Minutes of Meeting
October 04, 2023
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island
(NOTE: All Selectboard meetings are recorded and available on the town website.)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke; John Wallace. Brian Dudley, Town Administrator.; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk. Viewing Remotely: Toni Wilcox; Fulton Wilcox; Rennie Donovan; Paul Thornton; Janice Avignon; Camille Wolfertz; Mark Greene; Doug McCown; Diane Watts; Brad Brown and Lou Sesto.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: Requests for SSWD permits.; New state regulations governing ages of boat operators; The gravel roads loan commitment letter; The cardboard compactor breakdown; Notice from the State of approval of the $45,000 Community Resilience grant application; A complaint regarding roaming dogs; An outstanding invoice from the Transfer Station by a local contractor; Aquaculture leases; and, Feral cats.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

Old Business:

1) Ponce's Landing: Short term repair bids extended until October 17th. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission has released the repair project from further review by them.

2) Mariner's Wharf: MDOT SHIP grant application has been submitted in the amount of $250,000. Attended two additional HUD webinars on the $477,000 grant received for the wave screen replacement project. Meeting Friday morning with Justin Hale regarding the maintenance issues on Mariner's Wharf.

New Business Updates:

1) The staging of gravel for the grading project was completed last week. The contractor started work on Monday. Gorham Savings Bank is preparing the loan documents based upon the Select Board's approval of the September 07, 2023 term sheet.

2) I scheduled John Burke and Jim Wilber to attend the DEP Transfer Station training on October the 4th at their Canco Road office in Portland.

3) Changed the town calendar and the zoom meeting links for the revised board meeting schedule of the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

4) Brian will be meeting with a possible IT Administrator candidate.

5) Attended via Zoom an Island Institute housing meeting with Em Burnett and Janice Avignon also participating. The YRHC meets in two weeks. Survey invoice $2,000 less than quoted. Working with the architect on the professional services contract. Scheduling water tests on abutting lots.

6) Met with Janice Avignon to discuss the awarded Community Resource Project grant and its implementation issues. Agenda item to consider a Resilience Corp Fellowship intern. Janice and I participated in an initial kick off meeting for the grant award on Tuesday.

8) Brian forwarded a copy of some transitional changes at the County EMS dispatch center.

9) Brian met on Saturday, September the 30th with the LICLOC board to discuss possible municipal uses of the 4 acres known as the "Unrestricted Parcel".

10) Brian spoke several times with Atlantic Recycling in New Hampshire as well as Harry Papkee regarding the cardboard compactor at the Transfer Station which needs to be repaired or replaced. They have sent quotes for a refurbished machine as well as the purchase of a new compactor.

11) GPCOG is forming a committee to look at traffic safety issues and has invited Long Island participation.

The board reviewed the recommendation to submit an application for a Resilience Fellow through the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG). The fellowship is for 35 hours per week for nine months. The local match is $3,200 which is contained in the recent CRP $45,000 grant the town received.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to submit an application for a Resilience Corp Fellowship through GPCOG. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

Building permits for a deck and a new home were issue.; Several other pending permits are being reviewed.

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

Ballots for the November 7th election were received. Forty properties still need to pay their property tax bills. Total owed is $29,042. Three properties have a lien on them.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

There were 95 flu vaccinations given on September 28th and another 94 Covid boosters.

The board discussed the status of the broken-down cardboard compactor. Brian reviewed the received quotes for refurbished compactor ($20,370) or a new compactor ($28,345). The town will pursue other options such as a 30-yard cardboard only can as well as trying to get the current compactor working again. The town will also explore lease options.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no Meetings or Hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Joe Donovan noted that the General Manager for Casco Bay Lines is retiring. The new budget has been approved. Future budget goals are to reduce the budget deficit by 25%.

Mark Greene discussed the revaluation process. Soon there will be a meeting with the board to discuss initial results and implementation schedule.

Public Comments:

Doug McCown noted that he, Janice Avignon and Jane Spearman attended the Gulf of Maine Research Institute's "Living Shorelines" meeting.

Paul Thornton noted that the Planning Board has the site plan review for the Breakwater marina project on its agenda.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM. The next meeting of the board is Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator