Minutes of Meeting
August 10, 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; Dave Singo; Joe Massaua; and Peter Massaua. Viewing Remotely: Diane Watts; Rennie Donovan; Steve Hart; Will Tierney; Camille Wolfertz; Rich Chadbourne; 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 July 20, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

- ➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on:
Deer Reduction;
An update from town counsel on the Reed-Feeley-Andrews Litigation against the Town.;
The Maine Legislature's rescission of the property tax stabilization law for senior citizens.;
The correction of the humidity problem in the school basement.;
The lobster boat races.;
The Year Round Housing Committee.;
A paving request for a current gravel road.;

A complaint about vehicles on Mariner's Wharf during loading and unloading of passengers on the ferry.;
An upcoming Maine Department of Marine Resources preliminary hearing on an aquaculture lease in Long Island waters.;
An updated unregistered vehicles list.;
The repair of a cemetery headstone.;
A planned hybrid training session by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for transfer station operations.;
An update that 28 feral cats have been removed from the island.

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

Old Business Updates:

1) Ponce's Landing: GEI has completed 90% of the bid specification package for the repairs to Ponce's Landing. I have notified potential bidders that the bid specs will be out shortly. Pending receipt of an invoice from them, I will file another reimbursement request with the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Minimal feedback from the Waterfront Committee on the placement of the float for the remainder of the season. One concern expressed asking for the engineers to assess the safety at the point of the ramp connection to the main dock.

2) Mariner's Wharf: I have ordered signs prohibiting unauthorized vehicles on the dock when the ferry boat is discharging or loading passengers. I have spoken with the administrator of the County CDBG grant program regarding a December application from the town for additional Mariner's Wharf funds.

Some minor damage to the ramp angle cover plate at the connection point with the dock. A bolt has come undone.

Finally received the invoice from MDOT for the town's share of the wave screen replacement on the Northeast corner of the dock. The Town's projected cost decreased from $46,857 to $44,491. I have applied for a $15,000 reimbursement from the approved Harbor Management Access grant from 2021 to be used towards this

required local match. They informed me today that the reimbursement is being processed.

3) Security Cameras: Curt has forwarded a revised update on security camera options.

New Business Updates:

1) YRHC met today to review project specifics. Brian was on site with the surveyor from Owen Haskell who started their work on Lots 151, 152 and 155. Mark Greene left a revised draft of the boundary lines with the Transfer Station. YRHC approved the selection of an architectural firm Dextrous Creative. One other firm was approached and declined participation. The board needs to approve the land from these lots that will be part of the project.

Brian is meeting with the CDBG on another possible grant opportunity for affordable housing.

2) Specialty parking signs from Sign Concepts have been ordered. Those signs should be ready by Thursday August 17th. Grainger signs are in and I will walk the area again with Ed McAleney prior to installation.

3) The Gravel Roads RFP received one quote in the amount of $98,500. There is $200,000 in approved town funding available plus another $50,000 in Local Road Assistance Program reserved funding.

4) The Sheriff's island visit which was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August the 24th needs to be changed. When rescheduled, there will be an open house meeting with the Sheriff and if possible a discussion with the Selectboard and Chebeague Island representatives on possible future joint public safety initiatives.

5) Brian has posted openings notice for the Finance Committee (2 vacancies), Zoning Board of Appeals (re-posted), and the proposed Transfer Station Task Force (1 new interested person for a total of 5 people willing to serve). Also posted position opening notices for a Local Health Officer (LHO) and an Assistant Custodian. One response to date for the LHO position. May need to assign a higher stipend for the LHO position

Need to develop/review committee membership expectations and functions for all town committees.

6) Received the test results from the well that supplies Town Hall and the Community Center. There is no evidence of any PFAs. Awaiting information from Facilities Coordinator on insulating and heating the pump house prior to installing a new pump there.

7) Received notification of annual Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP). Our annual grant has increased from $9,552 to $11,012. I have filed the required reports for acceptance.

8) No update yet on the CRP grant application for well testing that was submitted on Friday, July the 7th.

9) Maine DEP is reinstating its Transfer Station operator training after a three year hiatus due to Covid. The training, yet to be scheduled, will be via a Zoom meeting.

10) Use of float space at Mariner's Wharf for a Recreation Department fundraiser for a group coming over from Chebeague Island. Notified Leah Doughty, Kate Norton and the Parking Constables.

11) Meeting with Melanie Nash, the outgoing Island Intern, and John Burke Friday morning to review the status of ordinance review.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

Two building permits have been approved. The materials for the site plan review for the marina project have been sent to the Planning Board.

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

Tax bills have been sent out.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

No updates..

Meetings/Hearings:

The Public Safety meeting was held. Will Tierney noted that the pumps were serviced and passed inspection. EVOC training is completed and there are two new members. There is a delay in the implementation of the new radio system as the towns of Cumberland and Yarmouth have expressed an interest in the project. Will has spoken with an on-island architect regarding the planned new fire station.

Dave Singo outlined the upcoming deer hunting season. There was discussion on turkey hunting. A public notice will be posted seeking input.

The board discussed the list of unregistered vehicles. A notice will go out seeking voluntary compliance with the Maine registration laws prior to the publication.

The board discussed the vacancies on various committees. There appears to be enough interest now for the Transfer Station Task Force to move forward. The board will continue their discussion on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at its next meeting

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Joe Donovan noted that there is a new auditing firm for Casco Bay Lines. Concrete work for the new gate continues.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM. The next meeting of the board is Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator