Minutes of Meeting
October 18, 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; Rennie Donovan; Ed Rea; Paul Thornton; Camille Wolfertz; Mark Greene; Brad Brown and Will Tierney.

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 October 04, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: Scheduling a presentation of the draft audit results from the town's accounting firm.; An MMA webinar on assessments and revaluations.; Deer reduction permits.; An inquiry as to the appeal process after the revaluation is implemented. (Note: a property owner can appeal a revaluation within 185 days); and, A local contractor's need for an equipment storage area.

John Burke noted that 8 more feral cats have been removed from the island.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

Old Business:

1) Ponce's Landing: One bid received from CPM Construction for the short term repairs in the amount of $231,000 for the base bid items and another $120,000 to $160,000 for the alternate items.. Dan Bannon of GEI Consultants is reviewing.

2) Mariner's Wharf: The maintenance issues on Mariner's Wharf will be completed soon. Still waiting for feedback from MDOT SHIP grant program on submitted $250,000 grant application. The MDOT Casco Bay team is meeting next week to review the application. The next application will be for a $70,000 CDBG grant for the completion of the engineering/design services.

New Business Updates:

1) The re-grading of the gravel roads project is completed. The documents for the GSB loan have been signed and returned.

2) Brian and Janice Avignon met to discuss the Resilience Corp Fellowship application. It was submitted last week. Chebeague is also submitting an application.

3) Harry Papkee is working on installing an old rebuilt ram on the trash compactor. Casella is looking for covered cardboard containers that we could use in lieu of a compactor. Brian sent the specification sheets on the replacement compactors to the GSB Leasing Division.

4) Brian met with Lisa and Ed Rea regarding project approvals and loan status issues to determine issuance dates and impacts on the FY25 budget.

5) Submitted the acceptance documents for the $45,000 Community Resilience Grant to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation & the Future (GOPIF).

6) Copies of sample golf cart ordinances from Chebeague and Frye Island in your packets. Sheriff does not have a model ordinance but will work with us.

7) John Burke and Brian marked the monitoring wells behind the Transfer Station landfill for possible testing. Fontus is scheduled to be on the island Thursday.

8) Brian will send out a winter time parking notice.

9) Brian met with a retired telephone company island worker interested in the island's fire call box system.

10) Cumberland County Municipal Oversight Committee meeting in November in Gray to review 2024 CDBG process and funds.

11) Received an e-mail regarding circuit breaker issues at the Community Center as well as the outdoor water needing to be shut off. Forwarded it to the Facilities Manager.

12) Brian met with Robin Goodell and Curt Murley to discuss IT issues. It is recommended that an advisory committee be created to assist with current and future IT needs.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

There is a pending permit for an SSWD at 178 Island Avenue. Several other pending permits are being reviewed.

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

Dog licenses for 2024 are available. Vehicle registrations are going well for October and November.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Additional flu and covid vaccinations were given this week. The beach wheelchair has arrived.

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 was a Public Safety meeting. Will Tierney discussed an offer from a former telephone company worker to install fire pull boxes. Due to the dated technology and need to run new wires, this will not be pursued.

The floats in Falmouth are coming out this week. The Long Island rescue boat will now use the public landing in Portland.

There is an ambulance drivers class upcoming in Wells, The island needs more volunteer drivers.

Fire extinguisher inspections will be done next week.

Will was asked about the proposed replacement alarm system at the school. He was not aware of the issue. The email information has been forwarded to him for review.

Paul Thornton suggested that on island training would be better.

The board discussed the need for golf cart/ATV ordinance. John Wallace will review the Chebeague and Frye Island regulations.

John Burke will speak with Brad Brown regarding an accumulated trash ordinance for private properties.

The board reviewed the vacancy for the Finance Committee.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Tim Day to the Finance Committee. (Motion passed 3-0).

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Paul Thornton noted that the Planning Board met to begin its review of the Breakwater project.

Joe Donovan noted that the search for a new General Manager for Casco Bay Lines has started. The concrete for the new gates has been poured. CBL will begin the replacement process for the Maquoit.

The Finance Committee met last week. A draft of a capital expenditure program was reviewed. There is a plan to conduct a survey of island residents on future needs.

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

Public Comments:

The regular public meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM. The next meeting of the board is Wednesday, November 01, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator