Minutes of Meeting
December 06, 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: Diane Watts; Steve Hart; Beth Marchak; Mark Greene; Carol Connor; Brad Brown; Marilyn Sweet; Curt Murley; Janice Avignon; Ed Rea; Rennie Donovan; 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 15, 2023 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: A grant check received for the Community Resilience Project.; A culvert and drainage problem on Fern Avenue..; The deer hunt total deer taken to date is 21.; Lights on Mariner's Wharf.; and Feral cats.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

Old Business Updates:

1) Waterfront Projects: Dan Bannon reviewed the suggestions from CPM Construction on ways to reduce their bid for repairs at Ponces Landing. He agrees with the elimination of the silt screen. Base bid estimate now at $197,875 and two alternates

recommended (Sister Timber Pile and Timber Ramp Replacement) would add $49,000 more to the project. Need to make a decision by December the 6th.

The CDBG pre-application for a grant for the Mariners wave screen project is completed. Brian attended a preliminary workshop on November the 30th.

MDOT has approved our $250,000 SHIP grant application for FY26. They are working on moving it into their FY25 funding plan This is on top of the $477,000 Federal Community Funding Project money we were awarded in March of 2023.

There was a special HUD meeting on November the 22nd with the Maine grant recipients. Only a few of the awarded projects have been able to comply with the grant acceptance requirements. The meeting was part educational and part explanation of the systems/forms problems and personnel issues with HUD.

The Department of Marine Resources completed their shoreline survey project on Tuesday.

2) CRP & Resilience Fellow Grants: Our fellow has been selected. It is Emma Morgan, a 2022 graduate of the University of Connecticut. Emma starts in January and will be splitting her time between GPCOG and Town Hall offices. Janice Avignon and Brian will be overseeing her work. Information has been sent to Christian Lamontagne and Curt Murley as most of her work will be executing the CRP grant we received from GOPIF for water quality.

The Town received our funding for the previously awarded Community Resilience Project in the amount of $45,400.

New Business Updates:

1) The Town received its annual Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) check from the state in the amount of $11,012.

2) FEMA is conducting in-person workshops on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (AFG). Brian will attend the scheduled session in Scarborough on December

the 21st. Grants are available for equipment and training. Local cost share minimum of 15% is required.

3) MDOT is announcing in January a new grant opportunity for CRP grant recipients. It is called the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Grant. Possible source for the re-decking of Ponce's Landing?

4) Brian reached out to Christian Lamontagne regarding jump starting the Water Quality Committee. He will contact other committee members.

5) Brian asked Harry Papkee to fix the Mariners Wharf lights. He only had to reboot the timer system.

The board discussed the Mariner's Wharf project. Due to the effective dates of all of the grants awarded, it was suggested that consideration be given to repairing the damaged wave break extension that was damaged in the January of 2022 Nor'Easter. Brian will reach out to Prock Marine, the original contractor for the project.

Selectman Wallace noted that the Waterfront Committee needs to add aquaculture leases to their future discussions.

Brian read the statement below from the Board regarding a workshop session that was held earlier in the day to discuss the revaluation project for the island.

Revaluation Update to Town
(December 06, 2023)

The Board of Selectmen met today in a workshop session with the Assessors Agent who has been conducting the revaluation process. The field work and the resulting assessments are now nearing completion. This process was approved by the voters during the May 2022 annual meeting.

Letters to individual property owners will be sent out by the end of January. The new assessments will be effective on July 01, 2024. These new valuations should not be confused with your normal tax payment due March 15, 2024.

Detailed information will be available on the town website shortly after you receive your individual notification. This will include how to address questions you may have regarding your assessed valuation.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

Building permits have been submitted for solar panel arrays on Island and Fern Avenues.; A copy of a State DEP Overboard Discharge Permit was received.

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

March primary election packets have been received. Maine is transitioning from a closed primary election system to a semi-open one which enables unenrolled voters to select one party's ballot to vote on without changing their party.; Dog licensees for 2024 are going slow.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Lights was on the island December the 5th and administered additional vaccinations.; The annual on-line auction raised $11,300.

Selectman Burke asked about dunnage on the island and its potential for a fire hazard.

The board agreed to a new Long Island Historical Society sign at the Community Center.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings/hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Curt Murley and Beth Marchak noted that the IT Task Force had its initial meeting.

Mark Greene noted that the Year Round Housing Committee (YRHC) is now addressing a new February deadline for grant applications for the Maine State Housing Authority's Unbridged Islands Housing Program. The YRHC meets again on December the 13th.

Joe Donovan noted that Nick Mavadones has been appointed the Acting General Manager for Casco Bay Lines. The proposed electronic ticket system is still being worked on. Lorinda Valls and Adam Kimball have been appointed to serve on the committee to oversee a new down the bay boat.

Janice Avignon discussed the Resiliency Fellow who will start in January. Chebeague Island will also have a Fellow. The Climate Ready Casco Bay report is completed. Long Island is a participating member.

She also noted that GPCOG has expressed a willingness to assist with any grant writing.

Public Comments:

Carol Connor asked about the status of the feral cat problem. Selectman Burke noted that The Friends of Feral Cats is working on the issue and that they get all of the removed cats vaccinated and placed.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

The board then entered into an executive session.

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into executive session at 5:49 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405, Sub-Section (6)(a) to discuss personnel matters. (Motion passed 3-0.)

- It was Moved (Donovan), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to end the executive session at 6:07 PM. (Motion passed 3-0).

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator