Minutes of Meeting
June 22, 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; and Catlyn Byers. Viewing Remotely: Steve Hart; Rennie Donovan; Mark Greene; Rich Chadbourne; Jeannie McAleney; Ed McAleney; Toni Wilcox; Ralph Sweet; Melanie Nash; and Paul Thornton.

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 June 15, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: Fireworks requiring an approved permit. (Note: No fireworks on Front Beach or, this year, on South Beach due to the Piping Plover nest.); School facility and maintenance issues.; Rescue boat repairs.;The Piping Plover nest on South Beach.; Feral cats.; A mooring location conflict off Cow Island. (A reminder that there will be no more mooring permits issued for non-residents for the remainder of 2023.)

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

1) Ponce's Landing: GEI Consultants are working on the bid specification package for the repairs. I have reached out to five marine contractors letting them know that these will be sent to them.

2) Mariner's Wharf & Ponce's Expense Accounting: Final decision of charging off cost overruns of $17,408 to capital reserve account or Selectmen's FY23 Contingency account, or some combination of the two.

New Business Updates:

1) The YRHC met again today.

2) Community Center Coordinator application received.

3) Inspected the Sheriff's House with Rennie. It is in great shape and very clean. A few minor items are still needed and Rennie will pick them up. We are developing an FAQ list to post at the house.

4) There will be eight different Deputies working from Wednesday through Sunday starting on June 28th Most will be staying at the town's house on Beach Avenue.They have been instructed to enforce the State of Maine vehicle registration requirements.

5) Still waiting for the historic preservation clearance before we can issue the School heat pump RFP to interested contractors. We should have that shortly.

6) The second set of stairs for the Transfer Station have been ordered and will be delivered to Casco Bay Lines.

7) The SwimRun event will use a pop up tent next to the town garage in lieu of access to the Community Center.

8) Ed Rea sent a notice regarding the FY24 mil rate and the need to make the annual transfers to reserve accounts.

9) Working with Curt Murley and Beth Marchak on a courtesy contractor's page for the town website and for distribution which would outline town resources, parking requirements, fees and hours of operation at the Transfer Station, retail businesses hours of operations, the Casco Bay Lines schedule, etc.

10) Trying to confirm a date for a parking discussion tour with the impacted businesses of the Island Avenue area between Garfield Street and Beach Avenue.

11) Need to box grade Leavitt Street and the Bunny Hop road in early July.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO will be in on Friday, June the 23rd. Two SSWD permits are pending. An abuttor has forwarded comments on one.

➢ **Town Clerk/TaxCollector Updates:**

Rippleffect forwarded their state licenses. Appointments for the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and General Assistance Administrator need to be made. There are many questions regarding the state seniors property tax stabilization law.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light will be here July the 11th and the 25th.

The board discussed the Rippleffect FSE license.

> It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Food Service Establishment (FSE) license for Rippleffect for 2023-24. (Motion passed 3-0).

There was a question regarding vehicle registration requirements for Cow Island.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to reappoint Amy Tierney as the Town Clerk for 2023-24. (Motion passed 3-0).
- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to reappoint Jim Nagle as Code Enforcement Officer for 2023-24. (Motion passed 2-1).
- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to reappoint Brian Dudley as General Assistance Administrator for 2023-24. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the creation of a task force to review operations at the Transfer Station including efficiencies to be found, safety, and finances. Brian will post a notice requesting volunteer members. The focus will be on long term solutions. John Burke noted that there is an increase in the amount of household trash this year. There is less congestion due to the increased frequency of getting returnables off the island every two weeks.

The board then announced the status of litigation filed against the town by the owners of the Reed/Feeley/Andrews cottage. The town had received a settlement offer in the amount of $40,000 from the property owners for their claim that they had access through the VFW which was prohibited after the new septic system was put in. The town has a long history of records indicating that these people did not have any permissions from the town to use that area.

Town attorneys were confident that the town would prevail but that the protracted nature of the dispute could end up costing $40,000 to $50,000 in legal fees and expenses. The board therefore agreed to offer $4,000 to the plaintiffs who have agreed to the counter offer.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to authorize town counsel to settle the litigation in an amount not to exceed $4,000. (Motion passed 3-0).

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Mark Greene indicated that there was no update on the revaluation process.

Steve Hart noted that the implementation of LD 2003 for town meeting communities has been officially delayed until July 01, 2024.

Steve expressed his pleasure in working with the Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer during his term on the Planning Board.

Steve then updated the dock application at 242 Island Avenue, a/k/a/ The Bakehouse. The Planning Board held its meeting on June 19th and found the site plan application from Byers & Company substantially complete and scheduled a public hearing for Friday, June 30th at 10 AM. The Planning Board will then reconvene its public hearing at noon that same day for additional comments before voting on the application. Written comments are also welcomed for those unable to participate that day.

Discussion followed as to the appropriateness of a public hearing in the morning as well as the legal notice requirements. It was determined by town counsel that the legal notice requirement for the hearing was met. Steve detailed the time frame starting with the initial application submission and the desire of the Planning Board to be fair with the applicant.

Most comments were on process and timing and there was general support for the project itself.

Joe Donovan suggested that the Planning Board consider at this same meeting the appointment of officers for the coming year prior to new board members being seated so as to facilitate continuity. This is a common practice for many organizations.

Joe Donovan noted that at Casco Bay Lines the work on Gate 4 is delayed due to contractor schedules. Wednesdays are very busy due to the discounted vehicle fares for

Peaks island. A proclamation from CBL is forthcoming congratulating the Town of Long Island on its 30th anniversary.

Public Comments:

Rennie Donovan asked if the non-resident mooring moratorium was for the rest of the fiscal or calendar year. (Note, it is for the rest of the calendar year.) She also asked about the cost of the returnables program. John Burke said that the barge is at no cost.

There was continued discussion about parking near the Post Office and the gas pump. It is hoped that a group of town officials, businesses and Parking Committee members can walk the area on Saturday morning.

Ed McAleney noted his earlier discussion with Brian regarding placing speed bumps between Garfield Beach on Island Avenue. There are a lot of children in that area and vehicles are going too fast.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator