Minutes of Meeting
March 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: Mark Greene; Brad Brown; Jim Schine; Dianne Watts; Doug McCown; Ed McAleney; Peter Thornton; Steve Hart; Camille Wolfertz; Ed McAleney; 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 March 02, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

- ➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications regarding: Capacity of recordings of Zoom meetings.; A reminder that town reports are due.; John Burke noted that the Friends of Feral Cats are willing to come to the island to capture the cats located off Island Avenue and transport them to Maine farms.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: Requested formal extension from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) of the permit that expired in 2021. Initial response was favorable but needs to be further researched.

Attended a grant information zoom meeting sponsored by HUD for the $477,000 award received for Mariner's Wharf. Environmental and reporting details were discussed. No expenses can be incurred pending completion of the environmental reviews. The board needs to formally designate an authorized representative and grant recipient contact.

2) Ponce's Landing: Waterfront Committee meeting again on March 16, 2023 at 2 PM. Another reimbursement request with the Department of Marine Resources for the latest invoice for engineering/design work at Ponces will be filed. There is still an unused balance in the Ponce's Landing reserve account. A successful CDS grant would not be available until March of 2024 past our desired date to commence the short term repairs estimated at $200,000.

3) Heating Grant: Received an additional eligible heating expense and processed.

New Business:

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Followed up with Joe Schnupp regarding possible candidates for a public safety position on the island.

2) Communication from Brad Brown on proposed accumulated trash/junk on private property.

3) Reached out to Custom Floats regarding disposition of the unused gangway ramp stored behind the garages.

4) New Hill Cemetery Expansion: Researching land swap/purchase options.

5) CDBG Municipal Oversight Committee meeting March the 15th.

6) GPCOG meeting on LD 2003 held today.

7) Advanced General Assistance required training next week.

8) Began review of housing resources. Have contacted Islesboro and the Cranberry Isles as well as Maine Housing. Spoke briefly with Mark Greene. Participated in GPCOG webinar today along with Steve Hart on LD 2003 impacts.

The board discussed the need to appoint an official representative for the $477,000 HUD grant for Mariner's Wharf.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to designate Brian Dudley, Town Administrator, as the official Town of Long Island representative for the Federal grant administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development for improvements to Mariner's Wharf.

The board discussed the re-grading and crowning of the island's gravel roads. There was a suggestion that all the island roads might be better if they were paved to reduce long term problems.

There was discussion regarding a Board of Selectmen representative to the Year Round Housing Committee (YRHC).

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Selectman John Burke to the YRHC.(Motion passed 2-0, 1 abstention (Burke)).

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO reviewed the application to rebuild a dock at 940 Island Avenue and all the materials from the State have been received and it ill be approved.

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

The Town Clerk completed a Freedom Of Access Act (FOAA) training session. There are $240,808 still due in outstanding property taxes.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light will be on the island March the 9th and administered some Covid booster shots and did a home visit.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings this week.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Ed Rea noted that the Finance Committee will meet again on March the 22nd and that the public hearing on the proposed FY24 budget is Saturday, March the 25th at 9 AM.

The board discussed the accumulated trash/junk proposal from Brad Brown. The proposal will be placed on the town website for comment.

Joe noted that CBL continues to work on the summer sailing schedules. Proposed changes have minimal impact on Long Island. An RFP has been issued for a design firm for the new down the bay boat.

Steve Hart noted that the Planning Board held a public hearing on two proposed ordinances: 1) those changes required for compliance with the new State law on affordable housing; and 2) the requirement that all new homes have an internal sprinkler system.

Most comments were received on the internal sprinkler system requirement and were in opposition to its adoption. It was suggested that mandatory smoke detectors would be a better and less costly first step.

Public Comments:

Janice Avignon noted that the Community Resilience grant application is moving forward.

Jay Wallace noted the recent recognition of Long Island School teacher Marci Train.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator