

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 20, 2023**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town of Long Island**

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.**

**Attending:** Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke and John Wallace; Brian Dudley, Town Administrator. Viewing Remotely: Camille Wolfertz; Melanie Nash; Dianne Watts; Steve Hart; Dianne Watts; Jim Schine; Rose Barter; and Ralph Sweet.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Joe Donovan noted that there could be disruptions of the Zoom portion of tonight's board meeting. If so, the meeting would continue in town hall only. Earlier in a workshop meeting with Chebeague Island to discuss areas of mutual interest between the islands, the Zoom meeting was taken over by non-island disruptive individuals forcing the end of the meeting.

**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 April 06, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➤ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: The Community Center murals.; A burial request.; Ground water.; A Maine Island Coalition meeting.; An update on legislation amending LD 2003.; Suggested technical changes to town meeting warrant articles.; Workforce Housing committee site visits.; A new electric switch for the trash compactor.; An increasing number of wild turkeys on the island.; and A notification that the town has been officially enrolled in the Governor's Community Resilience Program.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: Attended a fourth webinar sponsored by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the \$477,000 grant award for Mariner's Wharf on the required environmental review process.

Met with Copia contractors performing the steel pile wrapping work for MDOT. They will launch their workboat as soon as the east side float is installed. Steve Johnson plans on getting that float in place this week. Signage will be posted and a notice placed on the town website asking the general public to stay off the float until early May so that their workboat can use the space. We still need to place a recycling can next to their trailer.

2) Ponce's Landing: The Department of Marine Resources has processed the \$4,500 reimbursement for the last two invoices from GEI Consultants.

**New Business Updates:**

1) Received a second verbal estimate for grading the gravel roads. MDOT workshop the first week of May in South Paris by the Local Roads Center on gravel road maintenance and re-grading.

2) Housing: Workforce Housing Group meeting again on April 27th.

3) Fortis doing an on site inspection on April 27th regarding a water filtration system for Town Hall and the Community Center.

4) Portable toilets were delivered.

5) Another reminder notice was sent to the website and to Listserv on parking down front.

6) Efficiency Maine held a zoom meeting on a new grant program for Level 2 and 3 electric vehicle charging stations. Grant calls for a minimum of four ports at an estimated monthly electricity fee of \$500 each and be up and available 97% of the time.

A 20% match is required. Estimated cost for installation is \$4,000 to \$8,000 per port (\$16,000 to \$32,000 total).

7) Received our 2023-24 insurance package renewal worksheets. Will submit them upon completion back to the insurer for final premium costs.

8) Reached out to Camille Wolfertz and Doug McCown on parking enforcement.

9) Spoke with Nancy Jordan on suggested amendments to Article 11 warrant language.

Joe Donovan noted that the responsibility for charging electric vehicles should be with the vehicle owner. A municipal charging station would further reduce the already limited parking in the area and the projected expense is too high.

There was a discussion on the status of deteriorated headstones at the town cemeteries.

The board discussed military personnel excise tax exemptions and will address it in more detail with the Town Clerk.

Joe Donovan noted that Christian Lamontagne is revising the Parking Committee report for distribution.

### **Meetings/Hearings:**

There were no Meetings/Hearings

### **Board/Committee/Project Updates:**

Steve Hart noted that there are some technical numbering changes that need to be made with Articles #49 and #50. These can be corrected and posted in advance of the town meeting or depending on the status of pending legislation amending LD 2003, the warrant articles could be deleted in their entirety for changes this year.

Ralph Sweet summarized a water quality conference he participated in. Wells across the state are being polluted by prescription pharmaceuticals, motor oil and antifreeze. The

groundwater flow path needs to be identified prior to any corrective actions being put in place. Ralph will reach out to John Lortie to discuss testing of the conservation land tanks.

Casco Bay Lines is seeking a naval architect for the new down the bay vessel. New ticket prices are in effect. There needs to be a community discussion of what a new CBL vessel should be in terms of size and freight and vehicle-carrying capacity.

**Public Comments:**

There were no additional public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator