Minutes of Meeting
November 15, 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. Viewing Remotely: Toni Wilcox; Fulton Wilcox; Diane Watts; Steve Hart; Beth Marchak; Dave Singo; Janice Avignon; Ed Rea; Rennie Donovan; Jane Conley; and Camille Wolfertz.

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 November 01, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: proposed golf cart ordinance; a found hunting arrow; the Finance Committee schedule and draft budgets; placement of a memorial bench; contractor use of the Transfer Station during closed hours; the Atlantic Lane fire; the state's growth management program and inappropriate signage on Garfield Street.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

Old Business Updates:

1) Waterfront Projects: Reviewed cost reductions items for Ponce's Landing repair project with CPM Contractors, and Dan Bannon of GEI Consultants. Mobilization costs have been reduced by $34,000 as a result of their securing another Casco Bay

project. Additional change items are being reviewed. Notified the Waterfront Committee. Need to make a decision by December the 6th.

The CDBG applications are out for the Town's submission of a grant for the Mariners wave screen project.

The Department of Marine Resources was on the island today conducting a shoreline survey.

2) CRP & Resilience Fellow Grants: The town has received the grant for a Resiliency Corporation fellow. from GPCOG. Town responsible for $3,200 local match and transit and parking on days the fellow comes to the island.

New Business Updates:

1) Brian met with Tracie Reed of Dextrous Creative, the architects, to discuss the workforce housing project last week. The YRHC met today to review the status of the project.

2) A revaluation workshop with Bob Konczal and Mark Greene is scheduled for Wednesday, December the 6th at 2:30 .

3) Brian sent a note of support to the Lewiston Mayor.

4) A notice was forwarded to the Planning Board on a workshop on LD 2003 impact. Brian spoke with Morghan Beaudoin on a Zoom issue. It may be necessary to secure a separate Zoom account for their use.

5) Brian received an inquiry as to a culvert replacement project on Fern Avenue. There is a question as to whether or not this is a town responsibility. Will do a field visit to review.

6) Brian received back from Mark Greene the preliminary proposed property valuations for the two lots that the Town has been approached on exchanging.

- **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**
  A shed permit was issued.; A SSWD and house plans are being reviewed.; Time limits on abuttor responses to SSWD permits for three properties are set to end.

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

There were 107 voters in November's election.; Dog licensing for 2024 is proceeding slowly.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**
Northern Lights will not be on the island on November 28th. It will be rescheduled. The annual fundraising auction starts on Thanksgiving night.

Town Hall will close at noon on Wednesday, November the 22nd.

The board discussed the request to place a memorial bench at the South Beach cul-de-sac.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the requested location of a memorial bench for the Rothstein family in the cul-de-sac area at South Beach. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the vacancy on the Finance Committee.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Moira Johnson to the Finance Committee. (Motion approved 3-0.)

The board discussed the proposal to vacate a portion of Ridge Street. There was no public comment.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the vacation of Ridge Street. (Motion passed 3-0.)

The board and Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee discussed the FY25 budget process. The next Finance Committee meeting is December the 12th. Brian will send

another reminder to department heads that draft budgets and CIP requests are due December the 5th.

There was discussion that a comprehensive review of all existing and proposed new fees needs to be undertaken as the current fees are not sufficient to offset the expenses being incurred.

Meetings/Hearings:

At 5:30 PM, the board held a public safety meeting.

Selectman Wallace updated his development of a proposed ordinance regulating golf cart usage on the island.

Dave Singo addressed the recent incident where a hunting arrow was discovered in a driveway on private property. The Deer Reduction Committee has investigated as best they can and is now recommending that the issue be reported to the Game Warden Division of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Brian will contact them.

Steve Hart complimented the Deer Reduction Committee for a thorough review of the incident.

Dave Singo noted that only twelve deer have been taken so far this season.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Joe Donovan noted that there is a special meeting of the Casco Bay Lines board tomorrow to appoint an interim General Manager.

Public Comments:

Beth Marchak noted that the Planning Board needs to send notices of its meetings out to the town website and the ListServ.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, December 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator