Minutes of Meeting
January 17, 2024
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: Mark Greene; Rennie Donovan; Lou Sesto; Fulton Wilcox; Toni Wilcox; Doug McCown; Jim Schine; Will Tierney; Brad Brown; Ed Rea; Camille Wolfertz; and Paul Thornton.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 03, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Review of Communications Received:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: Informational sessions on impact of LD 2003.; The proposed fitness center.; Mid-year school salary changes.; Leash law enforcement.; FEMA flood zone maps.; Storm photos.; Personal property tax information from Maine Revenue Services.; State Senator Pierce regarding storm damages.; A request to vacate a paper street. (Note: Need more information from the Planning Board.); and, Use of the Marine Building.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

Old Business Updates:

1) Waterfront Projects: CPM Construction will not be able to work on Ponces landing until at least the fall of 2024. I have reached out to Prock and to General Marine. Roger Hale is planning a site visit next week.

Brian submitted the Department of Marine Resources progress report on the Ponces Landing grant.

Brian completed the CDBG full application for a grant for the Mariner's Wharf wave screen project and will hand deliver it to the County on Thursday.

The first of four cohort sessions by HUD is next Tuesday the 23rd. This is yet another compliance requirement for our $477,000 award for the Mariner's Wharf wave screen project

2) CRP & Resilience Fellow Grants: Brian met with GPCOG to review Resilience Fellow scope of work, and project expectations. Emma Morgan is our assigned Fellow and she will be on the island today.

The first progress report for the CRP grant is due this month. Brian will coordinate with Janice.

New Business Updates:

1) The trash truck annual inspection was completed and returned to the island.

2) Lisa and Brian participated in a conference call with the Maine Bond Bank and their bond counsel in New York City regarding the tax exempt nature of the proposed workforce housing project. Brian has followed up with Maine Bond Bank and Bernstein Shur.

3) Michael Houlihan of LICA reached out regarding Fowlers Beach swim buoys. The item is on the Public Safety meeting agenda.

4) The board will need to formally approve the adoption of the FEMA floodplain maps and have them voted on at the next annual town meeting. The deadline is June 20, 2024.

5) Brian is meeting in April with ASMG regarding road paving in 2024.

6) The Island Institute hosted a storm damage webinar with Maine DMR Commissioner Kelliher and Maine DEC Commissioner Johnson participating. The importance of documenting and photographing the storm damage received was a focal point.

7) MMA is hosting a four part seminar on the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Components of the series include transportation, broadband, energy efficiency and resilience and environmental protection.

8) I will meet with Wes Wolfertz tomorrow on the LIF&R budget and CIP as well as review the requirements of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant program.

9) The Island Institute is hosting another affordable housing discussion tomorrow.

10) The YRHC met twice in the past month and will meet again next week.. The MSHA grant application for $840,000 is nearly complete. The board needs to approve its submission.

11) Nancy Jordan forwarded a communication regarding lights not working at the library.

12) Dave Madsen called looking for an update to an email he sent to the board regarding a request to vacate a paper street near Greenwood and Magnolia.

The board discussed the Unbridged Islands Maine Housing grant application.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to submit a grant application to Maine Housing for the unabridged islands grant program. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the Island Institute.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Janice Avignon as the Long Island representative to the Maine Island Coalition and Mark Greene as the alternate. (Motion passed 3-0.)

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

A building permit application was submitted for an internal plumbing permit on Island Avenue and a new home on Atlantic Avenue.; There are other applications still pending additional information. The CEO contacted the owners of the Fowlers Beach cottage damaged in the storms.

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

The state mandated late fee for unregistered dogs goes into effect on January 31, 2024. Mooring stickers have arrived. There will be a fillable application on the Town website.

Work nearly complete on the revaluation notices. Second half fiscal year tax bills will be sent out shortly.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Lights was on the island January 17, 2024. Physical therapy continues on a regular basis. There is a soup lunch on January the 22nd.

Meetings/Hearings:

There was a Public Safety meeting. Will Tierney discussed the impacts of the storms. The ramp was raised so it was not damaged. A mooring ball for the rescue boat was lost. There were three medical calls during the storms.

There are three categories of storm damage: state and local governments; businesses and private property. Each will be treated separately in the event of a Presidential declaration of a disaster event for the two January storms. Everyone is encouraged to take photos documenting their damages.

Brian will file the required damage assessment reports for town properties directly with the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

The board discussed swim buoys at Fowlers Beach. Working with LICA, a second swim buoy will be added there. Buoys should be in one week before Memorial Day until one week after Labor Day. Enforcement will be through the Coast Guard and/or the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Dave Singo reviewed the deer reduction season. It will be posted on the website. The Deer Reduction Committee hopes to have a Maine Game Warden visit the island and meet with the public. Separate permits may be required for regular bows and crossbows.

The board discussed the current leash ordinance. All pet owners are reminded that their pets must be on a leash when off their property.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Mark Greene discussed the YRHC work reviewing drafts for the Maine Housing unbridged islands grant program for workforce housing.

Joe Donovan noted that the new gate signs are installed at Casco Bay Lines. The damaged sliding door to Gate 3 is waiting for replacement parts. The new Peaks Island boat should be here in August. The Wabanaki should be back by mid-February.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The regular public meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator