Minutes of Meeting
February 09, 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: Matt Byers; Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Melanie Nash; Peter Thornton; Jeannie McAleney; Brad Brown; Toni O'Donnell; Dianne Watts; Doug McCown; Barbara Johnson; Camille Wolfertz; 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 February 02, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications regarding: A state legislative issues meeting.; The Community Resilience Partnership grant from the Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.; and the Waterfront Committee meeting on February 16, 2023.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: Registered for SAM.gov which is the communications portal used by HUD for the $477,000 grant we received. The official award letter is due by the end of the month. Suggested use of the Casco Bay Lines conference room for a potential meeting with MDOT M&O.

2) Ponce's Landing: Received the conceptual sketches from Dan Bannon at GEI Consultants for Ponce's. I forwarded those to the Waterfront Committee along with another copy of the link for the meeting on Thursday, February the 26th at 2 PM.

3) Heating Grant: Received two non-qualifying applications. One may be eligible for the LIHEAP heating program administered by Opportunity Alliance.

New Business:

- **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Chairman Donovan and Brian met with Senator Pierce and Representative Moriarty Monday to discuss issues of importance to the island. Topics covered included Mariner's Wharf; Ponces Landing; LD 2003; Restoration of the State Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program; and possible expansion of the eligible uses for state Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) funds

2) A reminder notice to department heads regarding CIP and budgets was sent out.

3) Reached out to Avesta Housing about low and moderate housing on Long Island. They are interested in partnering with the town to accomplish this. Sent a follow up email to Mark Greene.

4) Received a voicemail from a Deputy Sheriff wanting to follow up on some issues here on the island. Waiting for his return call.

5) Received a notice of resignation from the Animal Control Officer.

- **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO is not in the office Friday, February the 10th but is available via telephone or email.. Jim Nagle continues to work with the property owner of the Floyd Street sheds. An email was received regarding a septic situation on Beach Avenue.

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

Property tax payments are coming in. A total of $18,000 has been received to date.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

NorthernLights will be on the island again on February the 21st and March the 8th. A Martins Point doctor was here on February the 3rd and saw six patients. A soup lunch is scheduled for February the 13th.

Brad Brown discussed a draft ordinance he has submitted for consideration that would regulate accumulated trash on private properties. Joe Donovan noted that this may be a Planning Board issue. Also, are there existing ordinances sufficient for dealing with accumulated trash and junk.There were public comments regarding enforcement of such an ordinance.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings this week.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Joe Donovan summarized the Finance Committee meeting of Wednesday the 8th of February. A year round housing proposal and its budget implications was discussed in terms of funding for a new position or other assistance, internally or externally. Mark Greene noted that the housing initiative proposed is part of the Comprehensive Plan. He noted the need for the Selectbord to determine if this is a priority.

There were questions as to whether the town should build the housing and then make it available. Jay Wallace also noted that housing is only one component and that island based jobs need to be reviewed as well. With no employment readily available on the

island, then commuting and parking expenses play into the decision to live on the island in addition to an affordable place to live.

Melanie Nash described the efforts of the Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (LICPIC) with the Community Resilience Partnership program. This will be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting. Eligible areas for non-matching grants up to $50,000 include: Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment; Energy Resilience & Efficiency; Improvements & Protection for Drinking Water and Shoreline Protection. There are other grants opportunities requiring a 10% local match.

Joe Donovan asked if a combination of projects could be applied for. The answer is yes, but subject to the overall $50,000 limit.

Public Comments:

Doug McCown noted the importance of new housing on the island.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator