Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 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 and Melanie Nash. Viewing Remotely: Matt Byers; Robert McLaughlin; Will Tierney; Mark Greene; Steve Hart; Peter Thornton; Jeannie McAleney; Rennie Donovan; Janice Avignon; Beth Marchak; Brad Brown; Ed Rea; 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 09, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications regarding: A reminder regarding murals in the Community Center.; An update on the Parking Committee that they will meet for a second time on Saturday, February the 18th.; A communication on the audit expense for 2023.; A communication regarding new radios for the Long Island Fire & Rescue Department (LIF&R).; An update that gravel roads have been posted until further notice.; An update on LD 2003, the new state housing law.; A communication regarding COLA adjustments planned in other Cumberland County towns.; An update regarding the periodic island census counts which now stands at 218.; A communication regarding investments and current interest rates.

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

Old Business Updates:

1) Mariners Wharf: DEP permits in place until September 2024. The Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) permit expired in 2021.

2) Ponce's Landing: Waterfront Committee presentation from Dan Bannon at GEI today. Consensus to move forward at town meeting for $200,000 for short term repairs hoping to get about 10 years more out of existing structure.

3) Heating Grant: Received two additional inquiries as to income guidelines.

New Business:

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Louis Papkee reached out regarding his previous interest in being appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2) County assessment invoices received for the full fiscal year and the six month transition period.

3) Scheduling a meeting with Avesta Housing about low and moderate housing on Long Island. They are interested in partnering with the town to accomplish this. Mark Greene and I will attend.

4) Meeting with a former Deputy Sheriff to discuss public safety issues on the island.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO is not in the office Friday, February the 17th but is available via telephone or email.. A Notice of Violation was re-sent to the Floyd Street property owner regarding the three sheds there.The Harrington Lane plumbing permit may be delayed until the spring following repairs to some SSWD issues on site.

Jim Nagle continues to work with the property owners of Lot #376 on a post construction building permit for a roof addition to an existing shed. There was a clarifying inquiry regarding when abuttor notifications are required.

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

Property tax payments are coming in. Amy is working with Ed Rea on the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

NorthernLights will be on the island again on February the 21st and March the 8th. Physical therapy on the island resumes on March the 6th. A soup lunch is scheduled for March the 6th.

The board received an update from Janice Avignon and Melanie Nash on the Community Resilience Program (CRP) grant eligibility areas. Grants are for a maximum of $50,000. After reviewing a summary of the eligible categories, there was a consensus that the Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (LICPIC) should focus first on protecting natural resources and secondly on energy resilience and efficiency.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to ask LICPIC to move forward with a grant application under the natural resources protection category focusing on improving and protecting drinking water. (Motion passed 3-0.)

It was noted that the Board of Selectmen will not be meeting on Thursday, February the 23rd due to school vacation week and town hall staff being away.

Meetings/Hearings:

The board conducted a public safety meeting. Will Tierney addressed his proposal for a new radio system for the LIF&R. This would be done in conjunction with Chebeague

Island and the Long Island cost would be $48,000 for the radios and the new system and another $18,000 should new batteries be required.

Lease and finance options will be reviewed in conjunction with the Finance Committee as well as the possibility of any Federal or state grants to offset this expense. A question was raised as to the impact if Chebeague Island does not move forward with the same system. At this time, Chebeague is intending to also acquire these new radios and system.

It was noted that there was another Sheriff's Office response to Long Island . This time it was to a different address to serve eviction papers.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Steve Hart updated the work of the Planning Board. On their continued review of requiring internal sprinkler systems for new home construction as well as ordinance changes required to comply with LD 2003.

Mark Greene noted that the revaluation work is continuing now under the Assessing Agent's review. The work could be done before July the 1st. The effective date would be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Joe Donovan noted that Casco Bay Lines (CBL) continues to work on the summer sailing schedules and will meet again on February the 28th. CBL has hired a private security firm to assist with the monitoring of the terminal.

The board discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Louis Papkee to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Motion passed 3-0.)

Public Comments

Beth Marchak noted that 115 people have signed up for the new ListServ and of that number, 85 have been confirmed. She will continue to follow up. She also noted the need to address housing on the island and suggested increasing the current functions of the Town Administrator. She mentioned that LICPIC should also review the planned ordinance changes in light of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ralph Sweet noted that a decision on GPS should be made this month and that he is still working on the total acres on the island.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 02, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator