committee with email access.

New Business:

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

.1) Received a communication from Nancy Jordan regarding solar projects on the island. She had spoken with Great Diamond Island and will forward their contact information to me. Reached out to Janice and Melanie to see if they could follow up.

2) Attended a meeting of the Cumberland County Managers Group.

3) A second Extended Packaging Responsibility (EPR) is scheduled for January 24th on municipal reimbursement formulas.

4) Met with Cumberland County regarding the heating assistance program. Signed the grant and notices are ready to go out tomorrow. Application packages available on the town website, at Town Hall and at the Wellness Center.

5) John Burke and I met with EcoMaine to discuss options for recycling at the Transfer Station. I forwarded historic usage data to them. They are working on some options for us.

6) The LICPIC has asked to give an update during the board meeting of January the 19th.

7) I've scheduled a Public Safety meeting for January the 19th.

8) I spoke with Parker Poole at Determination Marine regarding night emergency transports of Deputy Sheriffs to the island. He is preparing some options and pricing.

9) Reached out to the Maine Bureau of Parks regarding an invoice received for repairs to South Beach.

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

1) The CEO will be out of the office on January 13th. A permit is expected for two of the three sheds on Floyd Street.

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

Only half of the dogs on the island are registered for the coming year. The deadline is January 31st before mandatory state late fees are added on.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

NorthernLights will be on the island Tuesday, January the 17th and Martin's Point will be here to see existing patients on February the 3rd.

Meetings/Hearings:

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Steve Hart noted that the next Planning Board meeting will be discussing the proposed requirement for new homes to have sprinkler systems installed during construction.They will also discuss establishing maximum limits for Accessory Dwelling Units under the new state law.

Mark Greene cited an article in the Maine Townsman on short term rental housing. The revaluation field work is nearly complete and ready to be submitted to the Assessing Agent.

Joe Donvan noted his conversation with residents of Chebeague and Cliff Islands that are facing the same issues with declining school populations and limited housing opportunities for new families. The town needs to meet more regularly with the other islands to discuss topics of mutual interest.

Joe noted that Casco Bay Lines has begun its summer scheduling review.

Ed Rea noted that the Finance Committee met last night and reviewed the budget and CIP process in light of the comprehensive plan. Housing was discussed.

Public Comments:

There was a question asking for clarification of the Town Clerk's comments the week before regarding file access at town hall. Joe noted that the process for accessing public information contained in town hall files is being reviewed.

Beth Marchak updated her work on a new Listserv for the town's use. She is looking at Constant Contact as an inexpensive and user friendly service. She is in the process of collecting voluntary email addresses and testing the system. If you want to be included in public notifications that are sent out, please contact Beth at eam8336@gmail.com and she will add your contact information to the Listserv. Joe Donovan asked if the list would be limited to taxpayers or more open. This is to be determined.
This concluded the formal agenda for the meeting. The board then discussed the FY 24 budget process. Brian will be meeting next week with members of the Finance Committee to work on the details of the budget.

The public meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator