Minutes of Meeting
March 30, 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, Amy Tierney, Town Clerk.. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Rennie Donovan; David Donovan; Camille Wolfertz; Brad Brown; Paul Thornton; Barbara Johnson; Fulton Wilcox; Toni Wilcox; Christian Lamontagne; Ed Rea; Lou Sesto; Dianne Watts; Jeannie McAleney; 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 23, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications regarding: A follow up to the procurement of an ArcGIS system.; Another public safety call for a Deputy Sheriff at the Island Avenue Condos.; A budget communication.; A scoping session for an aquaculture lease.; Servicing the septic system at the Community Center; An update of the proposed technical and grammatical corrections to the town ordinances.

There was discussion on the proposed ordinance changes. Additional input is required from town counsel before being presented for approval at the annual town meeting.

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

1) Mariners Wharf: Brian, Joe and Dan Bannon from GEI Consultants met with MDOT to discuss infrastructure repairs to Mariner's Wharf. There was some agreement from MDOT that certain structural components are their responsibility and would need to be addressed prior to any new wavescreen being installed.

2) Ponce's Landing: Cyrus Hagge presented a powerpoint show at the Finance Committee budget public hearing as to why it is recommending the $200,000 in repairs to Ponce's.

3) Heating Grant: Expecting one additional application shortly.

New Business Updates:

1) This past week, there was another advanced General Assistance webinar.

2) The Chebeague workshop is scheduled for April the 20th to review mutual areas of interest.

3) Spoke with Coley at Lionel Plante's regarding gravel roads. They do not do that type of work. He suggested contacting Scott Dugas for an estimate as well.

4) Housing: Mark Greene will summarize the meetings he and Brian had this week with Avesta and the Workforce Housing Exploratory Group. The YRHC will need seed monies for some of the housing initiatives and grants. I mentioned the Selctboard's recommendation to the Finance Committee about setting aside a percentage from the sale of town assets for housing.

5) Budget: Brian and Lisa worked on the budget today following the Finance Committee meeting last night. With no changes coming from the

schools, they were able to identify $17,750 in additional reductions or new revenues.

- **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO is reviewing a dock permit on Eastern Avenue. The Floyd Street shed issue should be resolved within a few weeks. The CEO continues to work with the general contractor for a Harrington Lane plumbing permit.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates:

Town reports need to be completed soon for the printing and mailing deadline before the annual town meeting. There is a renewal application for the Bakehouse on-premise liquor permit. There are still $43,000 in outstanding property taxes due. The Certified Ratio Declaration Form needs to be signed off by the Selectboard.

- **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light will be on the island April 4th and the 18th. There is a soup lunch on April the 24th.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no Meetings/Hearings

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Christian Lamontagne presented a summary of the work of the Parking Committee. It will be posted on the town website.

There was discussion on the recommendation to allow parking during the summer season parking on Island Avenue.

Mark Greene updated the status of the housing initiative. The Island Institute held a reception meeting in Augusta to discuss with Legislators the needs for housing on

Maine islands. Mark and Brian met with Avesta on housing opportunities on Long Island and there was a meeting to discuss workforce housing on Long Island. Brian will draft an issues paper on housing.

Ed Rea updated the board with the proposed budget and the mil rate increase. The rate increase is at +4.1%, due to an unexpected property valuation formula.. Brian and Lisa have put forward potential reductions to the budget using the town side only of the budget as the School Department declined to suggest additional reductions.

There was extensive public discussion on how to proceed with the decision to put forth to the voters at the town meeting the budget as it stands. There will also be an option to be voted upon that would use some of the proceeds of surplus town properties to reduce the increase. Most comments were that with inflation as it is, the budget increase is reasonable and the use of the sale of one time assets for the operating budget is not recommended.

Joe Donovan noted that the pouring of concrete at the terminal at Casco Bay Lines continues. Work at Gate Four will start soon. The submission of design proposals for the new down the bay vessel were due on March 30th.

Public Comments:

There were no additional public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, April 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator