Minutes of Meeting
March 16, 2023
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectman John Burke; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Justin Papkee; Rennie Donovan; Toni Wilcox; Doug McCown; Steve Hart; Lou Sesto; Melanie Nash; Matt Byers; Camille Wolfertz; Will Tierney; Paul Thornton; 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 (Donovan) and Voted to approve in draft form the Minutes of the Meeting of March 09, 2023. (Motion passed 2-0, Wallace Abstained).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications regarding: The Community Resilience Grant application.; A water quality study with Chebeague Island; The working waterfront state program; Year Round Housing Committee membership.; A requested exchange of lots between the town and a resident.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: Received a notification from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) that the permit that expired in 2021 will be extended.

Emergency repairs done on the floats to replace detached chains and hinges. CPM repaired the float under the ramp and Custom Float repaired the finger pier next to the rescue boat.

The scheduled meeting with MDOT Maintenance & Operations Division was postponed due to a forecasted winter storm. It will be rescheduled.

A second informational meeting on the HUD grant for Mariner's Wharf will be the week of March the 21st.

2) Ponce's Landing: Waterfront Committee met today to review updates on waterfront projects and to discuss a project tracking chart. The group will prepare an informational piece outlining the reasons for moving forward with the $200,000 in repairs to Ponces Landing.

Filing another reimbursement package with Maine Department of Marine Resources for the latest two invoices from GEI Consultants.

3) Heating Grant: Received an additional eligible heating expense and processed. Received a new application to be reviewed.

New Business Updates:

1) Received the proposed summer contract for a Deputy Sheriff this summer. Also received the annual calls for service summary.

2) Advanced General Assistance required training will be rescheduled in April.

3) Meeting with Maine Housing next week to review program funding opportunities for affordable housing.

4) Spoke with one possible road contractor regarding grading the town gravel roads. Have contacted three other potential contractors.

5) Completed six town reports for the annual report.

6) Posted a public notice regarding vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals boards.

7) Meeting next week with Reverend Jim Mentzer of the United Methodist Church here on the island to discuss community programs.

8) Curt Murley will coordinate the projector and slides for the Finance Committee budget hearing. Brian will set up the conference room monitor and laptop and run the Zoom part of the meeting.

- **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO is reviewing several building permits. Two NRPA permits have been received for riprap at a property on Hickok Lane. The Floyd Street shed issue continues to be reviewed with the property owner.

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

There is $85,000 left in outstanding property taxes.

- **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light will be on the island March the 21st and the physical therapist will be back on March the 20th. There is a soup lunch on March the 27th. The grant application for a beach wheelchair was submitted.

Joe Donovan discussed the use of the funds received from the sale of town assets. It was suggested that for these funds this year, 50% be placed in the capital reserve fund, 30% go to housing and the remaining 20% to be used for property tax stabilization and debt reduction as determined appropriate.

Meetings/Hearings:

The board held a public safety meeting. There was discussion on mandating integrated monitored smoke detection systems into new home construction. The finger float alongside the rescue boat will need to be replaced soon.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Mark Greene updated the status of the Year Round Housing Committee. An email to former members was sent out asking about continuing to serve on the committee. Brian and Mark have been discussing some housing strategies. A meeting with Maine Housing is planned.

Ralph Sweet noted that a grant for the Water Study Committee was not eligible as they are not a 501(C)(3) corporation. Curt Murley will do the GIS mapping of existing wells on the island. Joe Donovan noted that any unused funds in the current budget for the committee will be placed in a reserve fund.

It was noted that the CDBG grant for heat pumps at the school was approved.

Public Comments:

There were no additional public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator