Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 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; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer, Viewing Remotely: Ralph Sweet; Steve Hart; Rennie Donovan; Lou Sesto; Doug McCown; Ed McAleney; Catlin Byers; Matt Byers; David Donovan; Will Tierney; Janice Avignon; Paul Thornton; Camille Wolfertz; and Melanie Nash. **(Marilyn and Marty???)**

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 May 11, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).
- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2023. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: A thank you to our State legislators.; A Special Meeting of the Planning Board.; The Cemetery Committee and the need for more volunteers to serve.; The pottery summer programs.; Unpaid mooring permit reminder notices.; The Transfer Station appearance.

The board discussed the need to form an ad hoc group to review the Transfer Station operations and expenses.

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

Old Business Updates:

1) Mariner's Wharf: Copia contractors are at an annual safety training conference. They are anticipating a change order from MDOT to replace a damaged whaler near the rescue boat berthing area. Meeting with Dan Bannon to review the status of Mariner's and Ponces.

2) Ponce's Landing: Drafted an RFP for the town meeting approved repairs. Distributed to the Waterfront Committee and Dan Bannon for input.

2) Keeping Warm Grant: Reimbursement package submitted. County just needs proof of payments to complete. Lisa will forward copies of the check stubs.

New Business Updates:

1) Housing: Workforce Housing Group meets again on May the 25th.

2) Street sweeping postponed due to equipment breakdown until next Tuesday, May the 23rd. Revised notice sent out.

3) Testimony submitted for LD 1897 creating a new pool of funds administered through MDOT for unbridged islands.

4) Grainger will hold newTransfer Station stairs for the zero sort bin until May 22nd for pick up.

5) Asked Jim Nagle to contact Peter Evans regarding permitted uses of trailers on property lots.

6) Curt Murley will post the Parking Committee final report on the website.

- **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

A new septic system application has been forwarded to the Maine DEP because of variances required.

➢ **Town Clerk/TaxCollector Updates:**

The Clerk completed the draft minutes of the annual town meeting. They need to be approved by the board. Business license renewals have been sent out. The FSE public hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2023. There are $13,500 still outstanding in property tax collections for the current fiscal year. All old tax liens have been paid off.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

There is a physical therapy workshop on May the 22nd in conjunction with the community garden and the library.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Steve Hart has scheduled a special meeting of the Planning Board to expedite the construction of a new dock at the Bakehouse. At this time, there were no public comments.

Joe Donovan updated activity at Casco Bay Lines. Activity at the freight department continues to increase. People should plan accordingly.

Meetings/Hearings:

A public safety discussion followed. Will Tierney, Fire Chief, noted the need to use caution with outdoor fires. He also reminded everyone not to park opposite of another

car as this decreases the available width for an emergency vehicle to pass through. Volunteers are still needed to serve on the Long Island Fire & Rescue Department.

There was a question on training for ambulance drivers. No local classes are scheduled.

Will Tierney will work with Chebeague Island on the new radio replacements and system configuration that was approved at the town meeting.

There was a discussion on parking. Doug McCown noted that the number of tickets issued the past week are down compared to last year as more vehicles are now registered and complying with the posted day limits. A second parking constable is also helping with monitoring and enforcement.

People are again asked to carpool in the mornings when possible or to leave their vehicles at home and find another alternative to get to Mariner's Wharf. There will also be enforcement of the two hour maximum time limit for a boat tied up on a town float. The Ponce's Landing float has not been put in due to safety concerns for the pier.

Lisa updated the board on her exploration of converting the Marine Building into a physical fitness and wellness center. She has reached out to people possibly interested in removing the old generator as well as contractors for new doors, windows and floors.

She noted her conversion with the Island Institute regarding possible grant opportunities. The Island Institute has a scheduled meeting when public health will be discussed.

Public Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator